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Dear Chris

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## RE: Self Assesment Compliance Statement with Regulatory Code (SACS)

I am pleased to enclose a copy of Sovereign Housing Group's SACS submission for 2008/09. The document is written to give an overview of Sovereign Housing Group's activities as a whole and builds on the evidence of compliance submitted in 2007/08.

As you know the Sovereign Housing Group and the Wessex Housing Partnership (WHP) amalgamated on 1 July 2009. WHP have submitted a separate SACS to the TSA covering 2008/9 and the information has not been replicated in this document. However future projects relating to the amalgamation have been included under the column identifying future action.

All future actions identified in the 2007/08 submission and areas of partial compliance, as referred to in your feedback letter of 29th October 2009, have been completed and are specifically addressed within the body of this statement. As a result there is an emphasis on Twynham Housing Association's activities resulting from the Audit Commission's inspection published in June 2008.

The document aims to be outcome focused, providing consistent performance information across the Group but recognising that each subsidiary tailors its approach to meet the local needs of its residents and communities in which it works.

As requested by the TSA guidance note for the 2009 submission, the statement is supported by separate documents on A) service delivery performance, which includes an outline of the Group's approach to continuous improvement (Appendix 3) and B) risk management, which includes statements of assurance from all parts of the Group (Appendix 5a). These statements were considered at the Group Audit and Risk Committee on Thursday 18 June 2009 and a copy of the draft minutes of the meeting are also enclosed (Appendix 5b).









I trust this submission provides all the information required, but if you require any further detail please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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## **Enclosures:**

- 1 Contextual Note
- 2 Self Assessment Compliance Statement
- 3 Approach to Performance and Continuous Improvement
- 4 Year end performance Report for 2008/9
- 5 Directors assurance Statements 2008/9
- 6 Group Audit and Risk Committee minutes 18 June 2009.