

## Our Assurance Statement: Materially compliant with the Regulatory Standards

Signed on behalf of Management Committee:



Janet Evans, Chairperson



The Management Committee of Elderpark Housing confirms that based on the self-assurance process carried out during September and October 2019 and the decisions taken by the Management Committee and Senior Staff throughout the year we are assured that we are **materially compliant** with the Regulatory Standards set out in Chapter 3 of the Regulatory Framework.

In undertaking the self-assurance exercise Elderpark Housing has appropriate assurance that we:

- Comply with the regulatory requirements as set out in Chapter 3 of the Regulatory framework published on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2019
- Comply with the standards and outcomes in the Scottish Social Housing Charter for tenants, people who are homeless and others who use our services
- Comply with the relevant legislative duties
- Have taken appropriate account of the regulatory advice provided by the Scottish Housing Regulator and other regulatory bodies
- Comply with the Scottish Housing Regulator's Standards of Governance and Financial Management.

Evidence of those sources of assurance include:

- Performance monitoring reports on key business areas such as governance, finance, asset management, housing management, service delivery and development
- Detailed professional advice in the form of reports and updates from the Chief Executive and Senior Management Team
- Internal audit reports, peer review exercises, benchmarking services and partnership working
- Reports and analysis from external auditors, appointed advisers and specialist consultant advisers all of whom provide external independent evaluation, feedback and validation

In assessing the evidence we have identified some non-material improvements which will be implemented over the next 12 months. The improvements required include ensuring a more focused approach to risk management; a recognition that our internal resources are insufficient across some areas; an increased understanding and application of how equalities and human rights are considered within our work; the production of an up to date policy review timetable and an examination on how we could involve tenants further in the preparation and performance of scrutiny information will be the focus of our work in the coming months to ensure full compliance with the standards.

The current sources of assurance together with the improvement plan will be reviewed by the Management Committee every six months. Additionally on an annual basis the Management Committee will undertake an exercise focusing on a fuller review of the self-assurance template, a review of the risk register and risk appetite, an update of the Business Plan including an environmental analysis and an assessment of our medium to longer term financial projections. This Assurance Statement was agreed at the Management Committee meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> October 2019. I confirm that as Chairperson I am authorised to sign the statement on behalf of Elderpark Housing's Management Committee.

