Annual Assurance Statement **by the Management Committee of Oak Tree Housing Association Ltd – October 2025**

In considering our compliance with regulatory and legal requirements for our 2025 Annual Assurance Statement, we have considered a comprehensive bank of supporting evidence.

Gaining the basis of Assurance

The evidence bank combines reports, policies, advice and information which the Management Committee monitors and oversees on an ongoing basis throughout the year to provide continuous assurance that Oak Tree Housing Association (OTHA) is compliant with the relevant regulatory requirements, set out in the regulatory framework. Additionally, the evidence bank incorporates relevant documents and information that contribute to our assurance, and which form the structure of OTHA's business and governance activities.

The evidence which supports this Statement includes:

- Reports about performance in key areas including finance, service delivery, asset management, development and risk;
- Internal and External Audit reports;
- Advice from external specialist advisers;
- Tenant feedback and the outcomes from consultations;
- Data analysis about our tenants and customers' needs and views;
- Benchmarking reports, advice and information from senior staff and external bodies.

In reviewing the evidence and assessing compliance, we take account of good practice advice. We have obtained external support to provide us with additional assurance that our approach is effective and robust.

We are confident that, taking account of the current economic and social environments, we continue to meet our responsibilities to our tenants, service users, regulators and funders. We have communicated our service delivery arrangements to our tenants clearly.

We are satisfied that we meet all of our duties in relation to tenant and resident safety. In particular, we have gained the necessary evidence-based assurance of our compliance in respect of duties relating to gas, electrical, fire, water and lift safety and our obligations relating to asbestos, damp and mould. We have sought specialist advice to monitor our compliance in these areas and to support our assurance.

We have completed our assessment into the potential presence of RAAC in our stock and confirm that none has been identified.

In reviewing our compliance with the Regulatory Framework, we are assured that we have established appropriate systems for the collection of equalities data. We are assured that we are working towards using this data to take account of equality and human rights issues in our decisions, policy-making and day-to-day service delivery.

We are assured that Oak Tree Housing Association (OTHA) is compliant with the Regulatory Standards and Regulatory Framework requirements with (only) the following exceptions:-

- 1 Gas Safety Check (as at 31.03.2025)

A robust cross-checking procedure has been implemented. At the time of writing we are fully compliant.

New Build Development Site (Strone Farm) Update

Oak Tree Housing Association continues to address the legacy issues arising from the aborted Strone Farm development. The Association is working closely with stakeholders and partners to finalise a demolition and remediation programme, with appropriate governance, financial oversight, and risk controls in place.

Statement of Assurance

The Management Committee confirms that we have reviewed and assessed a comprehensive bank of evidence to support this Statement that Oak Tree Housing Association (OTHA) is compliant with the Regulatory Standards of Governance and Financial Management and the requirements of Chapter Three of the Regulatory Framework.

Ongoing Monitoring

We recognise that we are required to notify the Scottish Housing Regulator (SHR) of any changes in our compliance during the course of the year and are assured that we have effective arrangements in place to enable us to do so.

Authority to sign and submit

As Chairperson, I was authorised by the Management Committee at a meeting held on 20th October 2025, to sign and submit this Assurance Statement for submission to the Scottish Housing Regulator.

We confirm that this Assurance Statement is being published on our website on the same date that it is submitted to the Scottish Housing Regulator.

Signed Chairperson

Date 20th October 2025