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Cernach Housing Association Limited

Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2023

Registered Social Landlord No. HAC230

FCA Reference No. 2374R(S)

Scottish Charity No. SC036607

CERNACH HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, EXECUTIVE AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Management Committee

John Brannan	Chairperson
Andy Biddell	Vice Chairperson
Michael Mellon	
Susan McDonald MBE	Secretary
Rosemary McGill	
Tracy Bowie	
Karen McGinley	Resigned May 2022
Frank John	
Cheryl Ann Love	
Jean McFarlane	
Diana Macmillan	Resigned August 2022
Marie Dabek	
Sarah Brannan	
Aziza El kadi	Resigned November 2022
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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CERNACH HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED

REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The Management Committee presents its report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Legal Status

The Association is registered with the Financial Conduct Authority as a Co-operative and Community Benefit Society (No. 2374R(S)), the Scottish Housing Regulator as a registered social landlord (No. HAC231) under the Housing (Scotland) Act 2010 and as is a registered Scottish Charity with the charity number SC036607.

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the Association are the provision and management of affordable rented accommodation.

Review of Business and Future Developments

This review of business concerns our activities in the year ended 31 March 2023. Undoubtedly the main challenge we have faced is continuing to absorb the financial impact of the cost-of-living crisis, the ongoing conflict in Ukraine and the impact of reduced supply in both labour and materials. These combine with some residual impacts of the Covid pandemic to have a continuing short- and medium-term affect on the business.

Despite the challenges, we have continued to perform well across the whole range of financial and non-financial indicators and the Management Committee is satisfied with the surplus for the year of £1.142m (2022 – £1.011m). Net assets now stand at £14.659m (2022 – £13.626m).

Six years ago, the Management Committee decided to limit rent increases to inflation only throughout the period of the 30-year plan. We will continue to do this but, in recognition of the cost-of-living crisis and exceptionally high inflation, the Committee agreed a below-inflation increase of 5% for 2023/24. This decision was taken following a review of the medium and long term financial projections, with appropriate sensitivity analysis applied. We are therefore confident that we can absorb the overall impact of the below-inflation increase without causing viability concerns.

There was a key change in our senior management team with the Director moving to part-time hours (60% FTE) on 1 November 2022. In recognition of this and the increasing importance of assurance and good governance, the Committee created a permanent Grade 9 corporate services post. Along with the Depute Director, the senior management team now comprises three individuals.

In relation to key performance indicators, the staff team achieved very good results. In particular, we made excellent progress in arrears management, reduced our days to re-let void properties and met our obligations on tenant safety; tenant safety is critically important and we are continuing to put this front and centre of our work in property maintenance with, for example, our strategy to deal with condensation, dampness and mould.

Turning to new build, the Committee re-affirmed at our February 2023 business planning event that we do not envisage building any new properties in the next three to five years. Instead, we will focus on consolidation following the two new build phases completed in 2019 and 2020.

We have therefore had a very successful year but are aware of the ongoing challenges that we will face in the next few years.

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REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Management Committee and Executive Officers

The members of the Management Committee and the Executive officers are listed on page 1.

Each member of the Management Committee holds one fully paid share of £1 in the Association. The Executive Officers hold no interest in the Association's share capital and, although not having the legal status of directors, they act as executives within the authority delegated by the Management Committee.

The members of the Management Committee are also trustees of the charity. Members of the Management Committee are appointed by the members at the Association's Annual General Meeting.

Statement of Management Committee's Responsibilities

The Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 requires the Management Committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Association and of the surplus or deficit of the Association for that period. In preparing those financial statements the Management Committee is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Association will continue in business; and
- prepare a statement on internal financial control.

The Management Committee is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Association and to enable them to: ensure that the financial statements comply with the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014, the Housing (Scotland) Act 2010 and the Determination of Accounting Requirements 2019. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Association and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. It is also responsible for ensuring the Association's suppliers are paid promptly.

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REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Going Concern

Based on its budgetary and forecasting processes the Management Committee has a reasonable expectation that the Association has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future; therefore, it continues to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

Statement on Internal Financial Control

The Management Committee acknowledges its ultimate responsibility for ensuring that the Association has in place a system of controls that is appropriate for the business environment in which it operates. These controls are designed to give reasonable assurance with respect to:

- the reliability of financial information used within the Association, or for publication;
- the maintenance of proper accounting records;
- the safeguarding of assets against unauthorised use or disposition.

It is the Management Committee's responsibility to establish and maintain systems of internal financial control. Such systems can only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance against material financial misstatement or loss. Key elements of the Association's systems include ensuring that:

- formal policies and procedures are in place, including the ongoing documentation of key systems and rules relating to the delegation of authority, which allow the monitoring of controls and restrict the unauthorised use of Association's assets;
- experienced and suitably qualified staff take responsibility for important business functions and annual appraisal procedures have been established to maintain standards of performance;
- forecasts and budgets are prepared which allow the management team and the Management Committee to monitor key business risks, financial objectives and the progress being made towards achieving the financial plans set for the year and for the medium term;
- quarterly financial management reports are prepared promptly, providing relevant, reliable and up to date financial and other information, with significant variances from budget being investigated as appropriate;
- regulatory returns are prepared, authorised and submitted promptly to the relevant regulatory bodies;
- all significant new initiatives, major commitments and investment projects are subject to formal authorisation procedures, through the Management Committee;
- the Management Committee receives reports from management and from the external and internal auditors to provide reasonable assurance that control procedures are in place and are being followed and that a general review of the major risks facing the Association is undertaken;
- formal procedures have been established for instituting appropriate action to correct any weaknesses identified through internal or external audit reports.

The Management Committee has reviewed the effectiveness of the system of internal financial control in existence in the Association for the year end 31 March 2023. No weaknesses were found in the internal financial controls which resulted in material losses, contingencies or uncertainties which require disclosure in the financial statements or in the auditor's report on the financial statements.

Donations

During the year the Association made charitable donations of £380 (2022 - £200).

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REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023


Disclosure of Information to the Auditor

The members of the Management Committee at the date of approval of these financial statements have confirmed, as far as they are aware, that there is no relevant information of which the auditors are unaware. They confirm that they have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that it has been communicated to the auditors.

Auditor

A resolution to reappoint the Auditors, Alexander Sloan, Accountants and Business Advisers, will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

By order of the Management Committee


Susan McDonald MBE
Secretary
10 August 2023

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REPORT BY THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF CERNACH HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE MATTERS

In addition to our audit of the financial statements, we have reviewed your statement on page 5 concerning the Association's compliance with the information required by the Regulatory Standards in respect of internal financial controls contained in the publication "Our Regulatory Framework" and associated Regulatory Advice Notes which are issued by the Scottish Housing Regulator.

Basis of Opinion

We carried out our review having regard to the requirements to corporate governance matters within Bulletin 2006/5 issued by the Financial Reporting Council. The Bulletin does not require us to review the effectiveness of the Association's procedures for ensuring compliance with the guidance notes, nor to investigate the appropriateness of the reason given for non-compliance.

Opinion

In our opinion the Statement of Internal Financial Control on page 5 has provided the disclosures required by the relevant Regulatory Standards within the publication "Our Regulatory Framework" and associated Regulatory Advice Notes issued by the Scottish Housing Regulator in respect of internal financial controls and is consistent with the information which came to our attention as a result of our audit work on the financial statements.

Through enquiry of certain members of the Board of Management and Officers of the Association and examination of relevant documents, we have satisfied ourselves that the Board of Management's Statement on Internal Financial Control appropriately reflects the Association's compliance with the information required by the relevant Regulatory Standards in respect of internal financial controls contained within the publication "Our Regulatory Framework" and associated Regulatory Advice Notes issued by the Scottish Housing Regulator in respect of internal financial controls.

Alexander Sloan

ALEXANDER SLOAN
Accountants and Business Advisers
Statutory Auditors
Glasgow
10 August 2023



Alexander Sloan
Accountants and Business Advisers

CERNACH HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CERNACH HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Cernach Housing Association Limited (the 'Association') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Cash Flows, Statement of Changes in Equity and related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Association's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of the surplus for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014, the Housing (Scotland) Act 2010 and the Determination of Accounting Requirements 2019.

Basis of Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Board of Management's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Board of Management with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other Information

The Board of Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information contained in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CERNACH HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (continued)

Other Information (Contd.)

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- proper books of account have not been kept by the Association in accordance with the requirements of the legislation;
- a satisfactory system of control over transactions has not been maintained by the Association in accordance with the requirements of the legislation;
- the Statement of Comprehensive Income and Statement of Financial Position are not in agreement with the books of account of the Association; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of the Board of Management

As explained more fully in the statement of Board of Management's responsibilities as set out on page 4, the Board of Management is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Board of Management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Board of Management is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board of Management either intend to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CERNACH HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (continued)

The extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities including fraud
Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we gained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the Association through discussions with management, and from our wider knowledge and experience of the RSL sector;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the Association, including the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 (and related regulations), the Housing (Scotland) Act 2010 and other laws and regulations applicable to a registered social housing provider in Scotland. We also considered the risks of non-compliance with the other requirements imposed by the Scottish Housing Regulator and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements.
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the Association's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates set out in Note 1 were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reviewing the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims;
- reviewing the Association's Assurance Statement and associated supporting information; and
- reviewing correspondence with the Scottish Housing Regulator.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CERNACH HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (continued)

The extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities including fraud (Contd.)

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the Directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. The description forms part of our audit report.

Use of our Report

This report is made solely to the Association's members as a body, in accordance with Part 7 of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Association's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Association and the Association's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Alexander Sloan

ALEXANDER SLOAN
Accountants and Business Advisers
Statutory Auditors
Glasgow
10 August 2023



Alexander Sloan
Accountants and Business Advisers

CERNACH HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
Revenue	2		4,764,956		4,493,414
Operating costs	2		<u>3,647,315</u>		<u>3,488,586</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS			1,117,641		1,004,828
Release of negative goodwill	13	55,575		55,575	
Interest receivable and other income		5,900		448	
Interest payable and similar charges	7	(35,155)		(44,214)	
Other Finance income/(charges)	10	<u>(2,000)</u>		<u>(6,000)</u>	
			24,320		5,809
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR			<u>1,141,961</u>		<u>1,010,637</u>
Other comprehensive income					
Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit pension plan	19		(109,000)		182,000
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME			<u>1,032,961</u>		<u>1,192,637</u>

The results relate wholly to continuing activities.

The notes on pages 15 to 32 form an integral part of these financial statements.

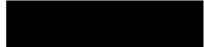
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023		2022
		£	£	£
NON-CURRENT ASSETS				
Housing properties	11		32,729,552	33,193,468
Other tangible assets	11		841,128	893,509
			<u>33,570,680</u>	<u>34,086,977</u>
Negative goodwill	13		(2,056,285)	(2,111,860)
CURRENT ASSETS				
Receivables	14	187,824		155,136
Cash and cash equivalents	15	<u>2,107,045</u>		<u>2,586,809</u>
		2,294,869		2,741,945
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	16	<u>(1,110,052)</u>	<u>(1,477,020)</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>1,184,817</u>	<u>1,264,925</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			32,699,212	33,240,042
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year	17		(831,291)	(1,883,337)
PENSIONS AND OTHER PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES				
Scottish housing association pension scheme	19	<u>(130,000)</u>	<u>(71,000)</u>	
			(130,000)	(71,000)
DEFERRED INCOME				
Social housing grants	20	(16,523,793)	(17,083,836)	
Other grants	20	<u>(555,290)</u>	<u>(575,989)</u>	
			<u>(17,079,083)</u>	<u>(17,659,825)</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>14,658,838</u>	<u>13,625,880</u>
EQUITY				
Share capital	21		94	97
Revenue reserves			14,788,744	13,696,783
Pension reserves			<u>(130,000)</u>	<u>(71,000)</u>
			<u>14,658,838</u>	<u>13,625,880</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Management Committee and authorised for issue and signed on their behalf on 10 August 2023.


Committee Member


Committee Member


Secretary

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023	2022
		£	£
Surplus for the Year		1,141,961	1,010,637
<i>Adjustments for non-cash items:</i>			
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	11	1,165,367	1,205,398
Amortisation of capital grants	20	(608,404)	(614,212)
Release of negative goodwill	13	(55,575)	(55,575)
Non-cash adjustments to pension provisions		(50,000)	(71,000)
Share capital written off	21	(4)	(21)
		<u>451,384</u>	<u>464,590</u>
Interest receivable		(5,900)	(448)
Interest payable	7	35,155	44,214
		<u>1,622,600</u>	<u>1,518,993</u>
Operating cash flows before movements in working capital			
Change in debtors		(32,688)	11,521
Change in creditors		(159,056)	231,194
		<u>(191,744)</u>	<u>242,715</u>
Net cash inflow from operating activities		<u>1,430,856</u>	<u>1,761,708</u>
Investing Activities			
Acquisition and construction of properties		(635,706)	(426,334)
Purchase of other fixed assets		(13,364)	(13,760)
Social housing grant received		27,662	-
Social housing grant repaid		-	(37,480)
		<u>(621,408)</u>	<u>(477,574)</u>
Net cash outflow from investing activities		<u>(621,408)</u>	<u>(477,574)</u>
Financing Activities			
Interest received on cash and cash equivalents		5,900	448
Interest paid on loans		(35,155)	(44,214)
Loan principal repayments		(1,259,958)	(332,011)
Share capital issued	21	1	10
		<u>(1,289,212)</u>	<u>(375,767)</u>
Net cash outflow from financing activities		<u>(1,289,212)</u>	<u>(375,767)</u>
(decrease)/increase in cash	22	<u>(479,764)</u>	<u>908,367</u>
Opening cash & cash equivalents		<u>2,586,809</u>	<u>1,678,442</u>
Closing cash & cash equivalents		<u><u>2,107,045</u></u>	<u><u>2,586,809</u></u>
Cash and cash equivalents as at 31 March			
Cash	22	<u>2,107,045</u>	<u>2,586,809</u>
		<u><u>2,107,045</u></u>	<u><u>2,586,809</u></u>

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Scottish Housing Association			Revenue Reserve	Total
	Share Capital	Pension reserve	£		
Balance as at 1 April 2021	108	(324,000)	12,757,146	12,433,254	
Issue of Shares	10	-	-	10	
Cancellation of Shares	(21)	-	-	(21)	
Revaluation in year	-	182,000	-	182,000	
Other movements	-	71,000	(71,000)	-	
Surplus for the year	-	-	1,010,637	1,010,637	
Balance as at 31 March 2022	97	(71,000)	13,696,783	13,625,880	
Balance as at 1 April 2022	97	(71,000)	13,696,783	13,625,880	
Issue of Shares	1	-	-	1	
Cancellation of Shares	(4)	-	-	(4)	
Other comprehensive income	-	(109,000)	-	(109,000)	
Other movements	-	50,000	(50,000)	-	
Surplus for the year	-	-	1,141,961	1,141,961	
Balance as at 31 March 2023	94	(130,000)	14,788,744	14,658,838	

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CERNACH HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Statement of Compliance and Basis of Accounting

These financial statements were prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Statement of Recommended Practice for social housing providers 2018. The Association is a Public Benefit Entity in terms of its compliance with Financial Reporting Standard 102, applicable for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019. They comply with the Determination of Accounting Requirements 2019. A summary of the principal accounting policies is set out below.

Revenue

Revenue comprises rental and service charge income receivable in the period, income from shared ownership first tranche sales, sales of properties built for sale, other services provided, revenue grants receivable and government grants released to income in the period.

The Association recognises rent receivable net of losses from voids. Service Charge Income (net of voids) is recognised with expenditure as it is incurred as this is considered to be the point when the service has been performed and the revenue recognition criteria is met.

Government grants are released to income over the expected useful life of the asset to which they relate. Revenue grants are receivable when the conditions for receipt of the agreed grant funding have been met.

Retirement Benefits

The Association participates in the Scottish Housing Association Pension Scheme (SHAPS) a multi-employer defined benefit scheme. Retirement benefits to employees of the Association are funded by the contributions from all participating employers and employees in the Scheme. Payments are made in accordance with periodic calculations by consulting Actuaries and are based on pension costs applicable across the various participating organisations taken as a whole. The Association accounts for this scheme as a defined benefit pension scheme in accordance with FRS 102.

Going Concern

On the basis that the Management Committee has a reasonable expectation that the Association has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, the Association has adopted the going concern basis of accounting in preparing these financial statements.

Housing Properties

Housing properties are held for the provision of social housing. Housing properties are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Cost includes acquisition of land and buildings and development cost. The Association depreciates housing properties over the useful life of each major component. Housing under construction and land are not depreciated.

<i>Component</i>	<i>Useful Economic Life</i>
Structure	Over 50 years
Electrics	Over 30 years
Bathrooms	Over 30 years
Internal Doors	Over 30 years
Windows	Over 25 years
Gutters	Over 25 years
Central Heating	Over 15 years
Boilers	Over 15 years
Kitchens	Over 15-20 years
Heat Detectors	20 Years
Land	N/A

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1. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued.)

Depreciation and Impairment of Other Tangible Assets

Non-current assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is charged over the expected economic useful lives of the assets at the following annual rates:

<i>Asset Category</i>	<i>Depreciation Rate</i>
Office Premises	2%
Furniture and Fittings	10-25%

The carrying values of non-current assets are reviewed for impairment at the end of each reporting period.

Social Housing Grants and Other Capital Grants

Social housing grants and other capital grants are accounted for using the Accrual Method as outlined in Section 24 of Financial Reporting Standard 102. Grants are treated as deferred income and recognised in income on a systematic basis over the expected useful life of the property and assets to which they relate.

Social housing grant attributed to individual components is written off to the statement of comprehensive income when these components are replaced.

Social housing grant received in respect of revenue expenditure is credited to the statement of comprehensive income in the same period as the expenditure to which it relates.

Although social housing grant is treated as a grant for accounting purposes, it may nevertheless become repayable in certain circumstances, such as the disposal of certain assets. The amount repayable would be restricted to the net proceeds of sale.

Sales Of Housing Properties

First tranche shared ownership disposals are credited to turnover on completion. The cost of construction of these sales is taken to operating cost. In accordance with the statement of recommended practice, disposals of subsequent tranches are treated as non-current asset disposals with the gain or loss on disposal shown in the statement of comprehensive income.

Taxation

The Association is a Registered Scottish Charity and is not liable to taxation on its charitable activities.

Leases

Costs in respect of operating leases are charged to the Statement of Comprehensive Income on a straight line basis over the lease term. Assets held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts are capitalised in the Statement of Financial Position and are depreciated over their useful lives or the term of the lease whichever is shorter.

Works to Existing Properties

The Association capitalises major repairs expenditure where these works result in an enhancement of economic benefits by increasing the net rental stream over the life of the property, a material reduction in future maintenance costs, or a significant extension of the life of the property.

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1. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued.)

Capitalisation Of Development Overheads

Directly attributable development administration costs relating to ongoing development activities are capitalised.

Borrowing Costs

Interest incurred on financing a development is capitalised up to the date of practical completion of the scheme. All other borrowing costs are expensed to the statement of comprehensive income using the effective interest rate method.

Property Development Cost

The proportion of the development cost of shared ownership properties expected to be disposed of as a first tranche sale is held in current assets until it is disposed of. The remaining part of the development cost is treated as a non-current asset. Surpluses made on the disposal of first tranche sales are taken to the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Property developments that are intended for resale are included in current assets until disposal.

Negative Goodwill

Negative goodwill created through acquisition is written off to the Statement of Comprehensive Income as the non-cash assets acquired are depreciated or sold.

VAT

The Association deregistered for VAT during the year as its vatable income was less than the vat threshold and this was likely to continue to be the case in the future.

Financial Instruments - Basic

The Association classes all of its loans as basic financial instruments including agreements with break clauses. The Association recognises basic financial instruments in accordance with Section 11 of Financial Reporting Standard 102.

The Association's debt instruments are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

Cash and Liquid Resources

Cash comprises cash at bank and in hand, deposits repayable on demand less overdrafts. Liquid resources are current asset investments that can't be disposed of without penalty and are readily convertible into amounts of cash at their carrying value.

Impairment

The Association assesses at the end of each accounting period whether there are indications that a non-current asset may be impaired or that an impairment loss previously recognised has fully or partially reversed.

Where the carrying value of non-current assets is less than their recoverable amounts the shortfall is recognised as an impairment loss in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. The recoverable amount is the higher of the fair value less costs to sell and value-in-use of the asset based on its service potential.

Impairment losses previously recognised are reversed if the reasons for the impairment loss have ceased to apply. Reversals of impairment losses are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

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1. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued.)

Key Judgements and estimates made in the application of Accounting Policies

The preparation of financial statements requires the use of certain accounting judgements and accounting estimates. It also requires the Association to exercise judgement in applying the accounting policies. The areas requiring a higher degree of judgement, or complexity, and areas where assumptions or estimates are most significant to the financial statements are disclosed below.

Key Judgements

a) Categorisation of Housing Properties

In the judgement of the Management Committee the entirety of the Association's housing stock is held for social benefit and is therefore classified as Property, Plant and Equipment in accordance with FRS 102.

b) Identification of cash generating units

The Management Committee considers its cash-generating units to be the schemes in which it manages its housing property for asset management purposes.

c) Financial instrument break clauses

The Management Committee has considered the break clauses attached to the financial instruments that it has in place for its loan funding. In their judgement these break clauses do not cause the financial instrument to be classified as a complex financial instrument and therefore they meet the definition of a basic financial instrument.

d) Pension Liability

The Association participated in a defined benefit pension scheme arrangement with the Scottish Housing Association Pension Scheme. The fund is administered by the Pensions Trust. The Pension Trust have developed a method of calculating each member's share of the assets and liabilities of the scheme. The Association has decided that this method is appropriate and provides a reasonable estimate of the pension assets and liabilities of the Association and has therefore adopted this valuation method. Further information in this regard is set out in Note 29.

Estimation Uncertainty

a) Rent Arrears - Bad Debt Provision

The Association assesses the recoverability of rent arrears through a detailed assessment process which considers tenant payment history, arrangements in place and court action.

b) Life Cycle of Components

The Association estimates the useful lives of major components of its housing property with reference to surveys carried out by external qualified surveyors.

c) Useful life of properties, plant and equipment

The Association assesses the useful life of its properties, plant and equipment and estimates the annual charge to be depreciated based on this assessment.

d) Costs of shared ownership

The Association allocates costs to shared ownership properties on a percentage basis split across the number of properties the Association owns.

e) Defined pension liability

In determining the value of the Association's share of defined benefit pension scheme assets and obligations, the valuation prepared by the Scheme actuary includes estimates of life expectancy, salary growth, inflation and the discount rate on corporate bonds.

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2 PARTICULARS OF TURNOVER, OPERATING COSTS AND OPERATING SURPLUS OR DEFICIT

	Notes	Turnover £	2023 Operating costs £	Operating surplus / (deficit) £	Turnover £	2022 Operating costs £	Operating surplus / (deficit) £
Affordable letting activities	3	4,493,952	3,317,314	1,176,638	4,293,511	3,225,614	1,067,897
Other Activities	4	271,004	330,001	(58,997)	199,903	262,972	(63,069)
Total		4,764,956	3,647,315	1,117,641	4,493,414	3,488,586	1,004,828

3 PARTICULARS OF TURNOVER, OPERATING COSTS AND OPERATING SURPLUS OR DEFICIT FROM AFFORDABLE LETTING ACTIVITIES

	General Needs Housing £	Supported Housing £	Shared Ownership £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Revenue from Lettings					
Rent receivable net of service charges	3,677,490	41,052	36,382	3,754,924	3,642,413
Service charges receivable	9,668	69,234	3,334	82,236	27,400
Gross income from rent and service charges	3,687,158	110,286	39,716	3,837,160	3,669,813
Less: Rent losses from voids	21,784	-	-	21,784	31,055
Income from rents and service charges	3,665,374	110,286	39,716	3,815,376	3,638,758
Grants released from deferred income	590,387	1,965	16,052	608,404	614,212
Other revenue grants	70,172	-	-	70,172	40,541
Total turnover from affordable letting activities	4,325,933	112,251	55,768	4,493,952	4,293,511
Expenditure on affordable letting activities					
Management and maintenance administration costs	1,240,767	37,113	13,365	1,291,245	1,208,319
Service costs	-	12,004	3,334	15,338	27,400
Planned and cyclical maintenance, including major repairs	411,771	-	-	411,771	384,248
Reactive maintenance costs	487,811	-	-	487,811	469,798
Bad Debts - rents and service charges	11,527	-	-	11,527	(5,650)
Depreciation of affordable let properties	1,072,174	3,809	23,639	1,099,622	1,141,499
Operating costs of affordable letting activities	3,224,050	52,926	40,338	3,317,314	3,225,614
Operating surplus on affordable letting activities	1,101,883	59,325	15,430	1,176,638	1,067,897
2022	1,033,815	16,845	17,237		

Included within planned and cyclical maintenance are amounts for major repairs of £75,946 (2022 - £71,995).

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4. PARTICULARS OF REVENUE, OPERATING COSTS AND OPERATING SURPLUS OR DEFICIT FROM OTHER ACTIVITIES

	Grants from Scottish Ministers	Other revenue grants	Other income	Total Turnover	Other operating costs	Operating surplus / (deficit) 2023	Operating surplus / (deficit) 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Wider role activities	31,500	-	-	31,500	41,612	(10,112)	(15,932)
Factoring	-	-	10,859	10,859	10,859	-	-
Contracted out services undertaken for registered social landlords	-	-	29,497	29,497	29,497	-	-
Other activities	-	53,415	-	53,415	53,415	-	-
Welfare Rights	-	-	-	-	48,885	(48,885)	(47,137)
Agency or management services	-	145,733	-	145,733	145,733	-	-
Total From Other Activities	31,500	199,148	40,356	271,004	330,001	(58,997)	(63,069)
2022	33,700	133,000	33,203	199,903	262,972	(63,069)	

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5. OFFICERS' EMOLUMENTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
The Officers are defined in the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 as the members of the Management Committee, managers and employees of the Association.		
Aggregate emoluments payable to Officers with emoluments greater than £60,000 (excluding pension contributions)	<u>127,841</u>	<u>76,168</u>
Pension contributions made on behalf on Officers with emoluments greater than £60,000	<u>12,623</u>	<u>7,598</u>
Emoluments payable to Director (excluding pension contributions)	66,678	76,168
Pension contributions paid on behalf of the Director	<u>6,591</u>	<u>7,598</u>
Total emoluments payable to the Director	<u>73,269</u>	<u>83,766</u>
Total emoluments paid to key management personnel	<u>140,464</u>	<u>83,766</u>

The number of Officers, including the highest paid Officer, who received emoluments, including pension contributions, over £60,000 was in the following ranges:-

	Number	Number
£60,001 to £70,000	1	1
£70,001 to £80,000	1	-
£80,001 to £90,000	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>

6. EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

	2023	2022
	No.	No.
Average monthly number of full time equivalent persons employed during the year	<u>18</u>	<u>17</u>
Average total number of employees employed during the year	<u>18</u>	<u>17</u>
Staff costs were:	£	£
Wages and salaries	676,429	656,447
National insurance costs	64,606	65,109
Pension costs	<u>75,558</u>	<u>74,766</u>
	<u>816,593</u>	<u>796,322</u>

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7. INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES

	2023	2022
	£	£
On bank loans and overdrafts	35,155	28,469
Other loan interest	-	15,745
	<u>35,155</u>	<u>44,214</u>

8. SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Surplus For The Year is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Depreciation - non-current assets	1,165,367	1,205,398
Auditors' remuneration - audit services	11,200	10,200
Operating lease rentals - other	499	499
	<u>1,177,066</u>	<u>1,216,097</u>

9. CORPORATION TAX

The Association is a Registered Scottish Charity and is not liable to United Kingdom Corporation Tax on its charitable activities.

10. OTHER FINANCE INCOME / (CHARGES)

	2023	2022
	£	£
Net interest on pension obligations	<u>(2,000)</u>	<u>(6,000)</u>

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11. NON-CURRENT ASSETS

(a) Housing Properties	Housing Properties Held for Letting £	Housing Properties In course of Construction £	Shared Ownership Completed £	Total £
COST				
At 1 April 2022	46,737,422	-	1,363,648	48,101,070
Additions	635,706	-	-	635,706
Disposals	(64,669)	-	-	(64,669)
At 31 March 2023	<u>47,308,459</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,363,648</u>	<u>48,672,107</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2022	14,259,284	-	648,318	14,907,602
Charge for Year	1,075,984	-	23,638	1,099,622
Disposals	(64,669)	-	-	(64,669)
At 31 March 2023	<u>15,270,599</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>671,956</u>	<u>15,942,555</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2023	<u>32,037,860</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>691,692</u>	<u>32,729,552</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>32,478,138</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>715,330</u>	<u>33,193,468</u>

Expenditure on Existing Properties	2023		2022	
	Component replacement £	Improvement £	Component replacement £	Improvement £
Amounts capitalised	635,706	-	426,334	-
Amounts charged to the statement of comprehensive income	-	899,582	-	854,046
	<u>-</u>	<u>899,582</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>854,046</u>

All land and housing properties are heritable.

Additions to housing properties include capitalised development administration costs of £nil (2022 - £nil).

The Association's lenders have standard securities over housing property with a carry value of £4,799,906 (2022 - £7,224,340).

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11. NON CURRENT ASSETS (continued)

(b) Other tangible assets	Office Premises £	Furniture & Equipment £	Total £
COST			
At 1 April 2022	1,054,455	763,434	1,817,889
Additions	-	13,364	13,364
At 31 March 2023	<u>1,054,455</u>	<u>776,798</u>	<u>1,831,253</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2022	236,818	687,562	924,380
Charge for year	24,012	41,733	65,745
At 31 March 2023	<u>260,830</u>	<u>729,295</u>	<u>990,125</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2023	<u>793,625</u>	<u>47,503</u>	<u>841,128</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>817,637</u>	<u>75,872</u>	<u>893,509</u>

13. NEGATIVE GOODWILL

	2023 £	2022 £
At 1 April 2022	2,111,860	2,167,435
Released during the year to the statement of comprehensive income	(55,575)	(55,575)
At 31 March 2023	<u>2,056,285</u>	<u>2,111,860</u>

14. RECEIVABLES

	2023 £	2022 £
Gross arrears of rent and service charges	124,280	103,272
Less: Provision for doubtful debts	(64,000)	(53,000)
<i>Net arrears of rent and service charges</i>	60,280	50,272
Other receivables	127,544	104,864
	<u>187,824</u>	<u>155,136</u>

15. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash at bank and in hand	2,107,045	2,586,809
	<u>2,107,045</u>	<u>2,586,809</u>

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16. PAYABLES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank loans	164,865	372,777
Trade payables	318,187	333,588
Rent received in advance	150,667	158,455
Other taxation and social security	17,600	17,641
Other payables	109,952	227,467
Accruals and deferred income	348,781	367,092
	<u>1,110,052</u>	<u>1,477,020</u>

17. PAYABLES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR		
	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank loans	831,291	1,883,337
	<u>831,291</u>	<u>1,883,337</u>

18. DEBT ANALYSIS - BORROWINGS		
	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank Loans		
Amounts due within one year	164,864	372,777
Amounts due in one year or more but less than two years	161,485	228,280
Amounts due in two years or more but less than five years	412,699	686,012
Amounts due in more than five years	257,107	969,045
	<u>996,155</u>	<u>2,256,114</u>

The Association has a number of bank loans the principal terms of which are as follows:

Effective interest rate of base plus 0.45% to 1.675% and SONIA plus 0.475%, expiring between 2023 and 2031.

All the Association's bank borrowings are repayable on a monthly basis with the principal being amortised over the term of the loans.

A total of 146 housing properties are secured to lenders in respect of these loan facilities which have been valued in the financial statements as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Due to lenders at the year end	996,155	2,256,114
	<u>996,155</u>	<u>2,256,114</u>

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19. RETIREMENT BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

Scottish Housing Association Pension Scheme

Cernach Housing Association Limited participates in the Scottish Housing Association Pension Scheme (the Scheme), a multi-employer scheme which provides benefits to some 150 non-associated employers. The Scheme is a defined benefit scheme in the UK.

The scheme is subject to the funding legislation outlined in the Pensions Act 2004 which came into force on 30 December 2005. This, together with documents issued by the Pensions Regulator and Technical Actuarial Standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council, set out the framework for funding defined benefit occupational pensions schemes in the UK.

The last valuation of the Scheme was performed as at 30 September 2021 by a professionally qualified actuary using the Projected Unit Credit method. The market value of the Scheme's assets at the valuation date was £1,173m. The valuation revealed a shortfall of assets compared with the value of liabilities of £27m (equivalent to a past service funding level of 98%).

The Scheme operates on a 'last man standing' basis, meaning that in the event of an employer withdrawing from the Scheme and being unable to pay its share of the debt on withdrawal, then the liability of the withdrawing employer is reapportioned amongst the remaining employer. Therefore in certain circumstances the Association may become liable for the obligations of a third party.

Present values of defined benefit obligation, fair value of assets and defined benefit asset / (liability)

	2023	2022
	£	£
Fair value of plan assets	1,970,000	2,849,000
Present value of defined benefit obligation	2,100,000	2,920,000
Surplus / (deficit) in plan	(130,000)	(71,000)
Defined benefit asset / (liability) to be recognised	(130,000)	(71,000)

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19. RETIREMENT BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS (continued)

Scottish Housing Association Pension Scheme (continued.)

Reconciliation of opening and closing balances of the defined benefit obligation

	2023	2022
	£	£
Defined benefit obligation at the start of period	2,920,000	3,104,000
Current service cost	12,000	17,000
Expenses	3,000	3,000
Interest expense	81,000	65,000
Contributions by plan participants	10,000	9,000
Actuarial losses (gains) due to scheme experience	(84,000)	34,000
Actuarial losses (gains) due to changes in demographic assumptions	(50,000)	10,000
Actuarial losses (gains) due to changes in financial assumptions	(716,000)	(212,000)
Benefits paid and expenses	(76,000)	(110,000)
Defined benefit obligation at the end of period	<u>2,100,000</u>	<u>2,920,000</u>

Reconciliation of opening and closing balances of the fair value of plan assets

	2023	2022
	£	£
Fair value of plan assets at start of period	2,849,000	2,780,000
Interest income	79,000	59,000
Experience on plan assets (excluding amounts included in interest income) - gain (loss)	(959,000)	14,000
Contributions by the employer	67,000	97,000
Contributions by plan participants	10,000	9,000
Benefits paid and expenses	(76,000)	(110,000)
Fair value of plan assets at the end of period	<u>1,970,000</u>	<u>2,849,000</u>

The actual return on plan assets (including any changes in share of assets) over the period ended 31 March 2023 was (£880,000).

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19. RETIREMENT BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS (continued)

Scottish Housing Association Pension Scheme (continued.)

Defined benefit costs recognised in the statement of comprehensive income

	2023 £	2022 £
Current service cost	12,000	17,000
Expenses	3,000	3,000
Net interest expense	2,000	6,000
Defined benefit costs recognised in statement of comprehensive income	<u>17,000</u>	<u>26,000</u>

Defined benefit costs recognised in the other comprehensive income

	2023 £	2022 £
Experience on plan assets (excluding amounts included in interest income) - gain /(loss)	(959,000)	14,000
Experience gains and losses arising on plan liabilities - gain /(loss)	84,000	(34,000)
Effects of changes in the demographic assumptions underlying the present value of the defined benefit obligations - gain /(loss)	50,000	(10,000)
Effects of changes in the financial assumptions underlying the present value of the defined benefit obligations - gain / (loss)	716,000	212,000
Total actuarial gains and losses (before restriction due to some of the surplus not being recognisable) - gain / (loss)	<u>(109,000)</u>	<u>182,000</u>
Total amount recognised in other comprehensive income - gain (loss)	<u>(109,000)</u>	<u>182,000</u>

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19. RETIREMENT BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS (continued)

Scottish Housing Association Pension Scheme (continued.)

Assets

	2023 £	2022 £	2021 £
Absolute Return	27,000	131,000	137,000
Alternative Risk Premia	11,000	118,000	112,000
Corporate Bond Fund	3,000	180,000	210,000
Credit Relative Value	75,000	91,000	80,000
Distressed Opportunities	61,000	102,000	95,000
Emerging Markets Debt	15,000	106,000	112,000
Global Equity	52,000	563,000	430,000
Infrastructure	212,000	178,000	155,000
Insurance-Linked Securities	55,000	60,000	58,000
Liability Driven Investment	834,000	689,000	668,000
Long Lease Property	66,000	82,000	64,000
Net Current Assets	4,000	9,000	21,000
Over 15 Year Gilts	-	1,000	1,000
Private Debt	88,000	72,000	66,000
Property	82,000	74,000	50,000
Risk Sharing	144,000	93,000	99,000
Secured Income	132,000	152,000	153,000
Opportunistic Illiquid Credit	87,000	94,000	71,000
High Yield	10,000	28,000	73,000
Currency Hedging	4,000	(10,000)	-
Opportunistic Credit	-	10,000	76,000
Cash	8,000	8,000	1,000
Liquid Credit	-	18,000	48,000
Total assets	1,970,000	2,849,000	2,780,000

None of the fair values of the assets shown above include any direct investment in the Association's own financial instruments or any property occupied by, or other assets used by the Association.

Key Assumptions

	2023	2022	2021
Discount Rate	4.9%	2.8%	2.1%
Inflation (RPI)	3.2%	3.7%	3.3%
Inflation (CPI)	2.7%	3.2%	2.8%
Salary Growth	3.7%	4.2%	3.8%
Allowance for commutation of pension for cash at retirement	75% of maximum allowance		

The mortality assumptions adopted at 31 March 2023 imply the following life expectancies:

Life expectancy at age 65 (years)

Male retiring in 2023 (2022)	20.5	21.6
Female retiring in 2023 (2022)	23.0	23.9
Male retiring in 2043 (2042)	21.7	22.9
Female retiring in 2043 (2042)	24.4	25.4

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20. DEFERRED INCOME

	Social Housing Grants £	Other Housing Grants £	Total £
Capital grants received			
At 1 April 2022	27,414,840	1,115,234	28,530,074
Additions in the year	27,662	-	27,662
Eliminated on disposal	(37,943)	-	(37,943)
At 31 March 2023	<u>27,404,559</u>	<u>1,115,234</u>	<u>28,519,793</u>
Amortisation			
At 1 April 2022	10,331,004	539,245	10,870,249
Amortisation in year	587,705	20,699	608,404
Eliminated on disposal	(37,943)	-	(37,943)
At 31 March 2023	<u>10,880,766</u>	<u>559,944</u>	<u>11,440,710</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2023	<u>16,523,793</u>	<u>555,290</u>	<u>17,079,083</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>17,083,836</u>	<u>575,989</u>	<u>17,659,825</u>

This is expected to be released to the Statement of Comprehensive Income in the following years:

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts due within one year	608,404	614,212
Amounts due in more than one year	16,470,679	17,045,613
	<u>17,079,083</u>	<u>17,659,825</u>

21. SHARE CAPITAL

Shares of £1 each, issued and fully paid	2023 £	2022 £
At 1 April	97	108
Issued in year	1	10
Cancelled in year	(4)	(21)
At 31 March	<u>94</u>	<u>97</u>

Each member of the Association holds one share of £1 in the Association. These shares carry no rights to dividend or distributions on a winding up. When a shareholder ceases to be a member, that person's share is cancelled and the amount paid thereon becomes the property of the Association. Each member has a right to vote at members' meetings.

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22. CASH FLOWS

Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
(Decrease) / Increase in cash	(479,764)		908,367	
Cashflow from change in net debt	1,259,958		332,011	
Movement in net funds in the year		780,194		1,240,378
Net funds at 1 April		330,695		(909,683)
Net funds at 31 March		<u>1,110,889</u>		<u>330,695</u>

Analysis of changes in net funds

	At 01 April 2022	Cashflows	Other Changes	At 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£
Cash and cash equivalents	2,586,809	(479,764)	-	2,107,045
Debt: Due within one year	2,586,809	(479,764)	-	2,107,045
Due after more than one year	(372,777)	1,259,958	(1,052,046)	(164,865)
	(1,883,337)	-	1,052,046	(831,291)
Net funds	<u>330,695</u>	<u>780,194</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,110,889</u>

23. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Capital Expenditure that has been contracted for but has not been provided for in the financial statements	871,129	-

The above commitments will be financed by a mixture of public grant, private finance and the Association's own resources.

24. COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES

	2023	2022
	£	£
At the year end, the total minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases were as follows:		
Other		
Expiring in the next year	427	427
Expiring later than one year and not later than five years	534	961

25. DETAILS OF ASSOCIATION

The Association is a Registered Society registered with the Financial Conduct Authority and is domiciled in Scotland.

The Association's principal place of business is 79 Atrgold Drive, Drumchapel, Glasgow, G15 7AJ.

The Association is a Registered Social Landlord and Scottish Charity that owns and manages social housing property in Drumchapel.

26. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBER EMOLUMENTS

Management Committee members received £460 (2022 - £190) in the year by way of reimbursement of expenses. No remuneration is paid to Management Committee members in respect of their duties to the Association.

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27. HOUSING STOCK

The number of units of accommodation in management at the year end was:-	2023 No.	2022 No.
General Needs - New Build	420	420
General Needs - Rehab	455	455
Supported Accommodation	2	2
Shared Ownership	17	17
	<u>894</u>	<u>894</u>

28. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Members of the Management Committee are related parties of the Association as defined by Financial Reporting Standard 102.

Any transactions between the Association and any entity with which a Management Committee member has a connection with is made at arm's length and is under normal commercial terms.

Transactions with Management Committee members (and their close family) were as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Rent received from tenants on the Management Committee and their close family members	<u>62,099</u>	<u>54,365</u>
Factoring charges received from factored owners on the Management Committee and their close family members	<u>703</u>	<u>691</u>

At the year end total rent arrears owed by the tenant members on the Management Committee (and their close family) were £1,697 (2022 - £295).

During the year, the Association made payments to The Asian Forum to the value of £2,050 (2022 - £nil). A member of the Management Committee is the Chair of this charity. This has been declared in the Register of Interests and recorded by the Management Committee.

Members of the Management Committee who are tenants	<u>10</u>	<u>12</u>
Members of the Management Committee who are owner occupiers	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

29. CONTINGENT LIABILITY

We were notified in 2021 by the Trustee of the Scheme that it has performed a review of the changes made to the Scheme's benefits over the years and the result is that there is uncertainty surrounding some of these changes. The Trustee is seeking clarification from the Court on these items, and this process is ongoing with it being unlikely to be resolved before the end of 2024 at the earliest. It is estimated that this could potentially increase the value of the full Scheme liabilities by £27m. We note that this estimate has been calculated as at 30 September 2022 on the Scheme's Technical Provisions basis. Until the Court direction is received, it is unknown whether the full (or any) increase in liabilities will apply and therefore, in line with the prior year, no adjustment has been made in these financial statements in respect of this.