

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

Garry Coutts, Chair Michael Cameron, Chief Executive Scottish Housing Regulator

23rd October 2025

Dear Garry and Michael

Committee scrutiny of the Scottish Housing Regulator (SHR)

Many thanks for the <u>SHR's response</u> to the Committee's <u>letter of 18th March</u> which summarised the findings of our most recent annual scrutiny of the Regulator's performance.

We are now looking ahead to our consideration of the SHR's annual report for 2024-2025, once that is published.

At the Committee's meeting on the 7th October it agreed to request some information from the SHR in advance of our annual evidence session which we anticipate holding later in the year. I would therefore be grateful if you could provide the following:

- Details of internal processes for ensuring compliance with the Scottish Regulators Code of Practice;
- Information on the appointment of any co-optees, consultants or interim managers in the reporting year 2024-2025;
- An outline of the various types of informal engagement that take place with RSLs, and how these are monitored and recorded;
- Any trends that have been identified during 2024-2025 in common failures across landlords, and what lessons the SHR might learn from those which could lead to changes in policy or practice.

The Committee also agreed to write to the SFHA, GWSF, ALACHO and Share for their views on what progress the SHR has made on the issues which were raised by the Committee, in particular its relations with landlords, and the treatment of

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community-based housing associations. Those letters and their responses will be published on the <u>Committee's webpages</u>.

We also sought clarification from the SPSO on the extent of its role in respect of the SHR, which they <u>provided on 15^{th} October</u>.

I would be grateful for a response to this letter by the 26th November.

Yours sincerely,

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Convener