

## **Annual Assurance Statement 2024**

### **Almond Housing Association**

The Board confirms that we have reviewed and assessed a comprehensive bank of evidence to support this Statement that Almond Housing Association is compliant with:

- The regulatory requirements set out at section three of the Regulatory Framework
- The relevant standards and outcomes of the Charter
- All relevant statutory and legal requirements
- Regulatory Standards of Governance and Financial Management

The evidence bank combines reports, policies, advice and information which the Board monitors and oversees on an ongoing basis throughout the year to provide continuous assurance that Almond Housing Association is compliant. Additionally, the evidence bank incorporates relevant documents and information that contribute to our assurance and which form the structure of Almond Housing Association's business and governance activities.

We are satisfied that we meet all of our duties in relation to tenant and resident safety. We have gained assurance of our compliance in respect of duties relating to gas, electrical, fire, water and lift safety and our obligations relating to asbestos. The Association has implemented a Damp and Mould policy, has a two year ventilation contract in place to replace and upgrade ventilation in homes as required, is utilising environmental sensors to manage complex cases, and is updating our procedure for damp and mould to reflect recent changes.

We have assessed our stock for the presence of RAAC and have identified that 249 properties are affected. We are working with specialist advisers to develop a risk management and mitigation plan which is expected to be in place by October 2024.

We recognise that we are required to notify the SHR of any changes in our compliance during the course of the year and are assured that we have effective arrangements in place to enable us to do so.

As Chair, I was authorised by the Board at a meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024 to sign and submit this Assurance Statement to the Scottish Housing Regulator. I confirm that this Assurance Statement is being published on our website on the same date that it is submitted to the SHR.

Name: Adam Turner

Date: 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024