

Assurance Statement 2020

This Statement confirms that the Management Committee of Molendinar Park Housing Association has gained the necessary assurance that we require to be satisfied that Molendinar Park Housing Association complies with the Regulatory Standards of Governance and Financial Management and the requirements of Chapter Three of the Regulatory Framework (2019). We have gained this assurance from an evidence bank which was developed in 2019 and which has been maintained and reviewed throughout the year and includes:

- Reports about performance in key areas including finance, service delivery, asset management, development and risk
- Key governance documents including Management Committee and Sub-Committee papers and Minutes
- Internal and External Audit Reports
- Advice from external and specialist advisers
- Reports, advice and information from senior staff

In considering our compliance with our legal and regulatory requirements in 2020, we have taken account of the considerable impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and consequent business, economic and social disruption. We continue to comply fully with the temporary changes to legislation and continue to follow national and local policy requirement e.g. in respect of health and safety, physical distancing, travel, office opening, use of PPE, application of Test and Protect requirements and indoor gatherings.

We are confident that the measures that we have put in place and the contingency planning that we have implemented have ensured that we are able to continue to meet our responsibilities to our tenants, service users, regulators and funders. Where we have adopted revised standards or methods of service delivery, we have communicated changes clearly to our tenants and are maintaining the necessary records.

We continue to monitor our business plan, budget and financial assumptions in the context of the ongoing emergency situation and associated business interruption. Our Business Plan reflects the regulatory guidance that was current at the time of its preparation (2019) and we will take account of the updated regulatory advice as we monitor and review the Plan in the context of the changed situation.

We have progressed the Improvement Action Plan which was developed in 2019 and continued to adopt an improvement focus in undertaking this assurance assessment. We have reviewed the actions included in the improvement plan for 2020/21 and are satisfied that all are intended to deliver effective improvements to enhance our current arrangements; none are material to our current compliance with the Regulatory Framework.

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In reviewing the evidence and assessing compliance, we have taken account of good practice advice.

We confirm that this Assurance Statement is being published on our website on the same date that it is submitted to the SHR.

As Chair, I was authorised by the Management Committee at a meeting held on 20 October 2020 to sign and submit this Assurance Statement to the Scottish Housing Regulator which confirms that Molendinar Park Housing Association is compliant with the requirements of the Regulatory Framework 2019.

_____ (Chair) 20 October 2020