# BRIDGEWATER HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

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### BRIDGEWATER HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED THE BOARD, EXECUTIVES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

### MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

**BOARD** 

Alastair Morris (Chairperson)

Hugh Cameron (Chairperson) - Resigned 30 November 2018

John Paterson (Vice Chairperson)

Heather Stirling (Secretary)

Angela Westrop

William Robertson

Frank Bradley

**Robert McNally** 

Aileen Naismith

Jim Sheridan

Ken McIntosh

Denise Love - Co-opted 28 November 2018

Suzanne Austin – Co-opted 27 March 2019

Steve Webster - Co-opted 27 March 2019

Craig McGarry - Co-opted 27 March 2019

#### **EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Ian McLean, Chief Executive

#### **REGISTERED OFFICE**

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**Bridgewater Shopping Centre** 

Erskine, PA8 7AA

#### **AUDITORS**

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Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor
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Glasgow, G3 8HB

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**Housing Finance** 

**Commercial Division** 

**Nationwide Building Society** 

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#### **SOLICITORS**

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The Board presents its report and the audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2019.

#### **Legal Status**

The Association is a registered non-profit making organisation under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 No. 2525R (S). The Association is governed under its Rule Book. The Association is a Registered Scottish Charity with the charity number SC035819.

#### **Principal Activities**

The principal activities of the Association are:

- The provision and management of housing for rent.
- The provision of services to owner-occupiers where the Association either factors property or has a relationship with an owner by virtue of the Association's previous role as Feu Superior.
- Acting as the Managing Agent for Renfrewshire, East Renfrewshire and Inverciyde Care and Repair Projects.
- The provision of a Supported Housing Service to tenants living in the Association's Sheltered Housing.

#### **Charitable Objects**

Bridgewater Housing Association Limited has been formed for the benefit of the community. Its charitable objects focus on the provision of housing and related services for people who are in need of our housing and services.

#### **Permitted Activities**

The Association's permitted activities and powers include anything which is necessary and expedient to help us achieve our charitable objects but we will also:

- · Have regard for the requirement of public accountability;
- Use any money we receive carefully and properly; and
- Consider the welfare of the people who live in the properties we own.

#### **Review of the Business**

#### **Priorities**

The Association approved a three year Business Plan early in 2016, following comprehensive work to review the vision, mission and objectives of the Association and to determine its future direction. The Board took some strategic time during 2019 to look again at its business plan and the future. The Board reviewed its mission, vision, values and objectives and importantly also considered the future in terms of other options which might be available to the Association. The Board concluded that the circumstances were such that the Association was strong both financially and in terms of the services it delivered to tenants and other customers. It was confident in the Association continuing to be financially stable in to the future, providing what tenants and other customers want from it and at a cost which was viewed as providing value for money. The Board tested this conclusion with its members, asking them the same question about the future and about their preference for alternatives to the status quo. Overwhelmingly members agreed with the conclusions of the Board, that the Association should remain an independent organisation but build on its already mature partnerships with other Associations. The Association's Board will approve a new Business Plan in 2019 and this will take account of the Scottish Housing Regulator's Recommended Practice for Business Planning and the new revised Regulatory Standards of Governance and Financial Management.

The Board confirmed that the Association wants to be:

A customer focussed organisation which delivers the best affordable housing and services to people who need them most.

And that our mission is to:

Get It Right For Every Customer.

Our values will be:

Doing what matters most, with and for, our customers. We are committed to providing quality, not just in the homes we build and maintain but also the services that we deliver. We believe that our customers want excellent homes and environments, value for money and a good experience when dealing with their landlord and we aim to deliver this, in partnership with them.

**Putting customers first**. We believe that this should permeate everything that we do, whether it's in procuring the best repairs and maintenance contracts or redesigning a service to better meet our customers' needs or removing the obstacles which prevent us from doing what they want. Our Board, as the Governing Body and our Leadership Team will provide strong leadership and oversight, ensuring tenants and other customers are protected and at the forefront of all that we do.

**Getting it right first time.** We will ensure a consistent approach to service delivery and strive to make sure that our customers experience is a "one stop" one. This means delivering excellent customer service which we can be proud of and that our customers can expect as a matter of course.

Our Business Plan aims to ensure that the programme of continuous improvement is implemented effectively to support the excellent services that our customers are used to. To achieve this our Board has established a set of strategic objectives, underpinned by clear delivery plans over the life of the plan. These reflect the opportunities and threats in the evolving external environment in which we operate and the current internal strengths and weaknesses of the Association. These are to:

- 1. Manage and maintain high quality, affordable homes and services
- 2. Deliver a quality value for money customer experience in partnership with customers
- 3. Protect and enhance the value of the environment.
- 4. Invest in our staff and our Board
- 5. Exploit collaborative opportunities for improvement and growth

The Association has developed an action plan around these five strategic objectives and monitors its actions and outcomes on a regular basis.

### **SHQS**

The Association successfully met its SHQS obligations other than abeyances and deferments. There are still a small number of these which the Association will deal with as and when the opportunities arise. However, it should be noted that complying with the SHQS Standard is an ongoing commitment for the Association and it did not end with the Scottish Governments deadline in 2015.

#### **EESSH**

The Association has developed a plan to ensure that it complies with the Scottish Government's aim that all social housing will meet the Energy Efficiency Standard for Social Housing (EESSH) by 2020. In this respect the Association secured an interest free loan (from the Scottish Government and administered by the Energy Savings Trust) which allowed us to carry out major insulation works. The Association is over 80% compliant and is confident that it will be 100% compliant by December 2020. Nevertheless this is a challenging commitment, particularly given the fact that the Scottish Government changed the criteria which would have allowed the Association to access additional interest free loan finance and which means that this is no longer available to it. The current financial plan has allowed for the necessary expenditure.

#### **Performance**

The Association regularly measures key performance information in relation to our service delivery, our income and our expenditure. The Association sets itself challenging targets for how well it wants to deliver its services. During the first half of the year we reported poor performance in relation to repairs. This was thought to be the result of "teething problems" with a new contractor, following a competitive tendering process. However, problems continued and eventually the Association and the contractor parted company. The Association reprocured the contract and was able to report much improved performance during the second half of the year. For the second year in a row our arrears levels decreased, a major achievement given the economic circumstances in which many of our customers find themselves. We also report good performance in relation to a host of other important performance indicators. The Annual Report on the Charter features more detailed information on many aspects of our Customer Service.

#### **Policy Review and Development**

The Association has an annual programme of policy review and development, however a number of our policies have gone beyond their optimal review date. This is because review was reliant on the Scottish Government guidance on the 2014 Housing (Scotland) Act which was issued in 2019. This has affected our review of our Allocations Policy, our Arrears Policy and our Anti-Social Behaviour Policy. Nevertheless, the Association was able to introduce a new Allocations Policy in conjunction with Renfrewshire Council and other local Housing Associations in 2019.

#### Risk Management

One of the biggest single risks to the Association is the UK Government's social security reform agenda. This has meant a raft of measures which started to affect our tenants on housing benefit in 2011/12 and tenants on other benefits in 2012/13 and 2013/14. More recently Universal Credit has been an issue for some of our tenants. This began to increase in 2018 when Renfrewshire was subject to the "live service" and will impact significantly in 2019. The Association is preparing for this new change and has commissioned an internal audit of its procedures and mitigation strategy in relation to welfare reform. This will report during 2019/20. As an initial action however the Association has "mainstreamed" its Welfare Rights Service which it had previously outsourced in order to improve access to this service by tenants.

The Association maintains a strategic risk register and risk map to assess and monitor the business risks faced by the organisation and implements risk management controls to mitigate risks where possible. This involves identifying the types of risks, prioritising them in terms of likelihood and impact and identifying and implementing controls. Key risk areas will be subject to a rolling programme of internal audit.

Risks are monitored by the Association's Audit and Risk Committee which also takes account of changes and new risks which have arisen.

#### **Care and Repair**

The Association won the tender to deliver the Care and Repair Service for Renfrewshire and East Renfrewshire Councils in 2012/13. This contract was extended, subsequently retendered and again awarded to the Association and will run until October 2021. Additionally the Board agreed to submit a tender for the Inverclyde Care and Repair service and the Association won a three year tender from Inverclyde Council. This resulted in a number of staff transferring to the Association, under TUPE from Cloch Housing Association.

#### **Governance Review**

In 2018 the Association completed a comprehensive review of its governance documentation and produced a full Framework of Governance document aimed at supporting Board Members. During 2018/19 the Board commissioned an independent audit of its governance arrangements and considered a report which made recommendations for a number of minor changes. The Association's internal auditor will review how these changes have been implemented during 2019/20.

#### Commitments for the future

#### **New Build**

The Association will continue to be speculative and opportunistic in relation to new housing development. There are no immediate plans for new build but the Association is currently discussing plans for sheltered housing with the local authority and the Scottish Government as part of the Strategic Housing Investment Plan process.

#### Office

The Association has been aware for some time that its current office is no longer fit for purpose and is discussing with its landlord a cost sharing arrangement to refurbish the office. This followed an extensive consideration by staff of possible alternative arrangements, none of which were deemed to be feasible.

#### **Financial Planning**

In 2017 the Association reviewed its financial planning and forecasting and developed a new 30-year financial plan, independently audited by a firm of consultants. The plan is updated annually and will form the basis of the Association's activities over the course of the next reporting period.

#### **Emerging Issues**

There are a number of emerging issues which the Association will deal with during 2019/20. These include;

- Approval of a new three year business plan
- Submission of the first Annual Compliance Statement to the Scottish Housing Regulator
- Preparation for and implementation of the Freedom of Information Act
- The Government's review of the Factoring Act and any consequential changes to our Factoring Service
- Consideration of the post of Head of Housing and Customer Service which is currently filled on a temporary basis
- Decisions relating to office accommodation

- Decisions relating to the re-provisioning of the sheltered accommodation.
- Implementation of new Fire Safety Regulations and the widespread installation of smoke alarms in our properties

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• The start of an extensive investment programme, including the re-roofing of a large number of properties

#### Statement of Board's responsibilities

The Board is responsible for preparing the report and Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations. The Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 and social housing legislation require the Board to prepare Financial Statements for each financial year which 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 year. In preparing those Financial Statements, the Board is required to:-

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the Financial Statements;
- Prepare the Financial Statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Association will continue in business;
- Prepare a statement on Internal Financial Control.

The Board is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Association and to enable it 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 - 2014. The Board 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.

The Board has confirmed, as far as it is aware, that there is no relevant audit information of which the Association's auditors are unaware. Each of the Board members has confirmed that they have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a Board member in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that it has been communicated to the auditors.

#### Statement on Internal Financial Control

The Board 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; and
- The safeguarding of assets against unauthorised use or disposition.

It is the Board'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 Board 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;
- · All expenditure is authorised by senior staff and Board
- The Association has a corporate strategy in place which details the strategic and operational objectives of the business
- There are controls in place to ensure the Organisation meets its covenants as detailed in its loan agreement with lenders
- The treasury management policy ensures that borrowing and investment are based on an assessment of
- The Organisation has 30 year cashflow projections which are updated annually. The underlying assumptions show a good understanding of the Association's business objectives, key risks and commitments and include up to date life cycle costing information
- A risk management plan is in place which takes a structures approach to the identification and analysis of key risks, the likelihood of these materialising and their possible impact
- Adequate insurance for the business has been taken out
- 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;
- The Board receive 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; and

The Board has reviewed the effectiveness of the system of internal financial control in existence in the Association for the year ended 31 March 2019. 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.

#### **Auditors**

A resolution to re-appoint the auditors, French Duncan LLP, Chartered Accountants, will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting

By order of Board

Signature

Heather Stirling, Secretary

Date: 14/08/2019

### BRIDGEWATER HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED REPORT BY THE AUDITORS TO THE BOARD OF BRIDGEWATER HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE MATTERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

In addition to our audit of the Financial Statements, we have reviewed your statement on pages 6 and 7 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 relating to corporate governance matters within Bulletin 2006/5 issued by the Auditing Practices Board. 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 reasons given for non-compliance.

#### Opinion

In our opinion the Statement on Internal Financial Control on page 6 and 7 has provided the disclosures required by the relevant Regulatory Standards with the publication "Our Regulatory Framework" and associated Regulatory Advice Notes 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 and Officers of the Association, and examination of relevant documents, we have satisfied ourselves that the Board'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 within the publication "Our Regulatory Framework" and associated Regulatory Advice Notes issued by the Scottish Housing Regulator in respect of internal financial controls.

French Duncan LLP

Chartered Accountants Statutory Auditors

**GLASGOW** 

Date: 21/08/2019

# BRIDGEWATER HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE BOARD OF BRIDGEWATER HOUSING ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

#### **OPINION**

We have audited the Financial Statements of Bridgewater Housing Association Limited for the year ended 31 March 2019 which comprise a statement of comprehensive income, statement of financial position, statement of cash flows, statement of changes in reserves and related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

In our opinion the Financial Statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Association's affairs as at 31 March 2019 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice: and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014, Part 6 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2010 and the Determination of Accounting Requirements December 2014.

#### **BASIS FOR 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 Housing Association in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of Financial Statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our 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 opinion.

#### **CONCLUSIONS RELATING TO GOING CONCERN**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the Board members' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the Financial Statements is not appropriate; or
- the Board members have not disclosed in the Financial Statements any identified material uncertainties
  that may cast significant doubt about the Association's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis
  of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the Financial Statements are
  authorised for issue.

### OTHER INFORMATION

The other information comprises the information contained in the Board report, other than the Financial Statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Board is responsible for the other information.

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.

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

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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-operation and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 requires us to report to you, if in our opinion:

- a satisfactory system of control over transactions has not been maintained; or,
- the Association has not kept proper accounting records; or,
- the Financial Statements 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 BOARD MEMBERS**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Board's responsibilities set out on page 6, the Board is responsible for the preparation of the Financial Statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Board determines is necessary to enable the preparation of Financial Statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the Financial Statements, the Board is responsible for assessing the Housing 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 either intends to liquidate the Housing Association or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

We have been appointed as auditor under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 and report in accordance with the Acts and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the Financial Statements, whether due to fraud or
error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is

### BRIDGEWATER HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE BOARD OF BRIDGEWATER HOUSING ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

sufficient and appropriate to provide the basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that
  are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness
  of the Housing Association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Board.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Board's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the Financial Statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Housing Association to cease to continue as a going concern.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

#### **USE OF OUR REPORT**

This report is made solely to the Association's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 87 of the Cooperative 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 auditors' 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.

### French Duncan LLP

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors 133 Finnieston Street GLASGOW G3 8HB

Date: 21/08/2019

# BRIDGEWATER HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

		2019	2018
	Notes	£	£
REVENUE	2	5,609,619	5,518,818
Operating costs	2	(4,737,805)	(4,754,995)
OPERATING SURPLUS	9	871,814	763,823
Gain on sale of housing stock	7	=	114,109
Interest receivable and other similar income	?	20,253	9,348
Interest payable and other similar charges	8	(134,717)	(413,537)
Other Finance Charges	11		(8,000)
		(114,464)	(298,080)
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		757,350	465,743
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME			
Initial recognition of multi-employer			
defined benefit scheme	23	(408,000)	ল
Actuarial losses in respect of pension			
scheme	23	(405,000)	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		(55,650)	465,743

The results for the year relate wholly to continuing activities.

The notes on page 17 to 36 form part of these Financial Statements.

### **BRIDGEWATER HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED** STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION **AS AT 31 MARCH 2019**

		Notes		2019 £		2018 £
NON-CURREN Housing prop	IT ASSETS erties - depreciated cost	12(a)		25,795,256		26,237,049
	e fixed assets	12(b)		769		1,400
		(-/		25,796,025	-	26,238,449
CURRENT ASS	SETS			,,		
Debtors		14	1,030,590		1,596,686	
Cash at bank a	and in hand	19	4,934,564		4,364,391	
			5,965,154		5,961,077	
CREDITORS:	amounts falling due within one year	15	(1,722,411)		(2,044,135)	
NET CURRENT	ASSETS			4,242,743		3,916,942
TOTAL ASSETS	LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			30,038,768		30,155,391
CREDITORS:	amounts falling due after more than one year housing property loans	16	(7,634,893)		(8,358,644)	
PROVISIONS	FOR LIABILITIES  Pension - deficit funding  liability  Pension - defined benefit		ă		(495,000)	
	liability	23	(1,403,000)			
DEFERRED INC		18		(9,037,893) (10,293,564)		(8,853,644)
				10,707,311	I=	10,762,959
EQUITY		14				
Share capital		19		73		71
Revenue rese	erve		(= ) =	10,707,238		10,762,888

The Financial Statements were approved by the Board, authorised for issue, and signed on its behalf on

14/08/2019

Alastair Morris Jølin Paterson Heather Stirling ( Chairperson Vice Chairperson Secretary

The notes on page 17 to 36 form part of these Financial Statements.

# BRIDGEWATER HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

	Notes	2019 £		2018 £
NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	17	1,831,480	-	803,192
INVESTING ACTIVITIES  Acquisition and construction of housing properties  Proceeds of disposals of housing properties	(505,131) -		(765,039) 131,600	
NET CASH (OUTFLOW) FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	- <del> </del>	(505,131)		(633,439)
NET CASH INFLOW BEFORE FINANCING		1,326,349		169,753
FINANCING ACTIVITIES  Loan advance received  Issue of ordinary share capital  Interest received  Interest paid  Loan principal repayments  NETCASH (OUTFLOW) FROM FINANCING	- 6 20,253 (107,717) (668,718)		729,114 39 9,348 (413,537) (711,716)	(386,752)
INCREASE(DECREASE) IN CASH		570,173		(216,999)
OPENING CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		4,364,391	_	4,581,390
CLOSING CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	0 8	4,934,564	-	4,364,391

# BRIDGEWATER HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN CAPITAL AND RESERVES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

	Share Capital	Revenue Reserve	Total £
Balance as at 1 April 2018	71	10,762,888	10,762,959
Issue of Shares	6	<b>₩</b> 0	6
Cancelled shares	(4)	<b>3</b> 0	(4)
Surplus for Year	9 <del>5</del> 3	757,350	757,350
Other comprehensive income	Ã.	(813,000)	(813,000)
Balance as at 31 March 2019	73	10,707,238	10,707,311
	Share Capital	Revenue Reserve	Total
Balance as at 1 April 2017	59	10,297,145	10,297,204
Issue of Shares	39	æ:	39
Cancelled shares	(27)	ଞ୍ <del>ର</del> େ	(27)
Surplus for Year	<u> </u>	465,743	465,743
Balance as at 31 March 2018	71	10,762,888	10,762,959

#### 1. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Legal status

The Association is incorporated under the Co-operative and Community Benefits Societies Act 2014 and is registered by the Financial Conduct Authority. The Association is a Public Benefit Entity in terms of its compliance with Financial Reporting Standard 102.

#### **Basis of Accounting**

These Financial Statements have been 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 2014 and comply with the requirements of the Determination of Housing Requirements 2014 as issued by the Scottish Housing Regulator.

The preparation of Financial Statements in compliance with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgement in applying the Association's accounting policies (see below).

Following the introduction of FRED 71 (Draft amendments to FRS 102, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, Multiemployer defined benefit plans), the Association now accounts for the SHAPS pension scheme on a defined benefit basis. Further details are given in the retirement benefits policy below.

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

#### **Going Concern**

The Board has assessed the Association's ability to continue as a going concern and has reasonable expectations that the Association has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus it continues to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing these Financial Statements.

#### Revenue

The Association recognises rent receivable net of losses from voids. Service Charge Income (net of voids) is recognised as expenditure 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 it relates.

#### **Retirement Benefits**

The Association participates in the Scottish Housing Association Defined Benefits Pension Scheme and 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 Associations taken as a whole.

The Association accounts for the pension scheme on a defined benefit basis based on its share of scheme assets and liabilities as determined by the actuary. Defined benefit costs are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income within operating costs. Actuarial gains and losses are recognised in Other Comprehensive Income.

#### 1. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Historically the scheme was accounted for as a defined contribution scheme as there was insufficient information for each social landlord's share of SHAPS to allow for defined benefit accounting. The liability previously recognised for the present value of the social landlord's deficit funding agreement has been derecognised. The difference between the deficit funding agreement liability social landlords historically recognised for SHAPS, and the net DB deficit for SHAPS, has been recognised in other comprehensive income (OCI). This accounting policy change has been accounted for in accordance with FRED 71: Draft Amendments to FRS 102: Multi-employer defined benefit plans as a matter of best practice. FRED 71 is an exposure draft and has not yet been implemented into financial reporting standards.

Further details of the scheme and its assumptions are included at note 23.

#### **Valuation of Housing Properties**

Housing Properties are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Housing under construction and Land are not depreciated. The Association depreciates housing properties by major component on a straight line basis over the estimated useful economic lives of each identified component. All components are categorised as Housing Properties within note 12. Impairment reviews are carried out if events or circumstances indicate that the carrying value of the components listed below is higher than the recoverable amount.

Component Useful Economic Life

Land	Not depreciated
Structure	50 years
Kitchens	15 years
Bathrooms	30 years
Central heating boilers	15 years
Central heating radiators and controls	30 years
Windows and doors	25 years
Electrical rewiring	25 years
Roofs	40 years
Lifts	25 years

#### **Depreciation and Impairment of Other Non-Current Assets**

Non-Current Assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis over the expected economic useful lives of the assets at the following annual rates:-

Leasehold improvements Over remaining life of lease

Office equipment 20%
Fixtures and fittings 15%
Computer equipment 33.3%
Motor vehicles 25%

The carrying value of non-current assets is reviewed for impairment at the end of each reporting year.

#### **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.

#### 1. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### Social Housing Grant and Other Grants in Advance/Arrears

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 it relates.

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 year 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**

Disposals of housing property under the Right to Buy scheme are treated as a non-current asset disposal and any gain or loss on disposal accounted for in the Statement of comprehensive Income.

#### **Estimation Uncertainty**

The preparation of Financial Statements requires the use of certain accounting estimates. It also requires the Board to exercise judgement in applying the Association's 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, is disclosed below:

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **Useful Lives of Other Fixed Assets**

The useful lives of other fixed Assets are based on the knowledge of senior management at the Association with reference to expected asset life cycles.

#### **Pension Liabilities**

This has relied on the actuarial assumptions of qualified actuaries which have been reviewed and are considered reasonable and appropriate.

#### Leases/Leased Assets

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.

#### 1. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Key Judgements made in the application of Accounting Policies

#### a) The Categorisation of Housing Properties

In the judgement of the Board 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 Association considers its cash-generating units to be the entire housing portfolio in which it manages its housing property for asset management purposes.

### c) Pension liability

In May 2019 the Association received details from the Pension Trust of its share of assets, liabilities and scheme deficit. The Association has used this information as the basis of the pension defined benefit liability as disclosed in these accounts. The Board consider this is the best estimate of their scheme liability.

#### Financial Instruments - Basic

The Association only enters into basic financial instrument transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like rents, accounts receivable and payable, loans from banks and related parties.

These are recognised 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.

#### **Concessionary Loan**

Concessionary loans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Position at the amount paid or received.

### 2. PARTICULARS OF REVENUE, COST OF SALES, OPERATING COSTS AND OPERATING SURPLUS

		2019			2018		
	N.	Revenue	Operating Costs	Operating surplus	Revenue	Operating Costs	Operating surplus
	Note	£	£	£	£	£	£
Social letting activities	3	4,445,605	(3,633,920)	811,685	4,411,478	(3,671,239)	740,239
Other activities  Total	4	1,164,014 5,609,619	(1,103,885) (4,737,805)	60,129 871,814	1,107,340 5,518,818	(1,083,756) (4,754,995)	23,584 763,823

### 3. PARTICULARS OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FROM SOCIAL LETTINGS

	General Needs Housing £	Supported Housing £	2019 Total £	2018 Total £
Revenue from lettings				
Rent receivable net of identifiable service				
charges	3,434,553	575,901	4,010,454	3,946,476
Service charges receivable	22,588	177,921	200,509	198,229
Gross rents receivable	3,457,141	753,822	4,210,963	4,144,705
Less rent losses from voids	(28,976)	(7,859)	(36,835)	(34,961)
Net rents receivable	3,428,165	745,963	4,174,128	4,109,744
Amortisation of Social Housing & Other Grants Revenue grants from local authorities and other	245,224	-	245,224	245,224
agencies	26,253	<u></u>	26,253	56,510
Total income from social letting	3,699,642	745,963	4,445,605	4,411,478
Expenditure on social letting activities				
Management and maintenance				
administration costs	944,440	158,362	1,102,802	1,017,077
Service costs	20,206	159,160	179,366	120,884
Planned and cyclical maintenance including				
major repairs	703,941	118,036	821,977	1,055,652
Reactive maintenance	378,300	63,433	441,733	394,010
Bad debts - rents and service charges	9,419	1,579	10,998	3,672
Depreciation of social housing	810,946	135,978	946,924	937,563
Housing costs	111,614	18,506	130,120	142,381
Operating costs of social letting	2,978,866	655,054	3,633,920	3,671,239
Operating surplus on social letting activities	720,776	90,909	811,685	740,239
2018	614,658	125,581	740,239	

### 4. PARTICULARS OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FROM OTHER ACTIVITIES

	Other revenue grants	Supporting people income	Other income	Total Turnover	Operating costs bad debts	Operating costs other	Operating surplus/ (deficit) 2019	Operating surplus/ (deficit) 2018
Factoring	-	-	593,664	593,664	(3,939)	(596,017)	(6,292)	(22,194)
Support activities Other agency management	-	52,442	115,853	168,295	-	(155,244)	13,051	446
services	-	:=:	34,073	34,073	-	(17,731)	16,342	16,562
Care and Repair TOTAL FROM OTHER	<u> </u>		367,982	367,982	<del></del>	(330,954)	37,028	28,770
ACTIVITIES TOTAL FROM OTHER	-	52,442	1,111,572	1,164,014	(3,939)	(1,099,946)	60,129	23,584
ACTIVITIES FOR 2018	23,917	48,144	1,035,279	1,107,340	(19,625)	(1,064,131)	23,584	

### 5. BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS EMOLUMENTS

The officers are defined as the members of the Board, the executive officers and employees of the Association reporting directly to the Chief Executive or the Board.

	2019 £	2018 £
Aggregate emoluments payable to officers with emoluments greater than £60,000 (excluding pension contributions)	75,166	72,518
Emoluments payable to the Chief Executive (excluding pension contributions)	75,166	72,518
Pension contributions paid on behalf of the Chief Executive	9,471	9,064
	Number	Number
Total number of officers, including the highest paid officer, who received emoluments (excluding pension contributions) over £60,000 was in the following ranges:		
£70,001 - £80,000	1	1

Payments made to Board members during the year for reimbursement of expenses totalled £2,387 (2018 - £805).

### 6. EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

	2019	2018
	£	£
Staff costs during the year:		
Wages and salaries	965,598	898,019
Social security costs	94,787	88,066
Other pension costs	167,700	151,948
Employer past service pension deficit costs	171,769	166,916
	1,399,854	1,304,949
	No complete on	Name to a
	Number	Number
The average number of full time equivalent persons employed during the year was	22	າາ
during the year was	33	32
7. GAIN ON SALE OF HOUSING STOCK		
7. 6 6 6 6 6 6 6	2019	2018
	£	£
Sales proceeds	- I N	131,600
Cost of sales		17,491
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Gain on sale	<u> </u>	114,109
8. INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES		
	2019	2018
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	107,717	413,537
Defined benefit pension charge	27,000	440.507
	134,717	413,537
9. OPERATING SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		
J. OI ENATING SOM EGS FOR THE TEAM	2019	2018
	£	£
	_	-
Surplus is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of tangible owned fixed assets	947,555	939,390
Auditors' remuneration - audit services	9,500	9,500
Operating lease rentals - land and buildings	51,977	51,721
other	4,244	4,244
Gain on sale of fixed assets	7 <del>5</del>	112,861
Amortisation of capital grants	245,224	245,224

### 10. TAX ON SURPLUS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

The Association is a Registered Scottish Charity and is exempt from Corporation Tax on its charitable activities.

11. OTHER FINANCE INCOME/CHAI	RGES
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	2019	2018
	£	£
Unwinding of discounted liabilities	:= ::	8,000
12. NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
a) Housing Properties	Housing	
	Properties	
	Held for	
	Letting	Total
	£	£
COST		
At start of year	35,723,179	35,723,179
Additions	505,131	505,131
Disposals	(350,522)	(350,522)
At end of year	35,877,788	35,877,788
DEPRECIATION		
At start of year	9,486,130	9,486,130
Charged during year	946,924	946,924
Eliminated on disposal	(350,522)	(350,522)
At end of year	10,082,532	10,082,532
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NET BOOK VALUE		
At end of year	25,795,256	25,795,256
At start of year	26,237,049	26,237,049

Components replaced in the year and capitalised totalled £505,131 (2018 - £765,039).

All housing property is heritable.

b) Other tangible assets	Leasehold Improvements £	Furniture & Fittings £	Total £
COST			
At start of year	98,255	176,721	274,976
Additions	h <del></del>	-	9 <del>2</del> .
Disposals		(22,000)	(22,000)
At end of year	98,255	154,721	252,976
DEPRECIATION			
At start of year	98,255	175,321	273,576
Charged during year	50,255	631	631
Disposals	.=	(22,000)	(22,000)
At end of year	98,255	153,952	252,207
NET BOOK VALUE			
At end of year	温	769	769
At start of year		1,400	1,400
13. COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES			
		2019	2018
*		£	£
At the year end, the total future minimum lease			
payments under non-cancellable operating leases			
were as follows:			
Not later than one year		25,359	55,964
Later than one year and not later than five years		2,864	28,223
	_	28,223	84,187
8			
14. DEBTORS		2062	•
		2019	2018
		£	£
Arrears of Rent & Service Charges		162,277	137,688
Less: Provision for Doubtful Debts		(33,874)	(27,202)
	\$ <del>==</del>	128,403	110,486
Other Debtors		278,690	273,558
Prepayments and accrued income	:- <u>-</u> -	623,497	1,212,642
	1,	030,590	1,596,686

#### 15. CREDITORS AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2019	2018
	£	£
Housing Loans	785,329	744,871
Concessionary Loans	87,470	72,895
Trade Payables	158,625	195,815
Rent in Advance	80,309	68,811
Other Taxation and Social Security	53,799	51,364
Other Payables	94,620	88,121
Liability for Past Service Contribution Arrangements	₩,	167,000
Accruals and Deferred Income	462,259	655,258
	1,722,411	2,044,135

Outstanding pension contributions at the year-end were £17,398 (2018: £15,353).

#### 16. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER ONE YEAR

	2019 £	2018 £
Concessionary loans	712,342	656,218
Housing loans	6,922,551	7,702,426
	7,634,893	8,358,644

The Association has a number of long term housing loans, the terms and conditions of which are as follows:

Loans are secured by specific charges on the Association's properties. All of the Association's bank borrowings are repayable on a monthly basis with the principal being amortised over the term of the loans. Interest is payable at variable rates of 1.35%, 1.18% and 1.17% which produce a weighted average of 1.29%.

The Bank loans are repayable as follows:	2019	2018
	£	£
Between one and two years	816,787	779,875
Between two and five years	2,704,491	2,574,543
In five years or more	3,401,273	4,348,008
	6,922,551	7,702,426

The concessionary loan from HEEPS is repayable on a monthly basis over a 10 year term and has been offered at nil interest.

### 16. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER ONE YEAR (continued)

The concessionary loans are repayable as follows:	2019	2018	
	£	£	
Between one and two years	87,470	87,470	
Between two and five years	262,411	262,411	
In five years or more	362,461	306,337	
	712,342	656,218	
17. STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS			
Reconciliation of operating surplus to balance as at 31 March 2019	2019	2018	
Nesentination of operating surplus to buildings as at o1 march 2015	£	£	
Operating Surplus	871,814	763,823	
Depreciation	947,555	939,390	
Amortisation of Capital Grants	(245,224)	(245,224)	
Change in debtors	566,096	(686,763)	
Change in creditors	(209,757)	199,993	
Unwinding of Discount on Pension Liability	=======================================	(8,000)	
Movement in Pension Liability	(99,000)	(160,000)	
Cancelled Shares	(4)	(27)	
	( )	( /	
Balance as at 31 March 2019	1,831,480	803,192	
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18. DEFERRED INCOME			
	2019	2018	
	£	£	
Social Housing Grants			
Balance as at 1 April 2018	10,538,788	10,784,012	
Amortisation in Year	(245,224)	(245,224)	
Balance as at 31 March 2019	10,293,564	10,538,788	
This is expected to be released to the Statement of Comprehensive Inc	onie as follows:		
Amounts due within one year	245,224	245,224	
Amounts due in one year or more	10,048,340	10,293,564	
	10,293,564	10,538,788	

#### 19. RESERVES

Share Capital	2019	2018
	£	£
Shares of £1 each Issued and Fully Paid		
A. 1. A., .:! 2010	71	50
At 1 April 2018	71	59
Issued in year	6	39
Cancelled in year	(4)	(27)
At 31 March 2019	73	71

Each member of the Association holds one share of £1 in the Association. These shares carry no rights to dividends 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.

#### 20. HOUSING STOCK

The number of units of accommodation in management at the year end was:-	2019 No.	2018 No.
General Needs	701	701
Supported Housing	150	150
Managed Properties	7	7
	858	858

#### 21. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Members of the Board are related parties of the Association as defined by Financial Reporting Standard 102. The related party relationships of the members of the Board are summarised as:

- Members are tenants of the Association
- Members are factored owners
- Board members cannot use their position to their advantage. Any transactions between the Association
  and any entity with which a Board member has a connection with is made at arm's length and is under
  normal commercial terms.

Transactions with Board members were as follows:

- Rent Received from Tenants on the Board £32,964 (2018: £28,697).
- Factoring income received from Owner Occupiers on the Board £635 (2018: £433).
- At the year-end total rent arrears owed by the Tenant members of the Board were £234 (2018: £Nil).
- At the year-end total rent arrears owed by Owner Occupiers of the Board were £Nil (2018: £Nil).

#### 22. DETAILS OF ASSOCIATION

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

The Association's principal place of business is 1st Floor, Bridgewater Shopping Centre, Erskine, PA8 7AA.

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

#### 23. RETIREMENT BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

The Association participates in the Scottish Housing Associations' 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 pension schemes in the UK.

The last triennial valuation of the scheme for funding purposes was carried out as at 30 September 2015. This valuation revealed a deficit of £198m. A Recovery Plan has been put in place to eliminate the deficit which runs to 28 February 2022 for the majority of employers, although certain employers have different arrangements.

The Scheme is classified as a 'last-man standing arrangement'. Therefore the Association is potentially liable for other participating employers' obligations if those employers are unable to meet their share of the scheme deficit following withdrawal from the Scheme. Participating employers are legally required to meet their share of the Scheme deficit on an annuity purchase basis on withdrawal from the Scheme.

For financial years ending on or before 28 February 2019, it has not been possible for the Association to obtain sufficient information to enable it to account for the Scheme as a defined benefit scheme, therefore the Association has accounted for the Scheme as a defined contribution scheme.

For financial years ending on or after 31 March 2019, it is possible to obtain sufficient information to enable the Association to account for the Scheme as a defined benefit scheme.

For accounting purposes, two actuarial valuations for the Scheme were carried out with effective dates of 31 March 2018 and 30 September 2018. The liability figures from each valuation are rolled forward to the relevant accounting dates, if applicable, and are used in conjunction with the Association's fair share of the Scheme's total assets to calculate the Association's net deficit or surplus at the accounting period start and end dates.

### 23. RETIREMENT BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS (continued)

Pension Scheme Liability movements:

·	2019	2018
	(£000s)	(£000s)
As at 1 April 2018	662	822
De-recognition of deficit funding liability	(662)	
Recognition of defined benefit obligation	1,070	150 250 250
Current Service Cost	233	-
Net Interest expense	27	8
Expenses	5	-
Deficit Contributions Paid	(337)	(162)
Impact of change in assumptions	405	(6)
As at 31 March 2019	1,403	662

### PRESENT VALUES OF DEFINED BENEFIT OBLIGATION, FAIR VALUE OF ASSETS AND DEFINED BENEFIT ASSET (LIABILITY)

	31 March 2019	31 March 2018
	(£000s)	(£000s)
Fair value of plan assets	6,734	6,102
Present value of defined benefit obligation	8,137	7,172
Surplus (deficit) in plan	(1,403)	(1,070)
Unrecognised surplus		8 <del>=</del> 1
Defined benefit asset (liability) to be recognised	(1,403)	(1,070)
Deferred tax	•	1 <del>4</del>
Net defined benefit asset (liability) to be recognised	€	. <u></u>

As a result of the pension remeasurement basis during the year the movement in the opening pension liability of £408,000 is shown separately in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

### 23. RETIREMENT BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS (continued)

### RECONCILIATION OF THE IMPACT OF THE ASSET CEILING

	Period ended
	31 March 2019
	(£000s)
Impact of asset ceiling at start of period	-
Effect of the asset ceiling included in net interest cost	=
Actuarial losses (gains) on asset ceiling	=
Impact of asset ceiling at end of period	

#### RECONCILIATION OF OPENING AND CLOSING BALANCES OF THE DEFINED BENEFIT OBLIGATION

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	Period ended
	31 March 2019
	(£000s)
Defined benefit obligation at start of period	7,172
Current service cost	233
Expenses	5
Interest expense	188
Contributions by plan participants	27
Actuarial losses (gains) due to scheme experience	24
Actuarial losses (gains) due to changes in demographic assumptions	21
Actuarial losses (gains) due to changes in financial assumptions	556
Benefits paid and expenses	(89)
Liabilities acquired in a business combination	3
Liabilities extinguished on settlements	2
Losses (gains) on curtailments	-
Losses (gains) due to benefit changes	-
Exchange rate changes	-
Defined benefit obligation at end of period	8,137

### 23. RETIREMENT BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS (continued)

### RECONCILIATION OF OPENING AND CLOSING BALANCES OF THE FAIR VALUE OF PLAN ASSETS

2	Period ended
	31 March 2019
	(£000s)
Fair value of plan assets at start of period	6,102
Interest income	161
Experience on plan assets (excluding amounts included in interest	196
income) - gain (loss)	227
Contributions by the employer	337
Contributions by plan participants	27
Benefits paid and expenses	(89)
Assets acquired in a business combination	(4)
Assets distributed on settlements	*
Exchange rate changes	·
Fair value of plan assets at end of period	6,734

The actual return on the plan assets (including any changes in share of assets) over the period ended 31 March 2019 was £357,000.

### DEFINED BENEFIT COSTS RECOGNISED IN STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (SOCI)

	Period from 31
	March 2018 to
	31 March 2019
	(£000s)
Current service cost	233
Expenses	5
Net interest expense	27
Losses (gains) on business combinations	
Losses (gains) on settlements	-
Losses (gains) on curtailments	<b>19</b>
Losses (gains) due to benefit changes	9 <del>2</del> 1
Defined benefit costs recognised in statement of comprehensive income (SoCI)	265

### 24. RETIREMENT BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS (continued)

#### DEFINED BENEFIT COSTS RECOGNISED IN OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	Period ended	
	31 March 2019	
	(£000s)	
Experience on plan assets (excluding amounts included in net interest cost) - gain (loss)	196	
Experience gains and losses arising on the plan liabilities - gain (loss)	(24)	
Effects of changes in the demographic assumptions underlying the	(21)	
present value of the defined benefit obligation - gain (loss)	(21)	
Effects of changes in the financial assumptions underlying the present	(55.6)	
value of the defined benefit obligation - gain (loss)	(556)	
Total actuarial gains and losses (before restriction due to some of the	(405)	
surplus not being recognisable) gain (loss)		
Effects of changes in the amount of surplus that is not recoverable		
(excluding amounts included in net interest cost) gain (loss)	·=:	
Total amount recognised in other comprehensive income - gain (loss)	(405)	

#### **ASSETS**

	31 March 2019	31 March 2018
	(£000s)	(£000s)
Global Equity	1,083	1,098
Absolute Return	570	724
Distressed Opportunities	115	28
Credit Relative Value	117	<b>≠</b> 3
Alternative Risk Premia	376	231
Fund of Hedge Funds	19	175
Emerging Markets Debt	216	209
Risk Sharing	195	56
Insurance Linked Securities	175	167
Property	134	241
Infrastructure	282	111
Private Debt	87	57
Corporate Bond Fund	472	426
Long Lease Property	82	æ:
Secured Income	235	223
Over 15 Year Gilts	173	197
Index Linked All Stock Gilts	38	2)
Liability Driven Investment	2,396	2,148
Net Current Assets	7	11
Total assets	6,734	6,102

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

### 23. RETIREMENT BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS (continued)

#### **KEY ASSUMPTIONS**

	31 March 2019	31 March 2018
	% per annum	% per annum
Discount Rate	2.33	2.59
Inflation (RPI)	3.28	3.16
Inflation (CPI)	2.28	2.16
Salary Growth	3.28	3.16
	75% of	75% of
Allowance for commutation of pension for cash at retirement	maximum	maximum
	allowance	allowance

	Life
	expectancy at
	age 65
	(Years)
Male retiring in 2019	21.7
Female retiring in 2019	23.4
Male retiring in 2039	23.1
Female retiring in 2039	24.7