MINUTE OF THE FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTIETH

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF LANARKSHIRE

HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED HELD IN THE

**ASSOCIATION'S OFFICE AT 191 BRANDON STREET** 

**MOTHERWELL, ON TUESDAY 28 OCTOBER 2025 AT 6.15PM** 

Chairperson

**Present**: Liam Donnachie

Barry Farrell Linzi Brunton Gordon Anderson Laurie Boles

Mayra Nunes

Virtual Attendance

Attending: Henry Coyle Chief Executive

Liz White Housing Services Director

Mark Quigley Property Services Director Virtual

Alan Semple Finance Manager

Deborah Stapleton Corporate Services Manager

### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were intimated on behalf of Martin Ritchie, Martine Nolan, Gerry McParland and Paul Lennon.

## 2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None recorded.

### 3. ANNUAL ASSURANCE

- a) Annual Assurance Compliance Framework
- b) Evidence Bank (Decision Time)
- c) Assurance Framework Compliance Report 2025

The Chief Executive took items (a), (b), and (c) together for consideration, and referred Members to the Annual Assurance Compliance Framework, Evidence Bank, and the Annual Assurance Compliance cover report, which had been made available for consideration through the secure OneAdvanced Committee Portal.

He advised how assurance was provided during the year as part of the governance framework. This included Assurance Compliance as a standing agenda item on Management Committee agendas, and the Audit & Assurance Sub-Committee (AASC) reviewing the Annual Assurance Improvement Plan.

An additional AASC in September 2025 had monitored progress towards assurance, using the SFHA Assurance Toolkit, and aligning assurance from management reports and internal audit, so that its Convener could make a recommendation to Committee.

Committee discussed the tabled report, noting that:

- Management Committee appraisals are due to start in November 2025
- Two Notifiable Events were closed in the year, while two remain open with action plans in place
- Internal Audits on Tenant Safety and Business Continuity returned Substantial Assurance, with final reports to be considered in November
- The SHR Annual Financial Statements Return was submitted on time
- Key risks, including Watling Street Litigation and Cladding Remediation will be reflected in the 2025–26 Engagement Plan

Committee confirmed its role in assessing the evidence supporting compliance; noted that best practice guidance and external support had also provided assurance on the effectiveness and robustness of controls; and confirmed that there are no areas of material non-compliance with the Regulatory Framework.

## d) Assurance Statement 2025

Committee acknowledged the Assurance Statement presented, as ratified by the ASSC Convener, and unanimously agreed that LHA has complied with the Regulatory Standards of Governance and Financial Management as well as the requirements of Chapter 3 of the Regulatory Framework issued by the SHR.

Members confirmed their satisfaction that all tenant and resident safety duties are being met, and agreed that LHA has effective controls in place to keep the Management Committee informed of regulatory and statutory compliance, and to identify any changes requiring notification to the SHR.

Committee delegated authority to the Chairperson to sign the Annual Assurance Statement for 2025. Members noted that the signed Assurance Statement will be submitted to the SHR by 31 October 2025 and will be made publicly available to tenants and stakeholders on the Association's website.

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#### 4. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

### **Authorised Signatories**

The Finance Manager advised that the signing mandates for banking and loan facilities require to be updated. He proposed that signatures be obtained from existing authorised signatories to do this, and that the new authorised signatories would be the Chief Executive and Office Bearers.

Committee approved the proposed amendments.

### 5. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

The Chief Executive referred to discussion at the September Management Committee, where the Chair proposed moving items from the Corporate Governance & Finance Sub-Committee (CGFSC) scheduled for 4 November 2025 to the 25 November Management Committee meeting.

Following discussion with its Convener, the CGFSC meeting in November will be postponed until February 2026, when it will consider the 2026/27 Budget and the consultation on Rent Setting for 2026/27.

The Housing Services Sub-Committee (HSSC) will still take place on Tuesday 4 November 2025, with a proposed earlier start time of 5:15pm. This was agreed in principle, subject to consultation with HSSC members that were not present.

Committee thereafter noted the dates and proposed times of the undernoted meetings:-

Housing Services Sub-Committee	04.11.25 -	5.15pm
Audit & Assurance Sub-Committee	25.11.25 -	5.15pm
Management Committee	25.11.25 -	6.15pm

### 6. VOTE OF THANKS

The meeting closed at 7.05pm with a Vote of Thanks to the chair.

Chairperson Signature:	 Date:	