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**SANCTUARY SCOTLAND HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED
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**Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Management of Sanctuary
Scotland Housing Association Limited held on Thursday 16 March 2023
via Microsoft Teams.**

Attendance record since AGM September 2022

Present

Alan West, Chairperson	4/4
Alex Clark, Vice Chair	4/4
John Arthur	4/4
James Docherty	4/4
Michael McGrane	4/4
Peter Cowe	3/4
Sanctuary Housing Association (Represented by Patricia Cahill, Director - Sanctuary Scotland)	4/4

Apologies

Gillian MacPhie	3/4
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In attendance

Ella Houghton, Governance Officer

25/03/23

APOLOGIES

The Chairperson reported that the meeting had been duly convened and that a quorum was present for the purposes of the business to be considered and, if thought fit, resolutions to be passed at the meeting.

26/03/23

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairperson reminded Board Members of the need, in accordance with the provisions of Sanctuary Scotland Housing Association's Standing Orders, to disclose any personal interests in relation to matters under consideration at the meeting that were out with the annual declarations made.

It was noted that such disclosures would be recorded under the relevant agenda items for ease of reference when producing 'extract minutes'.

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**27/03/23 MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING HELD ON 1
MARCH 2023**

It was noted that the minutes of the Board of Management meeting held on 1 March 2023 would be presented to Board Members for approval at the meeting on 11 April 2023.

28/03/23 OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED RENT INCREASES

A Board Member declared an interest as a tenant of Sanctuary Scotland Housing Association.

The Chairperson commenced by expressing his gratitude to Board Members for reconvening at short notice to reconsider its decision at its meeting of 1 March 2023 to increase rents by five per cent, as opposed to the seven per cent increase that had been proposed by Sanctuary Housing Association.

The content of the supplementary report provided to Board Members 15 March 2023 was summarised, detailing the impact of a lower rent increase. It was noted that a five per cent rental increase would have a significant impact on both Sanctuary Scotland Housing Association's reinvestment and development programmes.

The Board of Management discussed the publication that had been issued by the Scottish Housing Regulator on 15 March 2023, detailing the rent increases of over 130 Registered Social Landlords (RSLs) across Scotland, which put the average increase across Scotland at circa five to six per cent.

Following this, the Chairperson asked Members to reflect on the respective conversations that had taken place since the meeting on 1 March 2023, in order to reach a compromise over the sum of the rent increase for 2023/2024.

The Board of Management addressed that a lower rent increase would result in a compromised reinvestment spend in the Budget for 2023/2024, which could ultimately lead to increased dissatisfaction with tenants.

Decision: Following discussions, The Board of Management unanimously approved a rental increase of six per cent for 2023/2024.

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Date of next meeting: Tuesday 11 April 2023