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Annual Assurance Statement 2024

I write on behalf of the Management Committee of West Whitlawburn Housing Co-operative (WWHC) to confirm that we comply with the regulatory requirements set out in Chapter 3 of the Scottish Housing Regulator's Framework.

This includes that we;

- Achieve all of the standards and outcomes in the Scottish Social Housing Charter for tenants, people who are homeless and others who use our services
- Comply with our legal obligations relating to housing and homelessness, equality and human rights, and tenant and resident safety
- Comply with the Standards of Governance and Financial Management for RSLs.

We confirm that we have seen and considered sufficient evidence to give us this assurance. We have obtained external consultant support who carried out a review of our evidence bank and processes. This has provided us with additional assurance that our approach is comprehensive and robust. This included a review of the Co-operative's continued compliance with our tenant and resident safety requirements. We have been provided with assurance for all relevant safety requirements throughout the year on:

- Gas safety
- Electrical safety
- Water safety
- Fire safety
- Asbestos
- Lift safety
- Damp and Mould

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Registered Charity No. SCO38737, VAT Registration No. 180223636
Registered society under the Co-operative and Community
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We have completed our assessment into the potential presence of RAAC in our stock and confirm that none has been identified.

Throughout the year we have also made progress on completing outstanding EICR's and continue to work with tenants to ensure we are meeting all of our landlords safety requirements.

In January 2024, the Management Committee approved the review of our Asset Management Strategy based on best practice guidance and principles. In doing so, we are confident that all WWHC assets are sustainable and fit for purpose and that we continue to achieve our short, medium and long-term objectives.

In considering our compliance with our legal and regulatory requirements in 2024, we have considered the ongoing impact of the cost of living crisis and consequent business, economic and social disruption. We are confident that the measures that we have put in place and the contingency plans that we have implemented have ensured that we are able to continue to meet our responsibilities to our tenants, service users, regulators and funders.

In reviewing our compliance with the Regulatory Framework, we are assured that we have made progress with the collection of equalities data. In September 2024, we carried out a refresh of our equalities data collection survey and we are assured that we are continuing to use this data to take account of equality and human rights issues in our decisions, policy-making and day-to-day service delivery.

We approved our Annual Assurance Statement at the meeting of our Management Committee on 23rd September 2024.

Susan Anderson
Chairperson