River Clyde Homes (RCH)
Annual Assurance Statement to the Scottish Housing Regulator 2026

RCH's current Regulatory Status is 'Non-Compliant – working towards compliance'.

The RCH Board has carried out a comprehensive review of compliance with the Regulatory Standards of Governance and Financial Management and the requirements of Chapter Three of the Regulatory Framework. The current position of the Board is that RCH continues to work towards achieving full compliance with the Regulatory Standards particularly in relation to standards 1 and 4.

Following findings of non-compliance in relation to Electrical Installation Condition Reports (EICR's) in August 2025 (all EICR remedial actions were completed by the end of January 2026) RCH commissioned an independent, in-depth review of its Tenant and Resident Safety arrangements in relation to gas, electrical, fire, water and lift safety, together with our obligations relating to asbestos, damp and mould.

The review confirmed that, while appropriate structures are in place, further strengthening is required to enhance the overall control framework.

Management implemented a time bound action plan to address remedial activity. Actions taken include policy and procedure reviews, management plan reviews and internal governance enhancement including the ongoing implementation of a Wider Improvement Action Plan.

Throughout the delivery of the action plans, management has continued to seek independent verification, and the Board is satisfied that there has been substantial progress in achieving the actions identified. Progress with achieving these actions is closely monitored by the Executive Leadership Team and the Board and is reported to the Scottish Housing Regulator (SHR) on a regular basis.

Ongoing monitoring and an internal review framework is being implemented to ensure the improvements made are embedded and sustained across the organisation.

In relation to our properties affected by RAAC (55 units of which 43 belong to RCH and 12 are privately owned), RCH has a regeneration plan in place for these properties, and we will continue to work with all stakeholders and partners to deliver this plan. We will continue to liaise with the SHR in line with the requirements of our Engagement Plan.

We confirm that we have comprehensive and up to date information about the construction, components and condition of our homes. We are currently in the third year of a five year rolling stock condition survey programme and we have been successful in achieving over 20% average over the first two years. We use this information to ensure the safety of our tenants' and residents' homes and to inform our asset management and financial planning.

Management continues to address the average time it takes for RCH to re-let homes. Whilst there are improvements in this area, this will continue to be a key priority for management and the Board.

With regards to all other Regulatory Framework requirements, the Board is satisfied that to the best of its knowledge, RCH is compliant. The evidence bank supporting this position combines reports, policies, advice and information which the Board monitors and oversees on an ongoing basis throughout the year to provide continuous assurance that RCH is compliant.

In assessing the evidence prior to our submission, the Board adopted and continues to adopt an improvement focus which resulted in the creation of an Annual Assurance Action Plan which is subject to constant review and scrutiny by the Board. We have reviewed the identified actions in the improvement action plan and are satisfied that all are intended to deliver effective improvement and that none are material to our current compliance with the Framework (with the exception of the Tenant & Resident Safety compliance matter referred to above).

The Board also continues to have access to an online portal which holds a repository of evidence supporting Annual Assurance compliance. This enables the Board to analyse and review on a real time basis. RCH also implemented an Annual Assurance Focus Plan to allow Board members to undertake an in-depth review of the Annual Assurance Compliance Checklist in preparation for our 2026 Annual Assurance Statement submission.

The Board has confirmed its strong commitment to ensuring that RCH is able to evidence full compliance as soon as possible and agreed the terms of this Annual Assurance Statement on 20th October 2026.

As Chair, I was authorised by the Board to sign and submit this Assurance Statement to the Scottish Housing Regulator.

I confirm that this Assurance Statement is being published on our website on the same date that it is submitted to the SHR.

John Quinn
Chair, RCH Group Board

Date: 20th October 2026