

BLAIRTUMMOCK HOUSING ASSOCIATION

PRIVACY POLICY

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1. Introduction

Blairtummock Housing Association (hereinafter the “Association”) is committed to ensuring the secure and safe management of data held by the Association in relation to customers, staff and other individuals. The Association’s staff members have a responsibility to ensure compliance with the terms of this policy, and to manage individuals’ data in accordance with the procedures outlined in this policy and documentation referred to herein.

The Association needs to gather and use certain information about individuals. These can include customers (tenants, factored owners etc.), employees and other individuals that the Association has a relationship with. The Association manages a significant amount of data, from a variety of sources. This data contains Personal Data and Sensitive Personal Data (known as Special Categories of Personal Data under the GDPR).

This Policy sets out the Association’s duties in processing that data, and the purpose of this Policy is to set out the procedures for the management of such data.

It is acknowledged throughout this document that Blairtummock Housing Association is a Data Controller but the staff member with responsibility to ensure that this is actioned in the appropriate manner is the Director.

Appendix 1 hereto details the Association’s related policies.

2. Legislation

It is a legal requirement that the Association process data correctly; the Association must collect, handle and store personal information in accordance with the relevant legislation.

The relevant legislation in relation to the processing of data is:

- i. the UK GDPR as defined by The Data Protection, Privacy and Electronic Communications (Amendment etc.) (EU exit) Regulations 2019 (“UK GDPR”);
- ii. the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (“the GDPR”);

- iii. the Privacy and Electronic Communications (EC Directive) Regulations 2003; and

any legislation that, in respect of the United Kingdom, replaces, or enacts into United Kingdom law, any other law relating to data protection, the processing of personal data and privacy.

3. Data

3.1 The Association holds a variety of Data relating to individuals, including customers and employees (also referred to as data subjects) which is known as Personal Data. The Personal Data held and processed by the Association is detailed within the Fair Processing Notice at Appendix 2 hereto and the Data Protection Addendum of the Terms of and Conditions of Employment which has been provided to all employees.

3.1.1 “Personal Data” is that from which a living individual can be identified either by that data alone, or in conjunction with other data held by the Association.

3.1.2 The Association also holds Personal data that is sensitive in nature (i.e. relates to or reveals a data subject’s racial or ethnic origin, religious beliefs, political opinions, relates to health or sexual orientation). This is “Special Category Personal Data” or “Sensitive Personal Data”.

4. Processing of Personal Data

4.1 The Association is permitted to process Personal Data on behalf of data subjects provided it is doing so on one of the following grounds:

- Processing with the consent of the data subject (see clause 4.4 hereof);
- Processing is necessary for the performance of a contract between the Association and the data subject or for entering into a contract with the data subject;
- Processing is necessary for the Association’s compliance with a legal obligation;
- Processing is necessary to protect the vital interests of the data subject or another person;

- Processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of the Association's official authority; or
- Processing is necessary for the purposes of legitimate interests.

4.2 Fair Processing Notice

4.2.1 The Association has produced a Fair Processing Notice (FPN) which it is required to provide to all customers whose Personal data is held by the Association. That FPN must be provided to the customer from the outset of processing their Personal Data and they should be advised of the terms of the FPN when it is provided to them.

4.2.2 The Fair Processing Notice at Appendix 2 sets out the Personal Data processed by the Association and the basis for that Processing. This document is provided to all of the Association's customers at the outset of processing their data.

4.3 Employees

4.3.1 Employee Personal data and, where applicable, Special Category Personal Data or Sensitive Personal Data, is held and processed by the Association. Details of the data held and processing of that data is contained within the Employee Fair Processing Notice which is provided to Employees at the same time as their Contract of Employment.

4.3.2 A copy of any employee's Personal Data held by the Association is available upon written request by that employee from the Association's Director.

4.4 Consent

Consent as a ground of processing will require to be used from time to time by the Association when processing Personal Data. It should be used by the Association where no other alternative ground for processing is available. In the event that the Association requires to obtain consent to process a data subject's Personal Data, it shall obtain that consent in writing. The consent provided by the data subject must be freely given and the data subject will be required to sign a relevant consent form if willing to consent. Any consent to be obtained by the Association must be for a specific and defined purpose (i.e. general consent cannot be sought).

4.5 Processing of Special Category Personal Data or Sensitive Personal Data

In the event that the Association processes Special Category Personal Data or Sensitive Personal Data, the Association must do so in accordance with one of the following grounds of processing:

- The data subject has given explicit consent to the processing of this data for a specified purpose;
- Processing is necessary for carrying out obligations or exercising rights related to employment or social security and social protection law;
- Processing is necessary to protect the vital interest of the data subject or, if the data subject is incapable of giving consent, the vital interests of another person;
- Processing is necessary for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims, or whenever court are acting in their judicial capacity;
- Processing relates to personal data which are manifestly made public by the data subject; and
- Processing is necessary for reasons of substantial public interest.

5. Data Sharing

5.1 The Association shares its data with various third parties for numerous reasons in order that its day to day activities are carried out in accordance with the Association's relevant policies and procedures. In order that the Association can monitor compliance by these third parties with Data Protection laws, the Association will require the third party organisations to enter into an Agreement with the Association governing the processing of data, security measures to be implemented and responsibility for breaches.

5.2 Data Sharing

5.2.1 Personal data is from time to time shared amongst the Association and third parties who require to process personal data that the Association process as well. Both the Association and the third party will be processing that data in their individual capacities as Data Controllers.

5.2.2 Where the Association shares in the processing of personal data with a third party organisation (e.g. for processing of the employees' pension), it shall require the third party

organisation to enter in to a Data Sharing Agreement with the Association in accordance with the terms of the model Data Sharing Agreement set out in Appendix 3 to this Policy.

5.3 Data Processors

A data processor is a third party entity that processes personal data on behalf of the Association, and are frequently engaged if certain of the Association's work is outsourced (e.g. payroll, maintenance and repair works).

- 5.3.1 A data processor must comply with Data Protection laws. The Association's data processors must ensure they have appropriate technical security measures in place, maintain records of processing activities and notify the Association if a data breach is suffered.
- 5.3.2 If a data processor wishes to sub-contract their processing, prior written consent of the Association must be obtained. Upon a sub-contracting of processing, the data processor will be liable in full for the data protection breaches of their sub-contractors.
- 5.3.3 Where the Association contracts with a third party to process personal data held by the Association, it shall require the third party to enter into a Data Protection Addendum with the Association in accordance with the terms of the model Data Protection Addendum set out in Appendix 4 to this Policy.

6. Data Storage and Security

All Personal Data held by the Association must be stored securely, whether electronically or in paper format.

6.1 Paper Storage

If Personal Data is stored on paper, it should be kept in a secure place where unauthorised personnel cannot access it.

Employees should make sure that no Personal Data is left where unauthorised personnel can access it. When the Personal Data is no longer required it must be disposed of by the employee so as to ensure its destruction. If the Personal Data requires to be retained on a physical file, then the employee should ensure that it is affixed to the file which is then stored in accordance with the Association's storage provisions.

6.2 Electronic Storage

Personal Data stored electronically must also be protected from unauthorised use and access. Personal Data should be password protected when being sent internally or externally to the Association's data processors or those with whom the Association has entered into a Data Sharing Agreement. If Personal data is stored on removable media (CD, DVD, USB memory stick) then that removable media must be stored securely at all times when not being used. Personal Data should not be saved directly to mobile devices and should be stored on designated drives and servers.

7. Breaches

7.1 A data breach can occur at any point when handling Personal Data and the Association has reporting duties in the event of a data breach or potential breach occurring. Breaches which pose a risk to the rights and freedoms of the data subjects who are subject of the breach require to be reported externally in accordance with Clause 7.3 hereof.

7.2 Internal Reporting

The Association takes the security of data very seriously and in the unlikely event of a breach will take the following steps:

- As soon as a member of staff becomes aware of or suspects a breach or potential breach, and in any event no later than six (6) hours after becoming aware, the DPO must be notified in writing of (i) the breach; (ii) how it occurred; and (iii) what the likely impact of that breach is on any data subject(s);
- The Association must seek to contain the breach by whatever reasonable means available;
- The DPO must consider whether the breach is one which requires to be reported to the ICO and data subjects affected and do so in accordance with this clause 7;
- Notify third parties in accordance with the terms of any applicable Data Sharing Agreements.

7.3 Reporting to the ICO

The DPO will require to report any breaches which pose a risk to the rights and freedoms of the data subjects who are subject of the breach to the Information Commissioner's Office ("ICO") within 72 hours of becoming aware of the breach. The DPO must also consider whether it is appropriate to notify those data

subjects affected by the breach and must do so where the breach is likely to result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of the data subjects affected by the breach.

8. Data Protection Officer (“DPO”)

- 8.1. A Data Protection Officer is an individual who has an over-arching responsibility and oversight over compliance by the Association with Data Protection laws. The Association has elected to appoint a Data Protection Officer whose details are noted on the Association’s website and contained within the Fair Processing Notice at Appendix 3 hereto.
- 8.2 The DPO will be responsible for:
 - 8.2.1 monitoring the Association’s compliance with Data Protection laws and this Policy;
 - 8.2.2 co-operating with and serving as the Association’s contact for discussions with the ICO; and
 - 8.2.3 reporting breaches or suspected breaches to the ICO and data subjects in accordance with Part 7 hereof.

9. Data Subject Rights

- 9.1 Certain rights are provided to data subjects under UK GDPR. Data Subjects are entitled to access the personal data held about them by the Association, whether in written or electronic form.
- 9.2 Data subjects have a right to request rectification of inaccurate or incomplete data, a restriction of processing their data, a right to be forgotten and a right to object to the Association’s processing of their data. These rights are notified to the Association’s tenants and other customers in the Association’s Fair Processing Notice. Any member of staff who receives a data subject request must pass that request to the DPO immediately on receipt.

9.3 Subject Access Requests

Data Subjects are permitted to access their data held by the Association upon making a request to do so (a Subject Access Request). Upon receipt of a request by a data subject, the Association must respond to the Subject Access Request within one month of the date of receipt of the request. The Association:

- 9.3.1 must provide the data subject with an electronic or hard copy of the personal data requested, unless any exemption to the provision of that data applies in law.
- 9.3.2 where the personal data comprises data relating to other data subjects (and it is not possible to redact that third party data), must take reasonable steps to obtain consent from those data subjects to the disclosure of that personal data to the data subject who has made the Subject Access Request (and in the absence of consent consider whether it is reasonable in all the circumstances to disclose that data), or
- 9.3.3 where the Association does not hold the personal data sought by the data subject, must confirm that it does not hold any personal data sought to the data subject as soon as practicably possible, and in any event, not later than one month from the date on which the request was made.

9.4 The Right to be Forgotten

- 9.4.1 A data subject can exercise their right to be forgotten by submitting a request in writing to the Association seeking that the Association erase the data subject's Personal Data in its entirety.
- 9.4.2 Each request received by the Association will require to be considered on its own merits and legal advice may require to be obtained in relation to such requests from time to time. The DPO will have responsibility for accepting or refusing the data subject's request in accordance with clause 9.4 and will respond in writing to the request.

9.5 The Right to Restrict or Object to Processing

- 9.5.1 A data subject may request that the Association restrict its processing of the data subject's Personal Data, or object to the processing of that data.
 - 9.5.1.1 In the event that any direct marketing is undertaken from time to time by the Association, a data subject has an absolute right to object to processing of this nature by the Association, and if the Association receives a written request to cease processing for this purpose, then it must do so immediately.
- 9.5.2 Each request received by the Association will require to be considered on its own merits and legal advice may require to be obtained in relation to such requests from time to time. The DPO will have responsibility for accepting or refusing the data subject's request in accordance with clause 9.5 and will respond in writing to the request.

10. Privacy Impact Assessments (“PIAs”)

10.1 These are a means of assisting the Association in identifying and reducing the risks that our operations have on personal privacy of data subjects.

10.2 The Association shall:

- 10.2.1 Carry out a PIA before undertaking a project or processing activity which poses a “high risk” to an individual’s privacy. High risk can include, but is not limited to, activities using information relating to health or race, or the implementation of a new IT system for storing and accessing Personal Data; and
- 10.2.2 In carrying out a PIA, include a description of the processing activity, its purpose, an assessment of the need for the processing, a summary of the risks identified and the measures that it will take to reduce those risks, and details of any security measures that require to be taken to protect the personal data.

10.3 The Association will require to consult the ICO in the event that a PIA identifies a high level of risk which cannot be reduced. The Data Protection Officer (“DPO”) will be responsible for such reporting, and where a high level of risk is identified by those carrying out the PIA they require to notify the DPO within five (5) working days.

11. Archiving, Retention and Destruction of Data

The Association cannot store and retain Personal Data indefinitely. It must ensure that Personal data is only retained for the period necessary. The Association shall ensure that all Personal Data is archived and destroyed in accordance with the periods specified within the table at Appendix 5 hereto.

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APPENDIX 1

RELATED POLICIES

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Title:	Information and Communications Technology Policy
Purpose of Strategy:	To outline how the Association's ICT systems are controlled and managed to ensure business continuity and to minimise business risk
Section:	Finance
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Regulatory Standards:	Standard 3 and 4
Reference:	Regulatory Standards of Governance and Financial Management (Scottish Housing Regulator)

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INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY POLICY

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This strategy sets out BHA's procedures for managing and controlling its Information Technology systems to protect equipment and data belonging to Blairtummock Housing Association. This is required to ensure business continuity and minimise business risk. This Policy applies to all Committee Members and Employees and covers the following areas;

- Computer Misuse
- Data Protection
- IT Acceptable use
- Secure storage, transfer and handling of IT equipment and electronic data
- Use of Software
- Virus Protection
- Backup and Disaster Plans
- Email
- Internet
- Remote Access
- Physical Security
- Disposal of Equipment

There are six areas of law, which are important in Information Security:

- Data Protection Act 1998
- Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988
- Computer Misuse Act 1990
- The Human Right Act 1998
- The Regulations of Investigatory Powers Act 2000
- Freedom of Information Legislation (although not legally obliged to comply with we do aim to implement the principles of where possible)

Any breach of security caused by recklessly or deliberately failing to comply with the Information Security Policy could result in disciplinary action and possible prosecution. Guidelines for staff will be produced to give further advice to staff on each of the areas covered by this policy.

The Computer Misuse Act 1990 introduced three criminal offences of unauthorised access, unauthorised access with intent to commit a further serious offence and unauthorised modification of computer material. The legislation was introduced to deal with the issue of computer hacking.

All I.T. facilities at BHA are provided for the purpose of carrying out the business of the Association and employees may only access applications where authorised. Under no circumstances must Association equipment be used for private commercial purposes.

In order to prevent computer misuse, the Association

- Regulates the access of users to different sectors of the Association's database, e.g. access to nominal and purchase ledgers will be limited to those staff who use the ledgers as part of their daily work.
- Ensures that users use their own unique user ID and password. (refer to section 9 for more detail).
- Requires that when employees leave their PC for longer than 15 minutes, then their PC must be locked to prevent unauthorised access
- Requires that when employees leave the office during the course of the working day then they must log out of all systems and shut down their PC.

If the Association suspects there has been a breach of Computer Security under the Computer Misuse Act 1990, it will automatically involve the Police.

4.0 DATA PROTECTION

The Data Protection Act 1998 and General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) covers:

- Information on a computer
- Information which has been recorded to input onto a computer.
- Accessible records, e.g. housing and social work records on individuals.
- Some information in paper and manual records which is contained in a relevant filing system, i.e. any set of information relating to individuals where there is a specific information relating to an individual and it is readily accessible

The aim of the Act/Regulation is to protect the right of the individual citizen against the misuse of personal data by organisations.

The Association has a separate Data Protection Policy (entitled Access to Information Policy) which should be adhered to.

In particular, BHA will seek to ensure compliance with the Act by:

- Registration with the Data Protection Commissioner
- Using data only for the purposes for which it is registered and disclosed only to those individuals and organisations defined in the registration.
- Ensuring personal information is disposed of as confidential waste.

5.0 IT ACCEPTABLE USE

5.1 Introduction

The IT, telephone systems and resources provided by the Association are for Association business only. They should be used in a responsible, legal and ethical manner. Users must not take any action that could bring the Association into disrepute or interfere with Association business.

Occasional personal use is permitted provided it does not interfere with Association business.

5.2 Telephones

Employees are expected to use the telephone for the duties they are employed to undertake. However, the Association recognises that sometimes it is necessary and reasonable for employees to use the telephone for personal calls. Employees are therefore allowed to make and receive personal calls, as long as they are necessary, reasonable and small in number. Personal calls must be kept short and to the point.

Employees are expected to be responsible in exercising this privilege. It may be withdrawn at any time if employees are found to be abusing it. Personal calls should be restricted to personal times as far as possible and they must not interfere with your work or the work of others.

5.3 Email and Internet

Inappropriate use of email and Internet may lead to transfer of viruses or damage to the Association's assets and disciplinary action or criminal prosecution may result.

Employees who have access to email and Internet must keep personal use to a reasonable level e.g. comparable to the above on telephone use. Personal use must only be during personal time e.g. lunch time. All external emails sent must contain the pre approved disclaimer. Internet "surfing" is not permitted.

The Association has its own web site (as part of the Scottish Housing Connections Group) and the Director must approve all information contained in that web site.

5.4 i-Pads

I-Pads are used for communications with Committee members and are provided for that purpose to Committee members. Personal use is acceptable and is recognised as having positive value as it provides ongoing confidence in this technology.

Personal use is not permitted if it interferes with the Association's business through reducing storage capacity on the i-Pad or if it results in additional costs to the Association. As i-Pads could contain confidential information, users need to be ensure that they are kept secure.

5.5 Mobile telephones

Mobile telephones are provided for use by staff for business and safety purposes. As there are charges for outgoing calls, these are not permitted for personal use. Incoming personal calls are permitted on an occasional basis.

5.6 Monitoring Employee Communications

Under the regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000, employers have the right to monitor employee communications in the following circumstances:

- To establish the existence of facts relevant to the employer's business e.g. if deals are concluded by telephone
- To ensure there is compliance with regulatory practices e.g. in financial services
- To ascertain or demonstrate standards to be achieved e.g. to assess the quality of service
- To prevent or detect crime

- To investigate or detect unauthorised use of the system e.g. use of systems for private purposes where this is not allowed or to investigate complaints about explicit emails, etc
- To check for effective operation of the system e.g. to check for viruses
- To check if communications are relevant to the business e.g. checking email and voicemail during staff absences

The Association will not routinely check the communications of its employees except for the last four reasons listed above.

Any employee who receives inappropriate email or is aware of inappropriate use of IT should report it to their line manager for further investigation

6.0 SECURE STORAGE, HANDLING AND TRANSFER OF IT EQUIPMENT AND DATA

6.1 Secure storage and IT handling

To ensure that Staff and Committee should only be able to access the data that they require to carry out their role, the following controls have been put in place;

- All PCs are subject to the password procedure (see section 10).
- When employees leave their PC for longer than 15 minutes, then their PC must be locked to prevent unauthorised access (see section 3)
- When employees leave the office during the course of the working day then they must log out of all systems and shut down their PC (see section 3)
- External devices should not be used with the Association's PCs e.g. memory sticks, hard drives, etc. without the express permission of the Finance Manager who will liaise with the IT Contractors to ensure that they are encrypted.
- Mobile phones used by employees which contain work emails have to be encrypted.
- Safe and certified destruction of redundant PCs and software (see section 13)

6.2 Transfer of electronic data

Where data is transferred either internally or to a third party, it should be done in a secure fashion as below;

- Email attachments with personal data should be password controlled. In addition, personal or sensitive data should not be included in emails
- The offsite back up is encrypted (refer to the Disaster Recovery plan for more detail)
- As at 6.1, only encrypted memory sticks approved by the IT contractors are permitted to be used and staff should minimise the use of them internally and externally due to the risk of loss.

7.0 USE OF SOFTWARE

Software is used in all aspects of business to support the work done by its employees. In all instances, the Association is required under the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 to hold a license for every piece of software used and the Association will not condone the use of any software which does not have a licence.

It will be regarded as a disciplinary matter should any employee be found in possession of or using unlicensed software.

Periodic audits may be carried out to ensure that all of our software is properly licensed in accordance with this policy. Any staff member who finds they are using copied, unlicensed software must report this to their manager and stop using the software.

No staff may purchase software for the Association's use without the express permission of the Finance Manager. The Finance Manager is responsible for maintaining a record of purchase agreements and licences. All hardware purchases are recorded in the Association's asset register.

The Finance Manager will coordinate installation of all software on the Association's network by liaison with the IT contractors.

8.0 VIRUS AND SPAM PROTECTION

The Association will install virus protection software (currently Bitdefender) on its network to protect the Association's IT assets.

The Association will install spam filtering software (currently Everycloud Technologies) to prevent certain emails being delivered and filter some others for review by the user.

9.0 BACK UP AND DISASTER RECOVERY

The Association has in place a Disaster Recovery Plan which includes the server back-up routine. It is the responsibility of the Finance Manager to ensure the daily external back up is taken off site at the end of each working day. In addition, the policy includes contingency plans in the event of the loss of the servers.

10.0 PASSWORD PROCEDURE

Access to the Association's network is controlled by each employee having their own unique user name and password. The following requirements are in place for the passwords;

- Users are required to change their password every 90 days.
- Passwords should not be recorded either electronically or on paper
- Either the Finance Manager or the PA/Office Administrator can re-set passwords. In their absence an email request can be sent to the IT contractors at helpdesk@ClearviewNetworks.co.uk
- All passwords must meet the following complexity requirements
 - Cannot contain the user's account name or parts of the user's full name that exceed two consecutive characters
 - Must be at least seven characters in length
 - Cannot be the same as the last 24 passwords used by the employee
 - Passwords must contain characters from at least three of the following four categories;
 - English uppercase alphabet (A-Z)
 - English lowercase characters (a-z)
 - Base 10 digits
 - Non-alphanumeric characters (e.g. !\$#%)

11.0 REMOTE ACCESS

Since the Covid-19 pandemic, staff have been able to work from home, accessing the server in a secure manner approved by our IT advisors.

12.0 PHYSICAL SECURITY

Threats to the physical security of the IT equipment could seriously impact on the Association's ability to deliver services to the public.

The communications cabinet and the server room are locked with the keys retained by the Finance Manager. Several staff have master keys for the office building which open the server room. The communications cabinet copy key is kept in the safe. The office is protected by fire and intruder alarm systems, which are maintained on an annual basis by an appropriate company with 24 hour off site monitoring.

The Association has insurance relating to its IT equipment and disruption to work.

13.0 DISPOSAL OF PCs AND SOFTWARE

It is the responsibility of the Finance Manager to ensure that redundant PCs and software are disposed of in a way that there is no breach of copyright law. The IT contractor would be used to certify the safe destruction of PCs and software ie that hard drives are wiped prior to disposal and old software destroyed.

Old PCs may be sold to staff and Committee members, but it is their responsibility to ensure that they obtain licensed software to use them.

14.0 REPORTING SECURITY INCIDENTS

An information security incident is an event which causes loss or damage to the Association's data and assets e.g. sabotage, virus infection, fraud, theft and misuse of personal data.

Such incidents must be reported to the Finance Manager, who will then liaise with the IT contractors, as soon as employees become aware of them. This is because such incidents could lead to breach of legislation, financial loss, disruption of service and loss of public confidence.

15.0 BREACHES OF THE POLICY

If any employee feels that acceptable or reasonable use of IT facilities is being unfairly denied, they can raise the matter in accordance with the Grievance procedure.

Any breach of this policy will be subject to investigation in accordance with the Disciplinary procedures.

Appendix I

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY

Title: Information and Communications Technology Strategy

Purpose of Strategy: To set out the priorities for IT investment and development for the remainder of the Business Plan period to 2020.

Section: Finance

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Regulatory Standards: Standard 3 and 4

Reference: Regulatory Standards of Governance and Financial Management (Scottish Housing Regulator)

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ICT STRATEGY

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This strategy sets out BHA's priorities for IT (Information Technology including communications) for the remainder of the Business Plan period to March 2024. This covers the following areas:

1. Computers
2. Associated hardware
3. Associated software
4. Server
5. Licenses
6. Website
7. Telephones
8. Mobile Phones
9. Technology which assists in the improvement of service or operations eg All Pay, SDM enhancements
10. Associated training for staff for all of the above as required

2.0 MANAGEMENT OF IT

The development of IT should always be linked to BHA's priorities set out in the Business Plan.

The Management Team have overall responsibility for ICT and overall strategic and operational support is provided by the Finance Manager. This requires the Finance Manager to

- Understand the needs of individual sections and members of staff
- Implement the priorities decided by the Management Team
- Manage the support services provided by our IT support company (Clearview Networks) and SDM
- Deal directly with minor day to day issues reported by staff

3.0 BUDGET FOR CURRENT BUSINESS PLAN PERIOD

There is an IT budget (as agreed in January 2023) and reported below for the business plan period to March 2024. The budget is reviewed on an annual basis as part of the budget setting process. Due to significant IT investment in 2016, the only identified requirement for capital spend was new projection equipment for the meeting room and reception.

YEAR	CAPITAL BUDGET	REVENUE – IT MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS
2017/18	£3,548	£16,053
2018/19	£0	£16,454

2019/20	£0	£16,865
2020/21	£0	£11,193
2021/22	£0	£11,193
2022/23	£0	£24,473
2023/24	£0	£59,224

4.0 MAINTENANCE/SUPPORT SERVICES

Provision of Support Services

The main IT maintenance and support services are provided as follows:

IT Service	Support Company	Contract renewal	Key Contact	Who to contact in first instance with a problem
General IT Support	Clearview Networks	March 2024	Tim Jenkins	Finance Manager
Housing System	SDM	Annually 1 st January		SDM helpdesk at SDM (helpdesk@SDMhousing.co.uk)
Phone System	Clearview Networks	Ongoing	Tim Jenkins	Finance Manager
Website	Kisweb via Scottish Housing Connections	Annually 1 st April		Community Regeneration Manager
Housing Application register	Home Master	Annually 1 st April	Scott Drever	scott.drever@homemaster.co.uk
Photocopiers	Copyserve	To March 2025	Richard Brammer	Finance Manager

Resolving Problems

Where the issue is related to general IT or the photocopiers i.e. supported by Clearview Networks or Copyserve, then staff should report this in the first instance to the Finance Manager and in her absence, to the Office Manager who will report the matter on behalf of the staff member. This is because it is more efficient if these types of issues are managed by one central BHA staff member.

Clearview are contacted by email on Helpdesk@ClearviewNetworks.co.uk or for an urgent query by calling 0845 557 0091. Copyserve can be contacted on richard@brammers.co.uk or by calling 07976 800804.

The contact details for the other services have been listed above for staff to deal directly with.

Meetings

Meetings will be held with the various support companies as noted below. The purpose of these meetings is to discuss any future developments (with costs to use in the budget process) and to highlight any key problems which cannot be resolved through the standard problem reporting route noted above.

General IT Support

The Finance Manager will meet with the general IT support company annually to discuss any future developments including cost implications so this can be input in the budget process.

SDM

There are two days of training provided within the annual licence renewal and these days are used to discuss future developments.

Kypera

No meetings are held and any support required is provided via the email address listed above.

Scottish Housing Connections

The Community Regeneration Manager will attend quarterly meetings with the SHC website user group, held at various offices, to discuss existing problems and future developments.

Copyserve

No meetings will be held unless specifically required.

APPENDIX 2
MODEL FAIR
PROCESSING NOTICE

Blairtummock Housing Association GDPR Fair Processing Notice (How we use your personal information)

This notice explains what information we collect, when we collect it and how we use this. During the course of our activities, we will process personal data (which may be held on paper, electronically, or otherwise) about you and we recognise the need to treat it in an appropriate and lawful manner. The purpose of this notice is to make you aware of how we will handle your information.

Who are we?

Blairtummock Housing Association, a Scottish Charity (Scottish Charity Number SC036997), a registered society under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 with Registered Number 2354R(s) and having their Registered Office at 45 Boyndie Street, Easterhouse G34 9JL (“**we**” or “**us**”) take the issue of security and data protection very seriously and strictly adhere to the requirements of the Data Protection Act 2018 and the UK Data Protection Regulation.

We are notified as a Data Controller with the Office of the Information Commissioner under registration number Z6353732 and we are the data controller of any personal data that you provide to us.

Our Data Protection Officer is Linda Russell.

Any questions relating to this notice and our privacy practices should be sent to Linda Russell, Blairtummock Housing Association, 45 Boyndie Street, GLASGOW, G34 9JL, by telephone 0141 773 0202 or alternatively by email Linda.Russell@blairtummock.org.uk

How we collect information from you and what information we collect

We collect information about you from:

- Housing Applications;
- Tenancy Sign up documents;
- Tenancy Management Correspondence;
- Repair Requests;
- Factoring Agreement;
- Membership of the Association;

- Use of online services, including social media;
- Any financial transactions including benefits entitlements, and/or any income and expenditure related information;
- When we receive a referral from any third party in respect of your housing arrangements or needs;
- Any other instance where you provide us with your personal information.

We collect the following information about you and your household:

- name;
- address;
- gender;
- date of birth;
- telephone number;
- e-mail address;
- national Insurance Number;
- next of kin or emergency contact;
- ethnicity;
- details of any disability;
- housing benefits reference number;
- details of benefits to which you are entitled;
- payment and bank details;
- details of anyone authorised to act on your behalf;
- your dependents; and
- previous and forwarding addresses.

We receive the following information from third parties:

- Benefits information, including awards of Housing Benefit/ Universal Credit;
- Payments made by you via bank transfer, Allpay or any other method;
- Complaints or other communications, regarding behaviour or other alleged breaches of the terms of your contract with us, including information obtained from Police Scotland;

- Reports as to the conduct or condition of your tenancy, including references from previous landlords and neighbouring tenants;
- Information supplied by the relevant local council with regards to a homeless application.
- Housing application information from Homemaster (software provider) & Provanhall H.A. (as we have a joint application register)
- Other statutory agencies/third sector partners

Why we need this information about you and how it will be used

We need your information and will use your information:

- to undertake and perform our obligations and duties in relation to the services we provide;
- to respond to repair requests, medical adaption requests, housing applications or complaints;
- to use the information to improve and develop our business and the services we offer;
- to record incidents of unacceptable behaviour including health and safety information to protect staff and contractors;
- to manage rent collection, factoring charges and debt collection;
- to keep customers updated on any changes to our supplies or services;
- for all other purposes consistent with the proper performance of our operations and business; and
- to request views on our services.

Where you have entered into a contract with us (a lease, for example) we will process your personal data in order to implement that contract, carry out our contractual obligations and exercise our contractual rights.

Where you are required to provide us with information in terms of your lease or agreement with us, failure to do so, may result in us being unable to give effect to some terms of the contract.

In other cases, we will process your data where it is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest (such as the provision of housing services).

We may also process your personal data as required by law and to comply with a legal obligation to which we are subject.

In some cases, we may require your consent to process certain types of personal data. Where we seek your consent, we will provide full details of what we are seeking consent for, so that you can carefully consider whether to provide consent.

Sharing of Your Information

The information provided to us will be treated as confidential and will be processed only by our employees within the UK. We may disclose information to other third parties who act for us for the purposes set out in this notice or for purposes approved by you, including the following:

- If we enter into a joint venture with or merged with another business entity, your information may be disclosed to our new business partners or owners;
- If we instruct repair or maintenance works, necessary information may be disclosed to our contractors;
- If we are investigating a complaint, information may be disclosed to Police Scotland, Local Authority departments, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service and others involved in any complaint, whether investigating the complaint or otherwise;
- If we are updating tenancy details, your information may be disclosed to third parties (such as utility companies and Local Authority);
- Your information may be shared with our solicitors and auditors;
- If we are investigating payments made or otherwise, your information may be disclosed to payment processors, Local Authority and the Department of Work & Pensions;

- If we are conducting a survey of our products and/or service, your information may be disclosed to third parties assisting in the compilation and analysis of the survey results;
- Your data may be shared with the Department of Work and Pensions, local Authorities or any other relevant department to facilitate the payment of any benefits;
- As requested by the local authority with regards to the processing of council tax or electoral registrar;
- If requested by an emergency service;
- Housing application information from Kypera (software provider) & Provanhall H.A. (as we have a joint application register);
- Other statutory agencies/third sector partners;
- Your name and address is shared with the company who posts our newsletters, annual reports etc;
- In order to pursue or defend legal claims.

Unless required to do so by law, we will not otherwise share, sell or distribute any of the information provided to us without consent.

Where we share personal data with third parties engaged to process personal data on our behalf, we have a written contract in place which only permits them to process your data for specific purposes and in accordance with our instructions.

Transfers outside the UK and Europe

In the event that personal data is transferred outwith the UK, we will ensure that an appropriate contract or other safeguard is in place with any third party to whom data is transferred or that an appropriate legal exemption applies.

Security

We take steps to make sure that personal information is kept secure and safe. All data is held in accordance with Blairtummock Housing Association's Privacy Policy, a copy of this is available on request. Our systems are password protected and all electronic data is stored securely. All paper files are kept in locked cabinets.

How long we will keep your information

We review our data retention periods regularly and will only hold your personal data for as long as is necessary for the relevant activity, or as required by law (we may be legally required to hold some types of information), or as set out in any relevant contract we have with you.

Customer's Rights

You have the right at any time to:

- ask for a copy of the information about you held by us in our records;
- require us to correct any inaccuracies in information held;
- make a request to us to delete or restrict the processing of what personal data we hold;
- object to the processing of your personal data where processing is carried out on the basis of legitimate interests; and
- object to receiving any marketing communications from us.

If you would like to exercise any of your rights please contact Data Protection Officer, Linda Russell, on 0141 773 0202 or email Linda.Russell@blairtummock.org.uk.

You have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office in relation to use of your information. The Information Commissioner's contact details are noted below:

The Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

0303 123 1113
www.ico.org.uk

The accuracy of your information is important to us - please help us keep our records updated by informing us of any changes to your telephone number, email address and other contact details.

APPENDIX 3
MODEL DATA
SHARING AGREEMENT

DATA SHARING AGREEMENT

between

Blairtummock Housing Association, a Scottish Charity (Scottish Charity Number SC036997), a registered society under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 with Registered Number 2354R(S) and having their Registered Office at 45 Boyndie Street, Easterhouse G34 9JL (the "Association");

and

#[Insert organisation name, a # [e.g. Company] registered in terms of the Companies Acts with registered number [registered number] and having its registered office/main office at #[address]] ("#[Party 2]")]) **[Drafting note: amend from Party 2 to suitable defined term];**
(each a "Party" and together the "Parties").

WHEREAS

- (a) The Association and *[Insert name of party]* ("Party 2") intend that this data sharing agreement will form the basis of the data sharing arrangements between the parties (the "Agreement"); and
- (b) The intention of the Parties is that they shall each be independent Data Controllers in respect of the Data that they process under this Agreement.
- (c) Nothing in this Agreement shall alter, supersede, or in any other way affect the terms of *#[insert details of relationship/ contract with Party 2]*

NOW THEREFORE IT IS AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1 DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 In construing this Agreement, capitalised words and expressions shall have the meaning set out opposite:
"Agreement" means this Data Sharing Agreement, as amended from time to time in accordance with its terms, including the Schedule;
"Business Day" means any day which is not a Saturday, a Sunday or a bank or public holiday throughout Scotland;
"Data" means the information which contains Personal Data and Sensitive Personal Data (both of which have the definition ascribed to them in Data Protection Law) described in Part 1;
"Data Controller" has the meaning set out in Data Protection Law;

"Disclosing Party" means the Party (being either the Association or #[Party 2], as appropriate) disclosing Data (or on behalf of whom Data is disclosed to the Data Recipient);

"Data Protection Law" means Law relating to data protection, the processing of personal data and privacy from time to time, including:

- i. the Data Protection Act 2018;
- ii. the UK GDPR as defined by The Data Protection, Privacy and Electronic Communications (Amendment etc.) (EU exit) Regulations 2019 ("UK GDPR");
- iii. the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679;
- iv. the Privacy and Electronic Communications (EC Directive) Regulations 2003 ; and
- v. any legislation that, in respect of the United Kingdom, replaces, or enacts into United Kingdom law, any law relating to data protection, the processing of personal data and privacy;

"Data Recipient" means the party (being either the Association or #[Party 2], as appropriate) to whom Data is disclosed;

"Data Subject" means any identifiable individual to whom any Data relates: and the categories of data subjects within the scope of this Agreement are listed in Part 1;

"Data Subject Request" means a written request of either party as Data Controller by or on behalf of a Data Subject to exercise any rights conferred by Data Protection Law in relation to the data or the activities of the parties contemplated by this Agreement;

"Disclosing Party" means the party (being either the Association or #[Party 2], as appropriate) disclosing Data to the Data Recipient;

"Information Commissioner" means the UK Information Commissioner and any successor;

"Law" means any statute, directive, other legislation, law or regulation in whatever form, delegated act (under any of the foregoing), rule, order of any court having valid jurisdiction or other binding restriction, decision or guidance in force from time to time;

"Legal Basis" means in relation to either Party, the legal basis for sharing the Data as described in Clause XX and as set out in Part 2;

"Purpose" means the purpose referred to in Part 2;

"Representatives" means, as the context requires, the representative of the Association and/or the representative of #[Party 2] as detailed in Part 4 of the Schedule. The same may be

changed from time to time on notice in writing by the relevant Party to the other Party;

"Schedule" means the Schedule in 6 Parts annexed to this Agreement and a reference to a "Part" is to a Part of the Schedule; and

"Security Measures" has the meaning given to that term in Clause 1.2 **Error! Reference source not found.**

1.2 In this Agreement unless the context otherwise requires:

1.2.1 words and expressions defined in Data Protection Law shall have the same meanings in this Agreement so that, in the case of Data Protection Law, words and expressions shall be interpreted in accordance with:

- (a) the Data Protection Act 2018,;
- (b) the UK GDPR as defined by The Data Protection, Privacy and Electronic Communications (Amendment etc.) (EU exit) Regulations 2019 ("UK GDPR"); and

- (c) the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679, where applicable,;

1.2.2 all as amended, replaced or repealed from time to time; more generally, references to statutory provisions include those statutory provisions as amended, replaced, re-enacted for the time being in force and shall include any bye-laws, statutory instruments, rules, regulations, orders, notices, codes of practice, directions, consents or permissions and guidelines (together with any conditions attached to the foregoing) made thereunder;

2 DATA SHARING

Purpose and Legal Basis

2.1 The Parties agree to share the Data for the Purpose in accordance with the provisions of Part 2 of the Schedule.

2.2 Save as provided for in this Agreement, the Parties agree not to use any Data disclosed in terms of this Agreement in a way that is incompatible with the Purpose.

- 2.3 Each Party shall ensure that it processes the Data fairly and lawfully in accordance with Data Protection Law and each Party as Disclosing Party warrants to the other Party in relation to any Data disclosed, that such disclosure is justified by a Legal Basis.

Parties Relationship

- 2.4 The Parties agree that the relationship between them is such that any processing of the Data shall be on a Data Controller to Data Controller basis. The Data Recipient agrees that:
- 2.4.1 it is a separate and independent Data Controller in respect of the Data that it processes under this Agreement, and that the Parties are not joint Data Controllers or Data Controllers in common;
 - 2.4.2 it is responsible for complying with the obligations incumbent on it as a Data Controller under Data Protection Law (including responding to any Data Subject Request);
 - 2.4.3 it shall comply with its obligations under Part 6 of the Schedule;
 - 2.4.4 it shall not transfer any of the Data outside the United Kingdom except to the extent agreed by the Disclosing Party;
 - 2.4.5 Provided that where the Data has been transferred outside the United Kingdom, the Disclosing Party may require that the Data is transferred back to within the United Kingdom:
 - (a) on giving not less than 3 months' notice in writing to that effect; or
 - (b) at any time in the event of a change in Law which makes it unlawful for the Data to be processed in the jurisdiction outside the United Kingdom where it is being processed; and
 - 2.4.6 it shall implement appropriate technical and organisational measures including the security measures set out in Part 5 of the Schedule (the "**Security Measures**"), so as to ensure an appropriate level of security is adopted to mitigate the risks associated with its processing of the Data, including against unauthorised or unlawful processing, accidental or unlawful destruction, loss, alteration, unauthorised disclosure of or damage or access to such Data.
- 2.5 The Disclosing Party undertakes to notify in writing the other as soon as practicable if an error is discovered in Data which has been provided to the Data Recipient, to ensure that the Data Recipient is then able to correct its records. Such notification is

required whether the error is discovered through existing Data quality initiatives or is flagged up through some other route (such as the existence of errors being directly notified to the Disclosing Party by the Data Subjects themselves).

Transferring Data

- 2.6 Subject to the Data Recipient's compliance with the terms of this Agreement, the Disclosing Party undertakes to endeavour to provide the Data to the Data Recipient on a non-exclusive basis in accordance with the transfer arrangements detailed in Part 3 of the Schedule.

3 BREACH NOTIFICATION

- 3.1 Each Party shall, promptly (and, in any event, no later than 12 hours after becoming aware of the breach or suspected breach) notify the other party in writing of any breach or suspected breach of any of that Party's obligations in terms of Clauses 1 and/or 2 and of any other unauthorised or unlawful processing of any of the Data and any other loss or destruction of or damage to any of the Data. Such notification shall specify (at a minimum):
- 3.1.1 the nature of the personal data breach or suspected breach;
 - 3.1.2 the date and time of occurrence;
 - 3.1.3 the extent of the Data and Data Subjects affected or potentially affected, the likely consequences of any breach (in the case of a suspected breach, should it have occurred) for Data Subjects affected by it and any measures taken or proposed to be taken by that party to contain the breach or suspected breach; and
 - 3.1.4 any other information that the other Party shall require in order to discharge its responsibilities under Data Protection Law in relation to such breach or suspected breach.
- 3.2 The Party who has suffered the breach or suspected breach shall thereafter promptly, at the other Party's expense: (i) provide the other Party with all such information as the other Party reasonably requests in connection with such breach or suspected breach; (ii) take such steps as the other Party reasonably requires it to take to mitigate the detrimental effects of any such breach or suspected breach on any of the Data Subjects and/or on the other Party; and (iii) otherwise cooperate with the other Party in investigating and

dealing with such breach or suspected breach and its consequences.

- 3.3 The rights conferred under this Clause 3 are without prejudice to any other rights and remedies for breach of this Agreement whether in contract or otherwise in law.

4 DURATION, REVIEW AND AMENDMENT

- 4.1 This Agreement shall come into force immediately on being executed by all the Parties and continue for #[***insert termination: this will be when Parties cease sharing data in terms of contractual relationship with each other***], unless terminated earlier by the Disclosing Party in accordance with Clause 4.5.
- 4.2 This Agreement will be reviewed one year after it comes into force and every two years thereafter until termination or expiry in accordance with its terms.
- 4.3 In addition to these scheduled reviews and without prejudice to Clause 4.5, the Parties will also review this Agreement and the operational arrangements which give effect to it, if any of the following events takes place:
- 4.3.1 the terms of this Agreement have been breached in any material aspect, including any security breach or data loss in respect of Data which is subject to this Agreement; or
 - 4.3.2 the Information Commissioner or any of his or her authorised staff recommends that the Agreement be reviewed.
- 4.4 Any amendments to this Agreement will only be effective when contained within a formal amendment document which is formally executed in writing by both Parties.
- 4.5 In the event that the Disclosing Party has any reason to believe that the Data Recipient is in breach of any of its obligations under this Agreement, the Disclosing Party may at its sole discretion:
- 4.5.1 suspend the sharing of Data until such time as the Disclosing Party is reasonably satisfied that the breach will not re-occur; and/or
 - 4.5.2 terminate this Agreement immediately by written notice to the Data Recipient if the Data Recipient commits a material breach of this Agreement which (in the case of a breach

capable of a remedy) it does not remedy within five (5) Business Days of receiving written notice of the breach.

- 4.6 Where the Disclosing Party exercises its rights under Clause 4.5, it may request the return of the Data (in which case the Data Recipient shall, no later than fourteen (14) days after receipt of such a written request from the Disclosing Party, at the Disclosing Party's option, return or permanently erase/destroy all materials held by or under the control of the Data Recipient which contain or reflect the Data and shall not retain any copies, extracts or other reproductions of the Data either in whole or in part and shall confirm having done so to the other Party in writing), save that the Data Recipient will be permitted to retain one copy for the purpose of complying with, and for so long as required by, any law or judicial or administrative process or for its legitimate internal compliance and/or record keeping requirements.

5 LIABILITY

- 5.1 Nothing in this Agreement limits or excludes the liability of either Party for:
- 5.1.1 death or personal injury resulting from its negligence; or
 - 5.1.2 any damage or liability incurred as a result of fraud by its personnel; or
 - 5.1.3 any other matter to the extent that the exclusion or limitation of liability for that matter is not permitted by law.
- 5.2 The Data Recipient indemnifies the Disclosing Party against any reasonable losses, costs, damages, awards of compensation, any monetary penalty notices or administrative fines for breach of Data Protection Law and/or expenses (including legal fees and expenses) suffered, incurred by the Disclosing Party, or awarded, levied or imposed against the other party, as a direct result of any breach by the Data Recipient of its obligations under this Agreement. Any such liability arising from the terms of this Clause 5.2 is limited to £# (# STERLING) in the aggregate for the duration of this Agreement.
- 5.3 Subject to Clauses 5.1 and 5.2 above:
- 5.3.1 each Party excludes all liability for breach of any conditions implied by law (including any conditions of accuracy, security, completeness, satisfactory quality, fitness for purpose, freedom from viruses, worms, trojans or other

- hostile computer programs, non-infringement of proprietary rights and the use of reasonable care and skill) which but for this Agreement might have effect in relation to the Data;
- 5.3.2 neither Party shall in any circumstances be liable to the other party for any actions, claims, demands, liabilities, damages, losses, costs, charges and expenses that the other party may suffer or incur in connection with, or arising (directly or indirectly) from, any use of or reliance on the Data provided to them by the other Party; and
- 5.3.3 use of the Data by both Parties is entirely at their own risk and each party shall make its own decisions based on the Data, notwithstanding that this Clause shall not prevent one party from offering clarification and guidance to the other party as to appropriate interpretation of the Data.

6 DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- 6.1 The Parties hereby agree to act in good faith at all times to attempt to resolve any dispute or difference relating to the subject matter of, and arising under, this Agreement.
- 6.2 If the Representatives dealing with a dispute or difference are unable to resolve this themselves within twenty (20) Business Days of the issue arising, the matter shall be escalated to the following individuals in Part 4 of the Schedule identified as escalation points who will endeavour in good faith to resolve the issue.
- 6.3 In the event that the Parties are unable to resolve the dispute amicably within a period of twenty (20) Business Days from date on which the dispute or difference was escalated in terms of Clause 6.2, the matter may be referred to a mutually agreed mediator. If the identity of the mediator cannot be agreed, a mediator shall be chosen by the Dean of the Royal Faculty of Procurators in Glasgow.
- 6.4 If mediation fails to resolve the dispute or if the chosen mediator indicates that the dispute is not suitable for mediation, and the Parties remain unable to resolve any dispute or difference in accordance with Clauses 6.1 to 6.3, then either Party may, by notice in writing to the other Party, refer the dispute for determination by the courts in accordance with Clause 8.1.
- 6.5 The provisions of Clauses 6.1 to 6.4 do not prevent either Party from applying for an interim court order whilst the Parties attempt to resolve a dispute.

7 NOTICES

- 7.1 Any Notices to be provided in terms of this Agreement must be provided in writing and addressed to the relevant Party in accordance with the contact details noted in Part 4 of the Schedule, and will be deemed to have been received (i) if delivered personally, on the day of delivery; (ii) if sent by first class post or other next working day delivery, the second day after posting; (iii) if by courier, the date and time of the courier's delivery receipt if signed; or (iv) if by fax, the date and time of the fax receipt.

8 GOVERNING LAW

- 8.1 This Agreement and any dispute or claim arising out of or in connection with it or its subject matter or formation (including non-contractual disputes or claims) (a "**Dispute**") shall, in all respects, be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of Scotland. Subject to Clause 6, the Parties agree that the Scottish Courts shall have exclusive jurisdiction in relation to any Dispute.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF these presents consisting of this and the preceding 6 pages together with the Schedule in 6 parts hereto are executed by the Parties hereto as follows:

On behalf of the Association
at

on
by

Print Full Name

Director/Secretary/Authorised
Signatory

before this witness

Print Full Name

Witness

Address

On behalf of #[Party 2]
at

on
by

Print Full Name

Director/Secretary/Authorised
Signatory

before this witness

Print Full Name

Witness

Address

THIS IS THE SCHEDULE REFERRED TO IN THE FOREGOING DATA SHARING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ASSOCIATION AND #[PARTY 2]

SCHEDULE PART 1 – DATA

Drafting Note: This Part should contain details of the Personal Data to be shared between Parties and will need to be populated on a case by case basis when utilising this Agreement.

DATA SUBJECTS

For the purposes of this Agreement, Data Subjects are all living persons about whom information is transferred between the Parties.

SCHEDULE PART 2: PURPOSE AND LEGAL BASIS FOR PROCESSING

Purpose

The Parties are exchanging Data to allow #[insert details].

Legal Basis

#[insert details - this will require specific requirements to be drafted in to the model Agreement depending on the relationship between the Association and Party 2]

SCHEDULE PART 3 - DATA TRANSFER RULES

Information exchange can only work properly in practice if it is provided in a format which the Data Recipient can utilise. It is also important that the Data is disclosed in a manner which ensures that no unauthorised reading, copying, altering or deleting of personal data occurs during electronic transmission or transportation of the Data. The Parties therefore agree that to the extent that data is physically transported, the following media are used:

- Face to face
- Secure email
- Courier
- Encrypted removable media
- Dropbox

The data is encrypted, with the following procedure(s):

- **#[insert details]**

**SCHEDULE PART 4 – REPRESENTATIVES
Contact Details**

Association

Name: #
Job Title: #
Address: #
E-mail: #
Telephone Number: #

#[Party 2]

Name: #
Job Title: #
Address: #
E-mail: #
Telephone Number: #

SCHEDULE PART 5 – SECURITY MEASURES

1 The Parties shall each implement an organisational information security policy.

2 Physical Security

2.1 Any use of data processing systems by unauthorised persons must be prevented by means of appropriate technical (keyword / password protection) and organisational (user master record) access controls regarding user identification and authentication. Any hacking into the systems by unauthorised persons must be prevented. Specifically, the following technical and organisational measures are in place:

The unauthorised use of IT systems is prevented by:

- User ID
- Password assignment
- Lock screen with password activation
- Each authorised user has a private password known only to themselves
- Regular prompts for password amendments
[Delete/amend as appropriate]

The following additional measures are taken to ensure the security of any Data:

- Network Username
- Network Password
- Application Username
- Application Password
- Application Permissions and access restricted to those who require it (*Drafting Note: though this is no longer recommended so individual members may wish to delete*)
[Delete/ amend as appropriate]

3 Disposal of Assets

3.1 Where information supplied by a Party no longer requires to be retained, any devices containing Personal Data should be physically destroyed or the information should be destroyed, deleted or overwritten using techniques to make the original information non-retrievable rather than using the standard delete or format function.

4 Malicious software and viruses

Each Party must ensure that:

- 4.1.1 PCs used in supporting the service are supplied with anti-virus software and anti-virus and security updates are promptly applied.
- 4.1.2 All files received by one Party from the other are scanned to ensure that no viruses are passed.
- 4.1.3 The Parties must notify each other of any virus infections that could affect their systems on Data transfer.

SCHEDULE PART 6 – DATA GOVERNANCE

Data accuracy

The Disclosing Party shall make reasonable efforts to ensure that Data provided to the Data Recipient is accurate, up-to-date and relevant.

In the event that any information, in excess of information reasonably required in order to allow both organisations to comply with their obligations, is shared, the Data Recipient will notify the other party immediately and arrange the secure return of the information and secure destruction of any copies of that information.

Data retention and deletion rules

The Parties shall independently determine what is appropriate in terms of their own requirements for data retention.

Both Parties acknowledge that Data that is no longer required by either organisation will be securely removed from its systems and any printed copies securely destroyed.

APPENDIX 4
MODEL DATA
PROTECTION ADDENDUM

DATA PROTECTION ADDENDUM

Between

Blairtummock Housing Association, a Scottish Charity (Scottish Charity Number SC036997, a registered society under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 with Registered Number 2354R(S) and having their Registered Office at 45 Boyndie Street, Easterhouse G34 9JL (the "Association");

And

(Insert company name), a company registered in terms of the Companies Acts with registered number *[registered number]* and having its registered office *(Insert company address)* (the "Processor") (each a "**Party**" and together the "**Parties**")

WHEREAS

- (d) The Association and the Processor have entered into an agreement/ contract to #[insert detail] (hereinafter the "Principal Agreement"/"Principal Contract");
- (e) This Data Protection Addendum forms part of the Principal Agreement/Principal Contract (*delete as appropriate); and
- (f) In consideration of the mutual obligations set out herein, the Parties hereby agree that the terms and conditions set out below shall be added as an Addendum to the Principal Agreement. Except where the context requires otherwise, references in this Addendum to the Principal Agreement are to the Principal Agreement as amended by, and including, this Addendum.

1. Definitions

- 1.1 The terms used in this Addendum shall have the meanings set forth in this Addendum. Capitalised terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning given to them in the Principal Agreement. Except as modified below, the terms of the Principal Agreement/Contract shall remain in full force and effect. In this Addendum, the following terms shall have the meanings set out below and cognate terms shall be construed accordingly:

- 1.1.1 "**Applicable Laws**" means UK and, where applicable, European Union law with respect to the processing of

- Personal Data including the UK GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018;
- 1.1.2 "**Association Personal Data**" means any Personal Data Processed by a Contracted Processor on behalf of the Association pursuant to or in connection with the Principal Agreement/Contract;
- 1.1.3 "**Contracted Processor**" means Processor or a Subprocessor;
- 1.1.4 "**UK GDPR**" means UK GDPR as defined by The Data Protection, Privacy and Electronic Communications (Amendment etc.) (EU exit) Regulations 2019
- 1.1.5 "**Services**" means the services and other activities to be supplied to or carried out by or on behalf of the Processor for the Association pursuant to the Principal Agreement/ Contract;
- 1.1.6 "**Subprocessor**" means any person (including any third party and any , but excluding an employee of Processor or any of its sub-contractors) appointed by or on behalf of Processor which is engaged in the Processing of Personal Data on behalf of the Association in connection with the Principal Agreement/Contract; and
- 1.2 The terms, "**Commission**", "**Controller**", "**Data Subject**", "**Member State**", "**Personal Data**", "**Personal Data Breach**", "**Processing**" and "**Supervisory Authority**" shall have the same meaning as in the UK GDPR, and their related terms shall be construed accordingly.
- 1.3 The word "include" shall be construed to mean include without limitation, and cognate terms shall be construed accordingly.

2. Processing of Association Personal Data

- 2.1 The Processor shall:
- 2.1.1 comply with all applicable Laws in the Processing of Association Personal Data; and
- 2.1.2 not Process Association Personal Data other than on the Association's documented instructions unless Processing is required by Applicable Laws to which the relevant Contracted Processor is subject, in which case the Processor shall to the extent permitted by Applicable Laws inform the Association of that legal requirement before the relevant Processing of that Personal Data.
- 2.1.3 The Association instructs the Processor (and authorises Processor to instruct each Subprocessor) to:

- 2.1.3.1 *Process Association Personal Data as reasonably necessary for the provision of the Services and consistent with the Principal Agreement/Contract; and*
- 2.1.3.2 *only transfer Association Personal Data to any country or territory outwith the UK or to any international organisation with the Association's prior written consent and where both a data transfer risk assessment has been carried out and on the basis of an adequacy decision; where the appropriate contractual arrangements have been agreed by the appropriate parties; appropriate safeguards are in place; or a legal exemption is established prior to any such data transfer taking place;*

and

- 2.1.4 warrants and represents that it is and will at all relevant times remain duly and effectively authorised to give the instruction set out in section 2.2.1.

3. Processor and Personnel

The Processor shall take reasonable steps to ensure the reliability of any employee, agent or contractor of any Contracted Processor who may have access to the Association Personal Data, ensuring in each case that access is strictly limited to those individuals who need to know / access the relevant Association Personal Data, as strictly necessary for the purposes of the Principal Agreement, and to comply with Applicable Laws in the context of that individual's duties to the Contracted Processor, ensuring that all such individuals are subject to confidentiality undertakings or professional or statutory obligations of confidentiality.

4. Security

- 4.1 Taking into account the state of the art, the costs of implementation and the nature, scope, context and purposes of Processing as well as the risk of varying likelihood and severity for the rights and freedoms of natural persons, the Processor shall in relation to the Association Personal Data implement appropriate technical and organizational measures to ensure a level of security appropriate to that risk, including, as appropriate, the measures referred to in Article 32(1) of the UK GDPR.

4.2 In assessing the appropriate level of security, the Processor shall take account in particular of the risks that are presented by Processing, in particular from a Personal Data Breach.

5. **Subprocessing**

5.1 The Association authorises the Processor to appoint (and permit each Subprocessor appointed in accordance with this section 5 to appoint) Subprocessors in accordance with this section 5 and any restrictions in the Principal Agreement.

5.2 The Processor may continue to use those Subprocessors already engaged by the Processor as at the date of this Addendum, subject to the Processor in each case meeting the obligations set out in section 5.4.

5.3 The Processor shall give the Association prior written notice of its intention to appoint a Subprocessor, including full details of the Processing to be undertaken by the Subprocessor. The Processor shall not appoint (nor disclose any Association Personal Data to) the proposed Subprocessor except with the prior written consent of the Association.

5.4 With respect to each Subprocessor, the Processor shall:

5.4.1 before the Subprocessor first Processes Association Personal Data (or, where relevant, in accordance with section 5.2), carry out adequate due diligence to ensure that the Subprocessor is capable of providing the level of protection for Association Personal Data required by this Addendum;

5.4.2 ensure that the arrangement between on the one hand (a) the Processor, or (b) the relevant intermediate Subprocessor; and on the other hand the Subprocessor, is governed by a written contract including terms which offer at least the same level of protection for Association Personal Data as those set out in this Addendum and meet the requirements of article 28(3) of the UK GDPR; and

5.4.3 provide to the Association for review such copies of the Contracted Processors' agreements with Subprocessors (which may be redacted to remove confidential commercial information not relevant to the requirements of this Addendum) as the Association may request from time to time.

5.5 The Processor shall ensure that each Subprocessor performs the obligations under sections 2.1, 3, 4, 6.1, 7.2, 8 and 10.1, as they apply to Processing of Association Personal Data carried out by

that Subprocessor, as if it were party to this Addendum in place of the Processor.

6. Data Subject Rights

6.1 Taking into account the nature of the Processing, the Processor shall assist the Association by implementing appropriate technical and organisational measures, insofar as this is possible, for the fulfilment of the Association's obligations to respond to requests to exercise Data Subject rights under the Applicable Laws.

6.2 The Processor shall:

6.2.1 promptly notify the Association if any Contracted Processor receives a request from a Data Subject under any Data Protection Law in respect of Association Personal Data; and

6.2.2 ensure that the Contracted Processor does not respond to that request except on the documented instructions of the Association or as required by Applicable Laws to which the Contracted Processor is subject, in which case the Processor shall to the extent permitted by Applicable Laws inform the Association of that legal requirement before the Contracted Processor responds to the request.

7. Personal Data Breach

7.1 The Processor shall notify the Association without undue delay upon the Processor or any Subprocessor becoming aware of a Personal Data Breach affecting the Association Personal Data, providing the Association with sufficient information to allow it to meet any obligations to report or inform Data Subjects of the Personal Data Breach under the Applicable Laws.

7.2 The Processor shall co-operate with the Association and at its own expense take such reasonable commercial steps as are directed by the Association to assist in the investigation, mitigation and remediation of each such Personal Data Breach.

8. Data Protection Impact Assessment and Prior Consultation

The Processor shall provide reasonable assistance to the Association with any data protection impact assessments, and prior consultations with Supervising Authorities or other competent data privacy authorities, which the Association reasonably considers to be required by article 35 or 36 of the UK GDPR, in each case solely in relation to Processing of Association Personal Data by and, taking into account the nature of the Processing and information available to, the Contracted Processors.

9. Deletion or return of Association Personal Data

9.1 Subject to sections 9.2 and 9.3, the Processor shall promptly and in any event within seven (7) days of the date of cessation of any Services involving the Processing of Association Personal Data (the "Cessation Date"), delete and procure the deletion of all copies of those Company Personal Data.

9.2 Subject to section 9.3, the Association may in its absolute discretion by written notice to the Processor within seven (7) days of the Cessation Date require the Processor to (a) return a complete copy of all Association Personal Data to the Association by secure file transfer in such format as is reasonably notified by the Association to the Processor; and (b) delete and procure the deletion of all other copies of Association Personal Data Processed by any Contracted Processor. The Processor shall comply with any such written request within seven (7) days of the Cessation Date.

9.3 Each Contracted Processor may retain Association Personal Data to the extent required by Applicable Laws and only to the extent and for such period as required by Applicable Laws and always provided that the Processor shall ensure the confidentiality of all such Company Personal Data and shall ensure that such Company Personal Data is only Processed as necessary for the purpose(s) specified in the Applicable Laws requiring its storage and for no other purpose.

9.4 Processor shall provide written certification to the Association that it has fully complied with this section 9 within fourteen (14) days of the Cessation Date.

10. Audit rights

10.1 Subject to sections 10.2 and 10.3, the Processor shall make available the Association on request all information necessary to demonstrate compliance with this Addendum, and shall allow for and contribute to audits, including inspections, by the Association

or an auditor mandated by the Association in relation to the Processing of the Association Personal Data by the Contracted Processors.

- 10.2 Information and audit rights of the Association only arise under section 10.1 to the extent that the Principal Agreement/Contract does not otherwise give them information and audit rights meeting the relevant requirements of Data Protection Law (including, where applicable, article 28(3)(h) of the UK GDPR).
- 10.3 Where carrying out an audit of Personal Data, the Association shall give the Processor reasonable notice of any audit or inspection to be conducted under section 10.1 and shall make (and ensure that each of its mandated auditors makes) reasonable endeavours to avoid causing (or, if it cannot avoid, to minimise) any damage, injury or disruption to the Contracted Processors' premises, equipment, personnel and business while its personnel are on those premises in the course of such an audit or inspection. A Contracted Processor need not give access to its premises for the purposes of such an audit or inspection:
 - 10.3.1 to any individual unless they produce reasonable evidence of identity and authority; or
 - 10.3.2 outside normal business hours at those premises, unless the audit or inspection needs to be conducted on an emergency basis and the Association undertaking an audit has given notice to the Processor that this is the case before attendance outside those hours begins.

11. General Terms

Governing law and jurisdiction

- 11.1 The Parties hereby submit to the choice of jurisdiction stipulated in the Principal Agreement/Contract with respect to any disputes or claims howsoever arising under this Addendum, including disputes regarding its existence, validity or termination or the consequences of its nullity; and
- 11.2 this Addendum and all non-contractual or other obligations arising out of or in connection with it are governed by the laws of the country or territory stipulated for this purpose in the Principal Agreement/Contract.

Order of precedence

- 11.3 Nothing in this Addendum reduces the Processor's obligations under the Principal Agreement/Contract in relation to the protection of Personal Data or permits the Processor to Process (or permit

the Processing of) Personal Data in a manner which is prohibited by the Principal Agreement/Contract.

11.4 Subject to section 11.2, with regard to the subject matter of this Addendum, in the event of inconsistencies between the provisions of this Addendum and any other agreements between the parties, including the Principal Agreement/Contract and including (except where explicitly agreed otherwise in writing, signed on behalf of the parties) agreements entered into or purported to be entered into after the date of this Addendum, the provisions of this Addendum shall prevail.

Changes in Applicable Laws, etc.

11.5 The Association may:

11.5.1 propose any other variations to this Addendum which the Association reasonably considers to be necessary to address the requirements of any Data Protection Law.

Severance

11.6 Should any provision of this Addendum be invalid or unenforceable, then the remainder of this Addendum shall remain valid and in force. The invalid or unenforceable provision shall be either (i) amended as necessary to ensure its validity and enforceability, while preserving the parties' intentions as closely as possible or, if this is not possible, (ii) construed in a manner as if the invalid or unenforceable part had never been contained therein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Addendum is entered into and becomes a binding part of the Principal Agreement with effect from the date first set out above.

On behalf of the Association
at

on
by

Print Full Name

Director/Secretary/Authorised
Signatory

before this witness

Print Full Name

Witness

Address

On behalf of the Processor
at

on
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Print Full Name

before this witness

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APPENDIX 5
DATA RETENTION
PERIODS GUIDELINES

Data Retention Periods

The table below sets out retention periods for Personal Data held and processed by the Association. It is intended to be used as a guide only. The Association recognises that not all Personal Data can be processed and retained for the same duration, and retention will depend on the individual circumstances relative to the Data Subject whose Personal Data is stored.

Type of record	Suggested retention time
Membership records	5 years after last contact
Personal files including training records and notes of disciplinary and grievance hearings	5 years to cover the time limit for bringing any civil legal action, including national minimum wage claims and contractual claims
Redundancy details, calculations of payments, refunds, notification to the Secretary of State	7 years from the date of the redundancy
Application forms, interview notes	Minimum 6 months to a year from date of interviews. Successful applicants documents should be transferred to personal file.
Documents proving the right to work in the UK	2 years after employment ceases.
Facts relating to redundancies	7 years if less than 20 redundancies. 12 years if 20 or more redundancies.
Payroll	7 years after the end of the tax year they relate to

Income tax, NI returns, correspondence with tax office	At least 7 years after the end of the tax year they relate to
Retirement benefits schemes – notifiable events, e.g. relating to incapacity	7 years from end of the scheme year in which the event took place
Pensioners records	12 years after the benefit ceases
Statutory maternity/paternity and adoption pay records, calculations, certificates (MAT 1Bs) or other medical evidence	7 years after the end of the tax year to which they relate
Parental Leave	18 years
Statutory Sick Pay records, calculations, certificates, self-certificates	7 years payroll records 3 year for remaining files
Wages/salary records, expenses, bonuses	7 years
Records relating to working time	2 years from the date they were made
Accident books and records and reports of accidents	3 years after the date of the last entry
Health and Safety assessments and records of consultations with safety representatives and committee	Permanently
Health records	During employment and 3 years thereafter if reason for termination of employment is connected to health
Board Members Documents	5 years after cessation of membership

Documents relation to successful tenders	5 years after end of contract
Documents relating to unsuccessful form of tender	5 years after notification
Applicants for accommodation	5 years
Housing Benefits Notifications	Duration of Tenancy
Tenancy files	Duration of Tenancy
Former tenants' files (key info)	5 years
Third Party documents re care plans	Duration of Tenancy
Records re offenders. Ex-offenders (sex offender register)	Duration of Tenancy
Lease documents	5 years after lease termination
ASB case files	5 years/end of legal action
Board meetings/residents' meetings	Duration of business
Minute of factoring meetings	Duration of appointment