DECISION

Sanctuary Scotland	**The Board of Management of Sanctuary Scotland Housing Association Limited**		
	21/04/2026	**Item 11**	**No. of appendices: 2**
	Director - Sanctuary Scotland		

Subject: **Annual Assurance Statement**

Group Corporate Strategy - Strategic Objectives:

Customer centred services ☒ Homes fit for the future ☒

Sustainable growth and development ☒ High performing teams ☒

Executive Summary

This report presents self-assessment work in relation to Assurance and Notification, and compliance with and submission of information in accordance with key guidance, to provide Board Members with assurance that Sanctuary Scotland Housing Association Limited (Sanctuary Scotland Housing Association) is compliant with Chapter Three of the Regulatory Framework in these areas.

Recommendation: The Board of Management of Sanctuary Scotland Housing Association is asked to consider the self-assessment exercises provided at Appendix 1 and Appendix 2, and approve that the evidence highlighted confirms that Sanctuary Scotland Housing Association is compliant.

Customer Considerations

The requirements of the Scottish Social Housing Charter will form part of the mapping process to ensure compliance. Any relevant employee considerations are noted in the report.

Risk Management

RM 1: Political, Government, regulation; Sanctuary Scotland Housing Association must comply with the Regulatory Framework, and the assessment process mitigates the risk of meeting requirements in respect of the Annual Assurance Statement.

RM 2 Reputational and Customer service; Assessing compliance with regulatory and legislative requirements supports the delivery of a customer focused service and protects the reputation of Sanctuary Scotland Housing Association.

Value for Money

The self-assessment exercises will evidence compliance with the Scottish Housing Regulator regulatory framework in relation to financial viability.

1. Strategic Context

1.1 Ensuring compliance with legislative and regulatory requirements supports the effective delivery of all four strategic priorities - customer centred services, homes fit for the future, sustainable growth and development, and high performing teams.

1.2 Following the review of their regulatory framework, the Scottish Housing Regulator (SHR) introduced the requirement for all Scottish landlords to submit an Annual Assurance Statement providing assurance that their organisation complies with the relevant requirements of Chapter 3.

1.3 Chapter 3 of the framework primarily covers:

- Assurance and Notification
- Scottish Social Housing Charter Performance
- Tenants and Service Users Redress
- Whistleblowing
- Equality and Human Rights
- Compliance with and information submission in accordance with key guidance - notifiable events, group structures, consulting tenants where tenant consent is required, financial viability of registered social landlords, determination of accounting requirements, preparation of financial statements
- The standards of Governance and Financial Management
- Constitutional requirements

2. Analysis/Proposal

2.1 The assessments carried out on Assurance and Notification and Compliance with and submitting information in accordance with guidance are attached at **Appendix 1** and **Appendix 2.**

2.2 Given the level of evidence available against each of the headings it is recommended that the Board of Management consider Sanctuary Scotland Housing Association to be compliant, with no items of materiality requiring to be highlighted to the SHR.

2.3 Updated guidance on Annual Assurance Statements received from the SHR confirms that in 2026 they will ask for assurance around data on homes and gypsy/traveller sites (which is not relevant to Sanctuary Scotland Housing Association).

3. Recommendation

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