

WGHC ANNUAL ASSURANCE STATEMENT 2019

**By the Committee of Management of
West Granton Housing Co-operative**

October 2019

As a registered social landlord (RSL), West Granton Housing Co-operative is required to submit an Annual Assurance Statement to the Scottish Housing Regulator (SHR) before the 31st October 2019. This is the first Annual Assurance Statement.

The SHR has not been prescriptive about how this Statement should look. We therefore welcome your feedback including any suggestions about the format and content of our future Assurance Statements. You can contact a member of our staff who will be happy to discuss this with you. Our contact details are below:

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This statement is publicly available. It is also on our website:
www.westgrantonhousing.coop Any interested party may ask for further information on the supporting evidence relating to any of the assurances given in this document.

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Our Assurance Statement covers the following areas:

Registered Social Landlord Requirement	Compliance Status	Comments
All relevant regulatory requirements as set out in Section 3 of the Regulatory Framework	compliant	
Assurance and Notification	compliant	WGHC has just engaged the services of an Internal Auditor to assist with self-assessment.
The relevant standards of the Scottish Social Housing Charter	compliant	
Whistleblowing	compliant	
Constitutional Requirements	compliant	
Regulatory Standards of Governance and Financial Management	compliant	WGHC has just engaged the services of an external Consultant for Governance Support Services.
Our statutory obligations in respect of tenant and resident safety, housing and homelessness and equalities and human rights.	compliant	WGHC is currently working with an external consultant and the Glasgow Centre for Inclusive Living to develop a detailed Equality Action Plan for WGHC based on legislative requirements and on the Social Justice Model; and an equality data procedural framework to collect protected characteristics data from our tenants.

I, Lorna Brown, Chairperson of West Granton Housing Co-operative (WGHC), for and behalf of the Committee of Management of the Co-operative, confirm that we have reviewed and assessed various reports, statements and considered appropriate evidence before agreeing on this Statement. Working through the self-assessment process has identified opportunities in areas where WGHC can further develop or enhance existing services, policies and procedures.

Whilst improvement actions have been noted in a small number of areas we believe these are only minor and are not of any material significance. **Therefore we believe, to the best of our knowledge, that WGHC is compliant in all the areas, as set out in the Assurance Standards requirements.** WGHC will keep this statement under review and will notify the Scottish Housing Regulator and our tenants if our compliance status changes in any of the above areas.

This statement was agreed at our Committee of Management meeting on 9th October 2019.

Signed on behalf of the WGHC Committee of Management:

Redacted as it contains personal data

Date: 9th October 2019

Lorna Brown
WGHC Chairperson