

EX67. Scottish Housing Regulator Annual Assurance Statement

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services providing an Annual Assurance Statement on the activities of the Council's Housing Service for approval.

The Scottish Housing Regulator (SHR) was formed as part of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2010. The SHR had statutory powers to monitor, assess, report and, where they deem appropriate, intervene in relation to social landlords' performance of housing activities. In order to comply with the requirement contained in SHR's new Regulatory Framework, the Council had to submit their Annual Assurance Statement by no later than the 31st of October each year.

The statement was required to be signed off by the Executive and would provide assurance that the service was compliant with all the requirements set out in of the Chapter 3 of the Regulatory Framework.

A self-assessment approach on compliance with the regulatory requirements was undertaken. The evidence checklist relating to each of the requirements was set out as an appendix. The key points arising from the self-assessment were compliance with the regulatory requirements set out in Chapter 3 of the Regulatory Framework. That included:-

- achieving all the standards and outcomes in the Scottish Social Housing Charter for tenants, people who are homeless and others who use our services, and
- compliance with legal obligations relating to housing and homelessness, equality and human rights, and tenant and resident safety.

Decision

The Executive:-

- (1) approved the Annual Assurance Statement that will be submitted to the Scottish Housing Regulator (SHR) on the 31st October 2019, and**
- (2) authorised the Convener to sign the Annual Assurance Statement.**