

**Walsall Housing Group Limited**

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Company Registration Number: 04015633  
Registered Charity Number: 1108779



**CRIMINAL FINANCES ACT 2017 STATEMENT:  
PREVENTING THE FACILITATION OF TAX EVASION 2018/19**

This statement is made in response to Sections 45 and 46 of the Criminal Finances Act 2017. It constitutes whg's statement of commitment to prevent the facilitation of tax evasion for the financial year ending 31 March 2019.

This statement is approved by whg's Board and applies to all organisations within the Group. It will be reviewed and updated annually.

whg is committed to acting ethically and with integrity in all its business relationships and have a zero-tolerance to Tax Evasion. We expect our colleagues, partners, agents and suppliers to adhere to these principles.

Our standard terms and conditions of business and terms and conditions for new contracts include a clause to confirm that "whg operates a zero-tolerance to tax evasion. whg expects suppliers to ensure that procedures are in place to ensure that all appropriate taxes are paid". whg will only trade with those who fully comply with this policy. We will assess any suspected instances of non-compliance on a case-by-case basis and take appropriate remedial action.

We have a code of conduct in place for all colleagues defining expected behaviours and also a whistleblowing policy to ensure that colleagues can report any non-compliance without fear of reprisal.

We are committed to raising awareness amongst colleagues, agents and other associated persons about the Criminal Finances Act, covering the requirements of the Act, the penalties, their responsibility to ensure that they are not involved in or facilitate tax evasion and the process for reporting any non-compliance.

Signed: **MIKE HEW**  
(Chair)

Date: **8 AUGUST 2018**