



Annual Assurance Statement 2026

The Board of Homes for Life Housing Partnership has gained the necessary assurances throughout the year to make the following declarations with regards to our Annual Assurance Statement.

We have over the period since our previous Statement reviewed our compliance with all statutory guidance and have compiled an evidence register which supports our statement. An Internal Audit of Tenant Safety was completed in March 2026, which provided high assurance to the Board. Estate Management and Rent Arrears Management Internal Audits were also conducted during the year providing high and substantial assurance, providing an overall outcome of high assurance for 2025-26.

External audit of our Financial Statements was carried by AAB Audit and Accountancy Ltd. in August and September 2026, providing an unqualified audit of HfL's Financial Statements and Accounts, noting that during the accounting period HfL's internal financial controls continued to operate effectively.

The Board confirms that it has reviewed the effectiveness of the company's system of internal financial control as it operated during the year ended 31 March 2026. No weaknesses were found in internal financial controls which resulted in material losses, contingencies or uncertainties that require disclosure in the financial statements or in the auditor's report on the financial statements.

Systems are in place for the collection and monitoring of equalities information. We are assured that we are collecting this data and using it to take account of equality and human rights issues in our decisions, policy making, and service delivery. Compliance with relevant obligations in relation to Tenant and Resident safety remained an area of focus. The Board is satisfied that all duties in relation to tenant and resident safety, and in particular compliance with all relevant safety requirements.

During the year, the Board adopted a new 5 year Asset Management Strategy and supporting Energy and Investment Strategy. The Asset Management Strategy is structured against the Regulator's Recommended Practice on strategic asset management: it establishes a whole-stock evidence base in which every home is assessed against twelve indicators across safety, asset performance, customer outcomes, financial sustainability and place; values every home over a thirty-year horizon; and confirms that a fully costed investment programme is fundable through the routes set out in the Strategy.

In assessing the evidence, the Board has been actively involved in the development and assessment of the evidence register on an ongoing basis. The revised SFHA Assurance Statement Self-Assessment Toolkit published in April 2024 has been adopted and implemented by Homes for Life.

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The Board of Homes for Life is satisfied that, to the best of our knowledge, we are compliant with the requirements of all relevant regulatory requirements as set out in Section Three of the Regulatory Framework, the Regulatory Standards of Governance & Financial Management and the relevant standards and outcomes of the Scottish Social Housing Charter.

As Chair, I can confirm that I was authorised by the Board at a meeting held on 23 September 2026 to sign and submit this Assurance Statement to the Scottish Housing Regulator (SHR). I can also confirm that the Assurance Statement will be published on our website on the same day that it is submitted to the SHR.

Signed:

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of the Chair.

Chair

23 September 2026