

**REPORT TO: BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF SANCTUARY  
SCOTLAND HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED**

**REPORT FROM: DIRECTOR - SANCTUARY SCOTLAND**

**DATE OF MEETING: 8 DECEMBER 2020**

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**SUBJECT: DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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**1. Introduction**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Board of Management on issues relating to Sanctuary Scotland Housing Association Limited (Sanctuary Scotland Housing Association) and its activities which are not reported under other items on the agenda and to seek approval for items of an operational nature that lie within the Board of Management's remit.

**2. Operational matters**

2.1 The operating model and delivery of services continues to be led by the position with Covid-19.

2.2 It is expected that our operating model will be based on homeworking and the offices remaining closed to the public for some time, particularly in light of the further restriction announcements on 17 November 2020.

**3. PR/media coverage and events**

3.1 There are no specific items to report.

**4. Scottish Housing Regulator**

4.1 The seventh monthly Covid-19 return has been submitted to the Scottish Housing Regulator, this represents the period to the end of October 2020.

**5. Items for approval**

5.1 At the meeting of 15 September 2020, a letter regarding the provision of accommodation to homeless households in Glasgow was provided and asked Registered Social Landlords to consider making temporary changes to Allocations/Letting Policy. These included allocating ninety per cent of net lets to homeless households, allowing greater under occupancy of properties and allowing properties let on a temporary

basis to be 'flipped', that is converted to a Scottish Secure Tenancy. The Board remitted this to the Director to consider the implications and suitability of adopting these; . **Appendix 3** summarises the proposed temporary changes to the Local Lettings Strategies.

- 5.2 Group approval has been given for the lease of an additional four properties to North Lanarkshire Women's Aid. This is for the purpose of providing temporary accommodation for women and children fleeing domestic abuse. Approval is now sought from the Board of Management in order to move this forward.

## **6. Appraisal**

### 6.1 Risk management

- 6.1.1 RM 3 Cost and income pressures, RM 4 Political Risk, RM 5 Governance and RM 9 Legislative / Regulatory; reporting of issues being dealt with by the Director - Sanctuary Scotland allows for scrutiny of such activities by the Board of Management thus contributing to the management of governance and compliance risks. Some of the issues and activities reported also contribute to the mitigation of political and reputational risks.

### 6.2 Impact on diversity

- 6.2.1 None of the issues referred to in this report are considered to have any direct diversity implications.

### 6.3 Value for Money

- 6.3.1 None of the issues referred to in this report are considered to have any direct value for money implications.

## **7. Recommendation**

- 7.1 The Board of Management is recommended to:

- Note the contents of this report; and
- Approve the items contained in section five.