

31 October 2023

Scottish Housing Regulator

Dear Sir/Madam

The Board of Waverley Housing confirms that it has reviewed, and assessed, a comprehensive bank of evidence to support the undernoted authorisation and assures that Waverley Housing is compliant with:

- all relevant regulatory requirements set out in Section 3 of the Regulatory Framework;
- all relevant standards and outcomes in the Scottish Social Housing Charter;
- all relevant legislative duties; and
- the Standards of Governance and Financial Management.

The Board of Waverley Housing assures that it has appropriate plans to implement an effective approach to the collection of equalities information and that the landlord has started to consider how it can adopt a human rights approach in their work.

The Board of Waverley Housing continues to review the impact of the Cost of Living crisis and the prevailing economic circumstances, on its Business Plan. The Board of Waverley Housing is assured that the planning assumptions, included in the stress testing of the Business Plan, are robust and that Waverley Housing retains the ability to operate as a going concern and to deliver effectively for its tenants and other service users.

In addition to the above, the Board of Waverley Housing, is assured, having reviewed a body of evidence, that it meets all duties in relation to tenant and resident safety, and that the Board has obtained appropriate assurance about Waverley Housing's compliance with all relevant safety requirements including:

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

At its most recent meeting on 17th October 2023 the Waverley Housing – Audit and Internal Control Committee reviewed evidence relating to the inspection of individual residential properties and office accommodation owned and operated by Waverley Housing and the subsequent identification of Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) at Waverley Housing’s office at 51 North Bridge Street, Hawick TD9 9PX. This evidence has been further reviewed by the Board of Waverley Housing on Tuesday 31st October 2023.

As such, the Board of Waverley Housing is assured that as far as is reasonably practicable, and based on independent qualified surveyor reports that no RAAC exists within individual dwellings owned by Waverley Housing and that tenant and resident safety is assured. The Board of Waverley Housing is also assured that, given the evidence provided by independent surveyors that 51 North Bridge Street, Hawick, TD9 9PX is fit for occupation. Notwithstanding the above, Waverley Housing will, as guided by the independent surveyors and based on future investigation and findings, instruct a more detailed response as regards monitoring leading (potentially) to repair, strengthening or replacement.

As Chair of Waverley Housing, I was authorised by the Board at a meeting held on Tuesday 31st October 2023 to sign and submit this Annual Assurance Statement to the Scottish Housing Regulator. I confirm that this Assurance Statement is being published on our website on the same day that it is submitted to the Scottish Housing Regulator.

Your faithfully

Ronnie Dumma
Chairperson



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