



Our Annual Assurance Statement

As a registered social landlord we must submit an **Annual Assurance Statement** to the Scottish Housing Regulator by 31st October each year.

We must make a copy available to all our tenants.

To view a copy of our 2024 Annual Assurance Statement visit the **Information & Publications** page at www.westgrantonhousing.coop

The statement is our way of informing the Regulator if we comply with all their regulatory standards and all our other legislative requirements.

The statement covers:

- Tenant Safety (including gas and electrical safety)
- The standards/outcomes of the Scottish Social Housing Charter
- Standards of Governance and Financial Management
- All our other legal duties including dealing with complaints

In our Statement, we must inform the Regulator if we are:

- compliant
- working towards compliance or
- non-compliant

To help the Committee decide on WGHC's level of compliance we ask to receive assurance throughout the year and on an ongoing basis. This is done through various performance and financial reports alongside a large digital evidence bank covering all the areas of the business.

“It is our opinion, as of October 2024, WGHC is compliant”

Colin Fraser
Chairperson
WGHC Committee
of Management



Housing Minister visits WGHC on World Homeless Day

Housing Minister, Paul McLennan, visited WGHC on World Homeless Day (10th October). He used the occasion to outline how the Scottish Government's new Housing (Scotland) Housing Bill aims to tackle homelessness.

The Bill includes new homelessness prevention duties, which place a stronger emphasis on early intervention and co-ordinated support, to help people avoid homelessness. The Minister went on to say:

“One of those duties will be for social landlords to develop and implement a policy outlining how they support tenants experiencing domestic abuse. West Granton Housing Co-operative is leading the way on this already by implementing measures to support survivors”



L to R: Larke Adger (CEO), Paul McLennan (Housing Minister) and David Mills (COO)

WGHC nominated for 2 awards!

WGHC has been nominated for 2 awards and, coincidentally, both are being announced on the same evening – 1 in Edinburgh, the other in Glasgow:

- TIS National Excellence Awards 2024, **“Housing Organisation of the Year award”**
- Social Enterprise Awards Scotland Reception 2024, **“Inclusive and Democratic Business Model award”**



As both awards are being presented at the same time on the same day, we have an...

Important announcement

Our office will close at:
1pm on Thursday 7th November

We will re-open on:
Friday 8th November at 9am



WGHC welcomes new staff

Jim Bernard

Planned Maintenance Officer

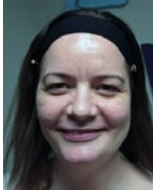
Jim Bernard is our new Planned Maintenance Officer and will work alongside our Maintenance Officer, Les Graham. Jim will have responsibility for the planned management of our WGHC assets (our properties).



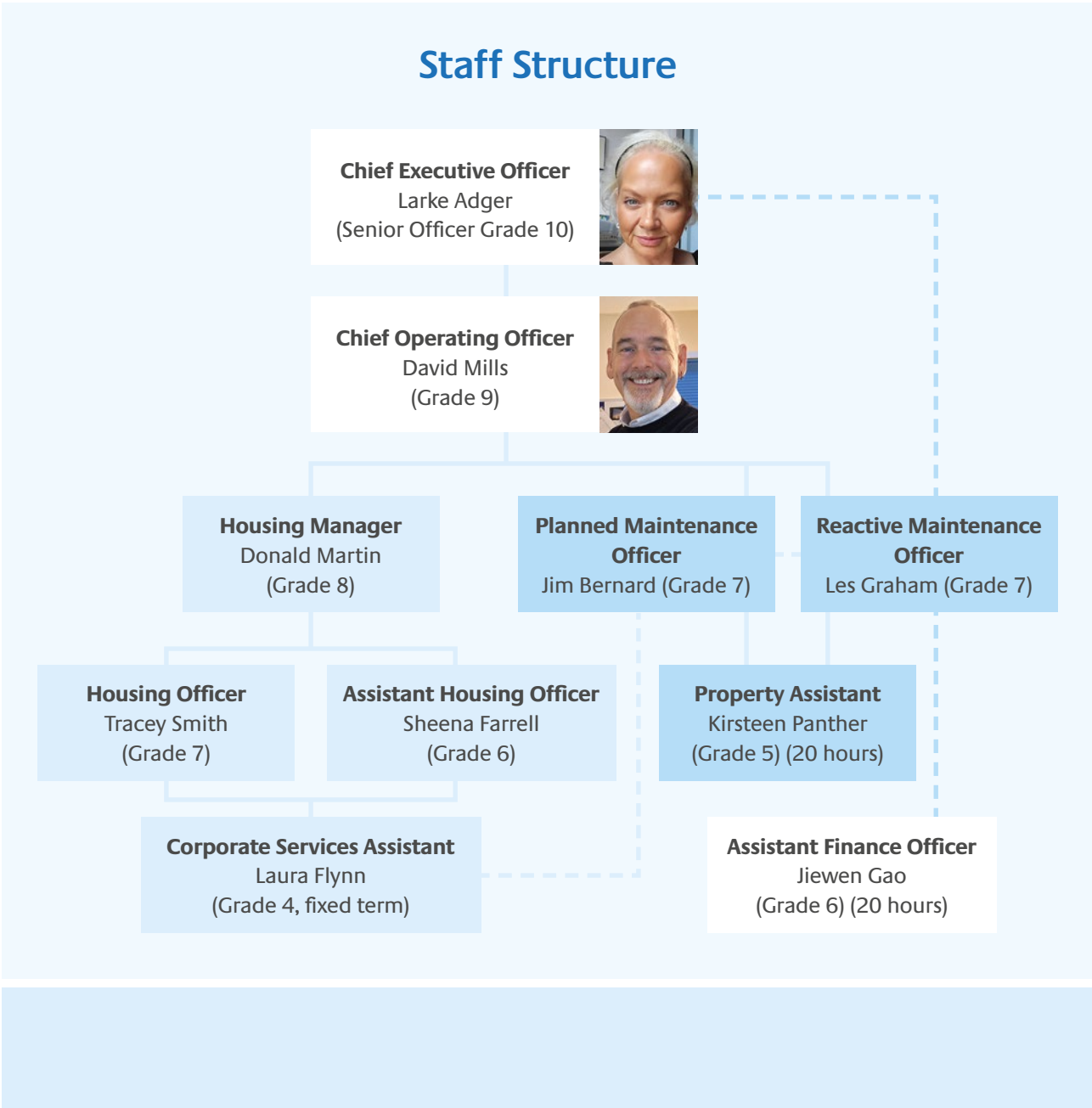
Laura Flynn

Corporate Services Assistant

Laura Flynn is our new Corporate Services Assistant providing support to both the Housing Management and Maintenance Teams. Laura is engaged on a fixed term contract until October 2025.



Our new staff structure





Our 34th AGM was held on Saturday 07th September 2024 in the Action Group Hall (formerly the Prentice Centre). An excellent turnout demonstrating the tenants commitment to the Co-op.

For the meeting to proceed, 10% of the membership (38 members) are required to attend. This year, that number was exceeded and we had representation from **19%** of our membership.

Breakfast rolls, tea & coffee, “goodie bags” and 10 x £50 Amazon Voucher prize drawers were provided to ensure members that had given their time in support of the Co-op had a chance of going home with some prizes. (Goodie Bags comprised of Insulated Mug, Keyring, tape measure, umbrella and the bag itself)

Your new WGHC Committee

The new WGHC Committee were announced at the AGM on Saturday 07th September 2024. The Committee work exceptionally hard on behalf of all tenant members and the Co-op. They give their time freely each month to attend the Committee meeting and undertake various and additional

training programmes throughout the year. All are declared to the Scottish Housing Regulator and the Financial Conduct Authority. Please get to know your Committee members as you may wish to raise (non-tenancy) issues with them for inclusion at a future Committee meeting.

Committee of Management

