



ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25

#### Chairperson's Report

I always take great pride in presenting the Annual Report to showcase the Association's work and progress to achieve our vision to make Easthall Park – 'A Great Place to Live'.

At Easthall Park, the Management Committee is focussed on ensuring we deliver high quality and responsive services to meet our tenants and other customers' needs and expectations. Our staff continue to excel in their customer service, commitment and drive to continuously improve in all areas of our work. In this report you will see that our performance in key areas of our service continues to compare favourably against the previous year and the average for the housing association sector.

In my report last year, I spoke about how we had listened to tenants to hear their views on our repairs service, which resulted in the launch of our new in-house Trade Team. I was delighted to see the significant improvement in the performance, quality of work, value for money and more importantly, tenant satisfaction levels for the repairs service through our new Trade Team and our network of contractors in the last year. As a result of the success of the new Trade Team, the Committee is considering extending this initiative to attend to major repairs in your homes.

A key objective is to improve our tenants' homes through a programme of major repairs in the coming years e.g. kitchens, bathroom, UPVC window installation and central heating boilers. We acknowledge this has been a long time coming, although we are now finalising our investment plans and these will be communicated to all

tenants in
the autumn
of this
year. I am
pleased to see
that contracts
are now being
tendered to appoint
the contractors to deliver
these improvements and they will
commence in 2025-26.

The success of Easthall Park has been founded on our relationship and engagement with the communities we serve, where our tenants' voices are heard and inform the delivery of our services. It has been encouraging to see the staff team out in the community and their connection with tenants through their programme of home visits, surveys on our service and more tenants getting involved in our Residents Panel.

I hope you find this report informative and you too can see the improvement we are making. We would welcome your feedback on the report or for you to consider getting involved to tell us how you feel we can further improve our service and your area.

I would again like to thank the Management Committee for their leadership of the Association and the staff team for their work and achievements in the year.

#### **Paul Waddell**

Chairperson
Easthall Park Housing Association

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#### **Financial Highlights**

The Association is in a strong financial position and made a surplus of £682,250 and the net assets position was £10.79m at 31 March 2025. Our cash position increased by £500k during the year and finished 2024/25 with a healthy £4.2 million in the bank. This money is planned to fund the investment plan to improve our tenants' homes.

We invested £281K in reactive and voids maintenance through external contractors and the inhouse Trade Team, and £278k in planned and cyclical maintenance costs. We also invested capital expenditure of £141k in our housing properties mainly on boilers, kitchens, external doors and windows.

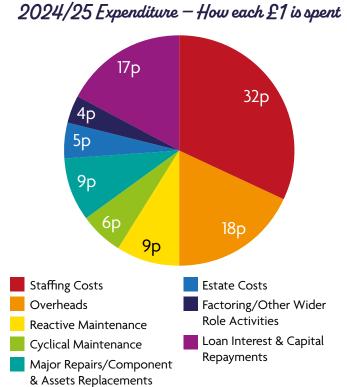
We repaid £290k of the loan debt during the year and the balance remaining to pay at 31 March 2025 was £4.9m. As the Association's loans are all on a fixed interest rate basis, this protects the Association against any rising mortgage interest rates.

The Association secured grants of around £64k to help tenants with energy advice and advocacy support and to assist with community projects. Another £48k of grants were secured to help fund Stage 3 medical adaptations.

#### Some other financial highlights:-

- We tendered the Insurance Broker services contract and Howden Scotland were appointed.
- All Statutory and Regulatory Returns have been submitted to Lenders, Scottish Housing Regulator and all other relevant agencies on time.
- The 30-Year Financial Business Plan was presented to Management Committee in May 2025, and this continues to show that the Association can demonstrate financial viability over the longer-term. The Plan includes a
- robust investment programme for our major component replacements, particularly over the next 10 years.
- We have re-invested £1million from our cash reserves in a high interest account with Barclays, and continue to invest in Notice Accounts with other organisations to generate more income for the Association.
- We had a robust internal audit programme which involved 5 areas of the business being audited by Quinn Internal Auditors.

# 2024/25 Analysis of Income 3% 93% Factoring/Other Wider Role Activities Net Rental Income Other Revenue Grants Interest Receivable





2.22%

The Housing Management team is responsible for all aspects of housing service delivery including Rent Management, Welfare Rights, Allocations, Estate Management, Anti-Social Behaviour, Resident Engagement and Factoring.

#### Performance Benchmarking

Easthall Park Housing Association are part of the Scottish Housing Network (SHN) benchmarking organisation, and we have provided the average performance of the groups which participate in the SHN to show a comparison to our performance.

#### Our Performance in 2024/2025

#### **Rent Arrears**

Rent due for 2024/25 **£3.189m**  Rent Collected for 2024/25 104% 2023/24 98.24\*

Rent arrears as a % of rent due for 2024/25

2023/2024 **3.05%** 

SHN average 2024/25 – 6.43%

#### **Rent Loss from Empty Homes**

Rent Loss from Empty Homes for 2024/2025

0.14%

2023/2024 - 0.27%

SHN average 2024/2025 – 1.34%





#### **Letting Times**

Average re-let time 2024/2025

2023/2024 – 28.85 days

SHN average 2024/25 – 63.98 days

16.27 days





#### Lets

Total number of properties let during 2024/2025

- 10 properties let to applicants from the Housing Waiting list.
- properties let to Homeless applicants.
- properties let to applicants from the Transfer list.

#### **Lets by Property Size**

2 apartment

3 apartment

4 apartment

#### **Welfare Rights Service**



Our Welfare Rights Officer, Rachael Durkin continues to play a pivotal role in maximising the income of our tenants. In 2024/2025, Rachael secured:

**Annual** 

**Benefit** 

£573,776

Benefit **Backdates** 

£45,388

Grant/Charitable income

£9,516

#### **Tenancy Sustainment**

During 2023/2024, we let 27 properties which consisted of:

properties let to applicants from the Housing Waiting list.

properties let to Homeless

properties let to applicants from the Transfer list.

All 27 of these lets sustained for over 12 months, giving us an overall performance of:

for Tenancy Sustainment

SHN average 63.98%





#### Cyclical Home Visits

During 2024/ 2025 we carried out



to our tenants.





#### Estate Management

Our in-house Estate Caretakers work within the housing management team and provide vital services to ensure the upkeep of the local community. We appointed 2 new permanent members of staff to the Estate Caretaking team during 2024/2025, including a Chargehand Estate Caretaker. We developed summer and winter work programmes to ensure that that all areas of our estates are being maintained. During 2024/2025, we also invested in further training and some new equipment to maximise the performance and efficiency of the services being delivered by the Estate Caretakers.



We have recently carried out a review of our Written Statement of Services and these have been issued to all factored owners.

- Major Repairs
- Common Repairs
- 🖺 Stair Cleaning
- ি Estate Lighting
- Cyclical Maintenance



#### **Complaints & Compliments**



#### **Complaints**

complaints in the year.

#### Complaints Reported

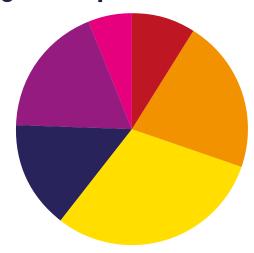
Stage 1 – Frontline

2024-25 44 - 2023-24

Stage 2 - Investigation

2024-25 8 - 2023 - 24

#### **Stage 1 Complaints**



Failure to provide a service

Delay in providing a service

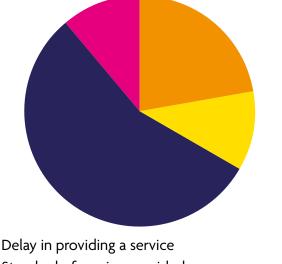
Standard of service provided

Disagreement with a decision

Conduct/Attitude of staff

Other

#### **Stage 2 Complaints**



Standard of service provided 1 Disagreement with a decision 5 1

Conduct/Attitude of staff

Total 9

2

#### **Complaints Upheld**

#### **Stage 1 Complaints**

Upheld 11 Not upheld 22

#### **Stage 2 Complaints**

Total 33

3

7

10

5

6

Upheld	1
Not upheld	8





#### **Complaints & Compliments**

#### **Our Performance**

#### Stage 1 - (5 day target)

Average days to resolve



Responded in time = 81.82%

Stage 2 - (20 day target)

Average days to resolve



Responded in time = 100%



#### "You said, we did"

**You said:** I don't know who my Housing Officer is and i don't know a lot of the staff because you have had a lot of turnover in recent years.

**We did:** On the back of this, we have publicised Housing Staff in the newsletter, and we listed what individual streets they covered in their patches.

### Compliments

"The caretakers where so quick and efficient in clearing items. Great Job!"

"Thank you for a quick & responsive repairs service"

"Thanks to the staff who helped get my benefits & payments sorted!"

"The trade team Joiner was so polite and helpful and cleaned up after doing a great job"



"The Property
Officer went above
and beyond, very
helpful!"



The Association has seen changes in our repairs and maintenance service in the year with the appointment of our Trade Team Plumber and Joiner working in conjunction with our network of contractors to deliver a high quality and responsive service. We continue to invest in our tenants' homes and local community with the aim to improve housing standards and ensure our tenants are satisfied with their home and the local area.

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#### **OUR PERFORMANCE IN 2024/2025**

We completed 2291 repairs to our tenants homes in the year and there has been an improvement in our performance with a reduction in average response times for emergency and non-emergency jobs in our tenants' home. This is due to a combination of factors including the new staff structure in the maintenance team, new approved contractors, the introduction of the Trade Team and an appointment system for repairs by our Trade Team.





#### Non-Emergency Repairs

# Reactive Repairs Right First Time

We completed 1725 non-emergency repairs in the year. (1331 non-emergency repairs in 2023-24)

# 4.41 days

2023/2024 **5.6 days** 

SHN average 7.27 days



2023/2024 **94.2%** 

SHN average 87.45%

# Repairs to Empty Homes

We attended to remedial repairs to 22 empty homes to prepare them for letting

Average number of days to complete repairs to empty homes

13.72 days

2023/2024 **18.5 days** 

SHN average 34.87 days







Satisfied with Repairs Service 96.91%

2023/2024 **83.7%** 

SHN average 87.03%

Stock Meets the Scottish Housing Quality Standard

90.22%

2023/2024 **97.6%** 

SHN average 92.5%

Tenants Happy with the Quality of their Home

85.27%

from last survey 2023

2023/2024 **85.27%** 

SHN average 84.41%

#### Tenant Safety



777 Gas safety and services completed within the last 12 months. Achieving 100% compliance against the Associations 10 months cycle.



141 Electrical Installation Condition Reports completed within the last 12 months. Achieving 100% compliance against 5-year cycle.



Fire exits and signs have been installed all 54 closes.



Legionella testing within 5 closes in the stock.



29 properties surveyed by the Association and /or specialist surveyor.

#### Stock Condition Survey

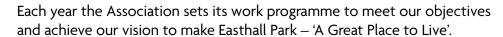
The Association completed a stock condition survey (SCS), which assessed 58% of tenants' homes and 100% of the common fabric of the properties.

The SCS coupled with surveys of tenants' views on the improvements they would like to see in their homes has informed the development of our Investment Strategy and a programme for the replacement of property component e.g. kitchens bathrooms, roofs, windows, etc.

A key priority in 2025-26 will be to communicate the Investment Plan to tenants and commence a programme of major repairs to invest in our tenants' homes.



#### Looking Ahead 2025-26









Commence the Veranda Project (Glenburnie Place, Edderton Place and Wardie Road)



Install 58 new kitchens and bathrooms



Further develop the in-house Trade Team



To finalise & communicate our Investment Plan 2026-2036



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Promote the 'My Home Portal' an on-line access to services



Strengthen our compliance with tenant safety



Meet more tenants in their homes.



Grow the membership of the Residents Panel to hear local residents' views on our services.



Invest our cash reserves in high interest accounts



Produce our Business Plan 2026-29



# Management Committee & Staff Team



#### Staff Team

STAFF NAME	POSITION	STAFF NAME	TAFF NAME POSITION	
Kenny Mollins Director		<b>Gary Cameron</b>	Chargehand Estate Caretaker	
<b>Gordon Kerr</b>	Finance Manager/Depute Director	Brian Monaghan	Estate Caretaker	
Anton Nugent	Housing Manager	John Williamson	Estate Caretaker	
Graeme McLach	lan Maintenance Manager	Owen McNulty	Estate Caretaker	
Nikkita Smith	Corporate Services Officer	James Weir	Estate Caretaker	
<b>Kubiat Effiwatt</b>	Finance Officer	Barry McLauchlan	Maintenance Officer	
<b>Craig Patrick</b>	Housing Officer	Anne Esler	Maintenance Co-ordinator	
<b>Rachael Durkin</b>	Welfare Rights Officer	Claire Gilmour	Maintenance Assistant	
Darren Hughes	Assistant Housing Officer	Vacant	Repairs Operative – Joiner	
Lorraine Docher	<b>ty</b> Assistant Housing Officer	<b>Ross McMillan</b> Repairs Operative— Plumber		
Stephanie Conw	ay Receptionist/Administrator	Mary Fraser	Cleaner	

#### Committee Members 2024-25

Paul Waddell (Chairperson)	Member since September 2015 (last elected September 2023)
David Barnes (Vice Chairperson)	Member since September 2018 (Last elected September 2024)
Alison Cushingham	Member since September 2010 (Last elected September 2023)
Charles Harvey	Member since September 1999 (Last elected September 2024)
Caroline Cooper	Member since October 2006 (Last elected September 2023)
Fiona Lavery	Member since September 2023 (Last elected September 2023)
Robert Hartness	Member since July 2022 (Last elected September 2024)
Antone Farry (Co-optee)	Member since October 2024
Kieran Herd (Co-optee)	Member since May 2025
Deborah McNulty	Resigned



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