

Our Ref: Chair/HCG/SHR

01 October 2025

Scottish Housing Regulator
5th Floor, 220 High Street
Glasgow
G4 0QW**Annual Assurance Statement**

The Management Committee of Orkney Housing Association are satisfied that, to the best of our knowledge, we are compliant with the relevant regulatory requirements as set out in Chapter 3 of the Regulatory Framework and the Regulatory Standards of Governance and Financial Management. We have no material non-compliance with any requirement and, having reviewed and assessed a comprehensive bank of evidence and from our ongoing monitoring and review of the Association's affairs throughout the year to support this Statement, consequently confirm that we are compliant with:

- The relevant standards and outcomes of the Scottish Social Housing Charter.
- Our statutory obligations in respect of tenant and resident safety, housing and homelessness and equalities and human rights.

The evidence bank combines reports, policies, advice and information which Management Committee monitors and oversees on an ongoing basis throughout the year to provide continuous assurance that we are compliant. Additionally, the evidence bank incorporates relevant documents and information that contribute to our assurance, and which form the structure of our business and governance activities. In reviewing the evidence and assessing compliance, we have taken account of good practice advice and have obtained external support to provide us with additional assurance that our approach is effective and robust.

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

We are satisfied that we meet all our duties in relation to tenant and resident safety. In particular, we have gained the necessary evidence-based assurance of our compliance in respect of duties relating to electrical, fire and water safety, and our obligations relating to asbestos, damp and mould. *[Note: there is no mains gas in Orkney, gas appliances are not permitted in our rented properties and there are no lifts within our stock]*

As Chair, I was authorised by members at a meeting held on 01 October 2025, to sign and submit this Assurance Statement to the Scottish Housing Regulator, which will be published on our website on the same date that it is submitted to the SHR.

Signature: _____ Brian Kynoch, Chair

Date: 01 October 2025