

## **Atrium Homes**

### **Annual Assurance Statement 2024**

As an organisation committed to continuous improvement, Atrium Homes has embraced the self-assurance process, and the Board has continually monitored organisational performance and compliance. The Board confirms that we have reviewed and assessed a comprehensive bank of evidence to support this statement.

It is the judgement of the Board of Atrium Homes that we have appropriate assurance we continue to materially comply with:

- All relevant regulatory requirements set out in Section Three of the Regulatory Framework
- The Regulatory Standards of Governance and Financial Management
- 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.

This judgement extends to our wholly owned subsidiary Atrium Initiatives Limited.

In reviewing the evidence and assessing compliance, we have taken account of good practice advice. We are confident that, taking account of the current economic and social environments, we continue to meet our responsibilities to our tenants, service users, regulators and funders.

We are assured that Atrium Homes has the necessary arrangements in place to identify any risks to compliance in the course of the conduct of our business and governance arrangements.

We are satisfied that we have materially met all of 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 fire and water safety, and our obligations relating to asbestos, and damp and mould. We have completed our assessment of the potential presence of RAAC in our tenants' homes and confirm that none has been identified. We missed the twelve-month anniversary for gas servicing on one of our properties in July 2024 due to an administrative error. This was quickly detected and rectified in the same month.

We currently have one property which does not have a valid EICR and where the tenant has refused access to our contractor. We are working with the tenant to complete outstanding inspections as soon as we are able and have taken legal advice on the next steps we should take to ensure that our tenant's home is safe. This property is currently categorised as 'in abeyance' for the purposes of the SHQS and reporting in the ARC.

In reviewing our compliance with the Regulatory Framework, we are assured that we have established appropriate systems for the collection of equalities data. We are assured that we are working towards using appropriate data to take account of equality and human rights issues in our decisions, policy-making and day-to-day service delivery.

The judgement expressed in this statement is to the best of the Board's knowledge and belief, based on factors including internal review of background information and reports presented to the Boards of Atrium Homes and Atrium Initiatives on an ongoing basis, supplemented by independent reviews conducted by internal and external auditors.

This statement was considered and agreed by the Board of Directors of Atrium Homes at its meeting on 24 September 2024.

Signed on behalf of the Board

**Alistair Reid, Chair of Atrium Homes**