

## **Annual Assurance Statement 2020**

### **Faifley Housing Association**

Having considered a number of reports over the last 7 months to Management Committee and having made enquiries with our recent and new Interim Directors, and through our own experience and knowledge, the Management Committee can confirm our view that Faifley Housing Association is not currently fully compliant with the regulatory requirements set out in the Scottish Housing Regulator's Regulatory Framework.

This concurs with the view of the Scottish Housing Regulator who is currently engaging with us regarding our ability to ensure sound governance and leadership and to plan and fulfil our legal obligations associated with tenant safety

Faifley Housing Association commissioned an external governance review that took place between March and June 2020, considered the findings of this review and is making progress towards compliance. We have:

- strengthened the Management Committee through the recruitment of new members with skills that will provide sound and sustainable governance and leadership over the organisation
- entered into a Service Level Agreement with Caledonia Housing Association for Asset Management support and they are working with us to progress our tenant safety compliance in the first instance
- are currently commissioning a Strategic Options Appraisal to inform the future direction of the association

The Management Committee of Faifley Housing Association will monitor progress at each Committee meeting and continue to work closely with the Scottish Housing Regulator as it works towards compliance with the Regulatory Standards. We anticipate conclusion of the Strategic Options Appraisal by the end of March 2021.

During this year we have been impacted by the COVID 19 pandemic and the consequent business, economic and social disruption. We have complied and continue to comply fully with the temporary changes to legislation and continue to follow national guidance and local policy requirements in respect to health and safety, physical distancing, travel, office opening, use of PPE and social gatherings.

Where we have adapted revised standards of service, we have ensured that we are communicate this to our tenants and stakeholders.

This Assurance Statement was approved by Management Committee on 24 November 2020 and is signed with their authority.

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**Jackie Lorimer**

**Chair, Faifley Housing Association**