Lochaber Housing Association – HAL151

Assurance Statement 2026

In considering our compliance with our legal and regulatory requirements in 2026 we have implemented a new approach as to how we review evidence against the standards. The newly adopted process is included within our programme of audits for 2026/27 and will be audited by our internal auditor in October.

The evidence bank combines reports, policies, advice and information which the Board monitors and oversees on an ongoing basis throughout the year to provide continuous assurance that Lochaber Housing Association is compliant. Additionally, the evidence bank incorporates relevant documents and information that contribute to our assurance and which form the structure of Lochaber Housing Association's business and governance activities.

We are satisfied that we continue to meet all of our duties in that we have comprehensive, good quality information that is up to date, on the construction components and conditions of our properties. To strengthen our information we have sought specialist advice to monitor our compliance in these areas and to support our assurance and are working with our new inhouse Business Transformation team to ensure the information is readily accessible and effective.

In reviewing compliance, we have adopted an improvement focus and have identified a number of opportunities which will be monitored by the Board at agreed intervals to ensure successful achievement.

The Board of Lochaber Housing Association is satisfied that, to the best of our knowledge, Lochaber Housing Association is compliant with the requirements of Chapter Three of the Regulatory Framework and the Regulatory Standards of Governance and Financial Management. We have gained this assurance from a review of a comprehensive bank of evidence and from our ongoing oversight and scrutiny of Lochaber Housing Association's affairs throughout the year (2025-26).

We are assured that Lochaber Housing Association has the necessary arrangements in place to identify any risks to compliance during the conduct of our business and governance arrangements.

As Chair, I was authorised by the Board at a meeting held on 06th October 2026 to sign and submit this Assurance Statement to the Scottish Housing Regulator.

Cathy Osborn (Chair) 06th October 2026