



Alexander Sloan
Accountants and Business Advisers

Knowes Housing Association Limited

Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2023

Registered Social Landlord No. HEP300

FCA Reference No. 2518R(S)

Scottish Charity No. SC027466

Registered Property Factor PF000201

KNOWES 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

Rhona Polak

Katie Devaney

William Stevenson

Yvonne McDonald

Councillor Lawrence O'Neill

Lynsey Chrystal

Ross Campbell Anderson

Hilary Edgar

Steven McCabe

Chairperson (appointed October 2022)

Vice Chairperson

Secretary

Treasurer

Chairperson (April 2022 to September 2022)

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Erica Davidson

Martin Harvey

Kennedy Chilambe

Joseph Wilson

Peter French

Elaine Lewty

CEO

Head of Housing

Head of Finance

Head of Property Services – Resigned Sep 2022

Head of Property Services – Appointed Jan 2023

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KNOWES 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 a registered non-profit making organisation under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 (No. 2518R(S)). The association is governed under its rule book. The Association is a registered Scottish Charity with the charity number SC027466 and a Registered Property Factor with the number PF000201.

Principal Activities

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

Review of Business and Future Developments

Knowes Housing Association performed well in the 2022-23 financial year despite the challenging economic environment and cost of living pressures on our tenants. Rental income remained in line with expectation and budget projections. The full turnover for the year was £4.9m. Operating costs continued to increase steadily ending at £4.7m for the year which resulted in an operating surplus of £213k.

At the end of the financial year 2022/23, the Association had a net deficit of £131k (last year net surplus £1.99m). This was after adjusting for bank interest and SHAPS Pension deficit. The reserves stood at £17m and cash balances are £5.7m.

Business operations continued to be affected by the post pandemic recovery. In the year, we saw an increase in contractor charges as the costs of materials increased in the construction and maintenance industry. This affected some of our suppliers. The direct result was an increase in the cost of repairs for voids and general reactive repairs. The costs of labour also increased as a result. In the year, we procured our repairs and maintenance contract through a tender exercise. This contract was subsequently awarded by lots. Thus, we were able to bring onboard some new contractors to our approved supplier list. The advantage will be healthier competition between the suppliers resulting in better performance and possible cost saving measures for our tenants. It also means that we are less reliant on one main contractor in these times of uncertainty for the building industry.

2022-23 financial year also saw some changes in the Senior Management Team. Joe Wilson Head of Property Services resigned in September 2022, and we were pleased to welcome back Peter French who was reappointed as Head of Property Services after 3 years away from Knowes HA. We were also delighted to welcome a further 6 new members of staff in the year. This was due to a bereavement, retirements and a small number leaving to promoted posts elsewhere within the housing industry.

Post pandemic our offices continue to be open to our customers and the public. To ensure a good work-life balance we maintain a hybrid approach to working for most of our staff. They therefore, can work at home and in the office depending on the needs of our customers. We continue to invest in staff welfare and are working on implementing a staff wellbeing strategy. We also support staff with their training requirements, thus enabling staff to have the skills, knowledge and confidence needed to ensure continued customer excellence.

Excellent customer service is at the core of our operations, and we proactively look for ways to improve on our last customer satisfaction survey carried out in 2022. We engage in estate management with bi-monthly inspections and follow-ups in the intervening months. These include quality control checks on the common cleaning service to closes. All cases of ASB reported to us in the year were resolved within

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Review of Business and Future Developments (Contd.)

time scales with one remaining open at year end. Gross rental arrears were 2.4%, a slight increase on last years' figure of 2.2%. Demand for our properties remains high with void loss being 0.46% of rental income and re-let times of 8.2 calendar days. We had 69 re-lets during the year and 665 potential tenants on our housing waiting list at year end.

Supporting tenants through the economic crisis has been a key focus for Knowes HA. At the start of the financial year the management committee approved a rental increase of 2.9% for 2022/23 and this has been followed up by a 4.9% rental increase for 2023/24 despite inflation having been above 10% for several months leading up to the rent increase. We continue to look for ways to support and help our customers sustain their tenancy. Knowes HA was also successful in securing £20k of funding from the National Lottery which was directly redistributed to help our tenants with fuel and heating costs. We continue to monitor arrears following the Scottish Government's temporary moratorium and evictions ban in the year.

During the financial year we continued to invest in our properties with £574k spent on component capital works such as Kitchens and Bathrooms. We also sold one unit and purchased one additional. Therefore, at year end we had 1049 units in our management for rents inclusive of the supported unit leased to WDC. Through funding from the Scottish Government, we added a ramp which will provide disabled and wheelchair access to the community garden area. Within our estates we were able to improve the back court areas to two of our closes and hope to do more in the future as funds become available.

Looking to the future, we continue to pursue the construction of 27 new units at the Bowling Club site on Abbeylands Road. We have now submitted the planning permission to the council and look forward to its approval. As we come to the end of our long-term loan with Nationwide, we will have the opportunity to approach the market again to seek loan funding to help fund the construction of the new development. We are also looking to receive Housing Association Grant funding from the Scottish Government for the development. These units will be a welcome addition and will go some way to helping reduce the housing need in the local area.

We will continue to support our tenants and staff. We aim to strengthen on the success of the previous year and build on our recent Cyber Essentials certification. We will work at renewing our investors in people accreditation. The Management Committee and Staff will work together to refresh our business plan in light of the ever-changing environment in which we operate.

Knowes Housing Association will also continue to invest into its housing stock with a component replacement programme of £1.17m planned for the 2023-24 financial year.

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.

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Review of Business and Future Developments (Contd.)

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.

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.

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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 £1,300 (2022 - £230).

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.

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By order of the Management Committee



William Stevenson
Secretary
08 August 2023

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REPORT BY THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF KNOWES 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 Management Committee and Officers of the Association and examination of relevant documents, we have satisfied ourselves that the Management Committee'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.

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ALEXANDER SLOAN
Accountants and Business Advisers
Statutory Auditors
GLASGOW
08 August 2023


Alexander Sloan
Accountants and Business Advisers

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

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Knowes 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 Management Committee 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 Management Committee with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other Information

The Management Committee 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 KNOWES 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 Management Committee

As explained more fully in the statement of Management Committee's responsibilities as set out on page 4, the Management Committee 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 Management Committee 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 Management Committee 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 Management Committee 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 KNOWES 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 inspecting legal correspondence; 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 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 KNOWES 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
Accountants and Business Advisers
Statutory Auditors
GLASGOW
08 August 2023



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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
Revenue	2		4,917,825		4,858,728
Operating costs	2		4,704,469		3,503,801
OPERATING SURPLUS			213,356		1,354,927
Gain on sale of housing stock	7	55,890		-	
Interest receivable and other income		23,757		5,750	
Interest payable and similar charges	8	(26,188)		(9,546)	
Other Finance income/(charges)	11	2,000		(16,000)	
			55,459		(19,796)
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR			268,815		1,335,131
Other comprehensive income					
Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit pension plan	18		(400,000)		654,000
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME			(131,185)		1,989,131

The results relate wholly to continuing activities.


The notes on pages 16 to 34 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 - depreciated cost	12		16,821,475	16,937,629
Other tangible assets	12		193,782	223,578
			<u>17,015,257</u>	<u>17,161,207</u>
CURRENT ASSETS				
Receivables	13	219,436		214,008
Investments	14	3,486,486		3,474,333
Cash and cash equivalents	15	2,247,807		2,808,602
		<u>5,953,729</u>		<u>6,496,943</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	16	<u>(1,180,410)</u>		<u>(1,278,773)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>4,773,319</u>	<u>5,218,170</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			21,788,576	22,379,377
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year	17		(48,050)	(615,176)
PENSIONS AND OTHER PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES				
Scottish housing association pension scheme	18	<u>(272,000)</u>		<u>(8,000)</u>
			(272,000)	(8,000)
DEFERRED INCOME				
Social housing grants	19	(3,378,174)		(3,487,764)
Other grants	19	<u>(1,030,856)</u>		<u>(1,077,759)</u>
			<u>(4,409,030)</u>	<u>(4,565,523)</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>17,059,496</u>	<u>17,190,678</u>
EQUITY				
Share capital	20		115	112
Revenue reserves			17,331,381	17,198,566
Pension reserves			<u>(272,000)</u>	<u>(8,000)</u>
			<u>17,059,496</u>	<u>17,190,678</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Management Committee and authorised for issue and signed on their behalf on 8 August 2023.


Committee Member


Committee Member


Secretary

The notes on pages 16 to 34 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
Surplus for the Year			268,815		1,335,131
<i>Adjustments for non-cash items:</i>					
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	12	836,349		896,487	
Amortisation of capital grants	19	(156,493)		(156,493)	
Gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets		55,890		-	
Non-cash adjustments to pension provisions		(136,000)		(168,000)	
Share capital written off	20	-		(16)	
			599,746		571,978
Interest receivable			(23,757)		(5,750)
Interest payable	8		26,188		9,546
Operating cash flows before movements in working capital			870,992		1,910,905
Change in debtors		(5,428)		(46,050)	
Change in creditors		(1,749)		98,602	
			(7,177)		52,552
Net cash inflow from operating activities			863,815		1,963,457
Investing Activities					
Acquisition and construction of properties		(795,218)		(273,735)	
Purchase of other fixed assets		(15,180)		(18,640)	
Changes on short term deposits	14	(12,153)		(473,751)	
Disposal of housing properties		64,109		-	
Net cash outflow from investing activities			(758,442)		(766,126)
Financing Activities					
Interest received on cash and cash equivalents		23,757		5,750	
Interest paid on loans		(26,188)		(9,546)	
Loan principal repayments		(663,740)		(664,713)	
Share capital issued	20	3		1	
Net cash outflow from financing activities			(666,168)		(668,508)
(decrease)/increase in cash	20		(560,795)		528,823
Opening cash & cash equivalents			2,808,602		2,279,779
Closing cash & cash equivalents			2,247,807		2,808,602
Cash and cash equivalents as at 31 March					
Cash			2,247,807		2,808,602
			2,247,807		2,808,602

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Share Capital	Scottish Housing Association Pension reserve	Revenue Reserve	Total
	£	£	£	£
Balance as at 1 April 2021	127	(830,000)	16,031,435	15,201,562
Issue of Shares	1	-	-	1
Cancellation of Shares	(16)	-	-	(16)
Other comprehensive income	-	654,000	-	654,000
Other movements	-	168,000	(168,000)	-
Surplus for the year	-	-	1,335,131	1,335,131
Balance as at 31 March 2022	112	(8,000)	17,198,566	17,190,678
Balance as at 1 April 2022	112	(8,000)	17,198,566	17,190,678
Issue of Shares	3	-	-	3
Other comprehensive income	-	(400,000)	-	(400,000)
Other movements	-	136,000	(136,000)	-
Surplus for the year	-	-	268,815	268,815
Balance as at 31 March 2023	115	(272,000)	17,331,381	17,059,496

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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 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

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>
Land	Not Depreciated
Structure	Over 50 years
Roofs	Over 50 years
Windows	Over 35 years
Doors	Over 25 years
Door Entry Systems	Over 20 years
Kitchens	Over 20 years
Bathrooms	Over 20 years
Separate WC	Over 20 years
Electrics	Over 30 years
Boiler	Over 20 years
Dunn Street	Over 25 years

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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	3%
Furniture & Equipment	25%
Computer Equipment	20%

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.

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.

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.

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1. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued.)

VAT

The Association is VAT registered but the substantial proportion of its income is exempt for VAT purposes. As a result most of the VAT paid is not recovered and therefore expenditure is shown inclusive of VAT.

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) Pension Liability

The Association participates 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. Judgements relating to the benefits issue are included in Note 27.

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) 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.

e) Allocation of share of assets and liabilities for multi employer schemes

Judgements in respect of the assets and liabilities to be recognised are based upon source information provided by administrators of the multi employer pension schemes and estimations performed by the Pensions Trust.

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

		2023			2022		
	Notes	Turnover	Operating costs	Operating surplus / (deficit)	Turnover	Operating costs	Operating surplus / (deficit)
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Affordable letting activities	3	4,838,401	4,588,706	249,695	4,702,898	3,332,295	1,370,603
Other Activities	4	79,424	115,763	(36,339)	155,830	171,506	(15,676)
Total		4,917,825	4,704,469	213,356	4,858,728	3,503,801	1,354,927

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

	General Needs Housing	Supported Housing	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
Revenue from Lettings				
Rent receivable net of service charges	4,446,881	128,265	4,575,146	4,440,314
Service charges receivable	102,780	-	102,780	95,826
Gross income from rent and service charges	4,549,661	128,265	4,677,926	4,536,140
Less: Rent losses from voids	21,018	-	21,018	16,725
Income from rents and service charges	4,528,643	128,265	4,656,908	4,519,415
Grants released from deferred income	156,493	-	156,493	156,493
Revenue grants from Scottish Ministers	25,000	-	25,000	26,990
Total turnover from affordable letting activities	4,710,136	128,265	4,838,401	4,702,898
Management and maintenance administration costs	1,277,447	1,463	1,278,910	1,244,519
Service costs	114,382	-	114,382	118,546
Planned and cyclical maintenance, including major	549,704	4,411	554,115	402,665
Reactive maintenance costs	1,727,252	15,349	1,742,601	706,687
Bad Debts - rents and service charges	(4,454)	-	(4,454)	10,840
Depreciation of affordable let properties	861,824	41,328	903,152	849,038
Operating costs of affordable letting activities	4,526,155	62,551	4,588,706	3,332,295
Operating surplus on affordable letting activities	183,981	65,714	249,695	1,370,603
2022		1,294,544	76,059	

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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	Operating costs - bad debts	Other operating costs	Operating surplus / (deficit) 2023	Operating surplus / (deficit) 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Wider role activities	-	20,000	23,163	43,163	-	54,502	(11,339)	11,978
Factoring	-	-	28,235	28,235	5,345	53,278	(30,388)	(29,385)
Contracted out services undertaken for registered social landlords	-	-	8,026	8,026	-	2,638	5,388	1,731
Total From Other Activities	-	20,000	59,424	79,424	5,345	110,418	(36,339)	(15,676)
2022	-	56,525	99,305	155,830	-	171,506	(15,676)	

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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>82,564</u>	<u>74,091</u>
Pension contributions made on behalf on Officers with emoluments greater than £60,000	<u>14,305</u>	<u>12,895</u>
Emoluments payable to Director (excluding pension contributions)	82,564	75,336
Pension contributions paid on behalf of the Director	<u>14,305</u>	<u>12,344</u>
Total emoluments payable to the Director	<u>96,869</u>	<u>87,680</u>
Total emoluments paid to key management personnel	<u>252,941</u>	<u>263,431</u>

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

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

6. EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

	2023	2022
	No.	No.
Average monthly number of full time equivalent persons employed during the year	<u>20</u>	<u>22</u>
Average total number of employees employed during the year	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>
Staff costs were:	£	£
Wages and salaries	783,781	726,701
National insurance costs	71,258	64,512
Pension costs	85,807	132,436
Temporary, agency and seconded staff	<u>27,611</u>	<u>41,680</u>
	<u>968,457</u>	<u>965,329</u>

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7. GAIN ON SALE OF HOUSING STOCK

	2023	2022
	£	£
Sales proceeds	64,109	-
Cost of sales	<u>8,219</u>	<u>-</u>
Gain on sale of housing stock	<u>55,890</u>	<u>-</u>

8. INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES

	2023	2022
	£	£
On bank loans and overdrafts	<u>26,188</u>	<u>9,546</u>
	<u>26,188</u>	<u>9,546</u>

9. SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Surplus For The Year is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Depreciation - non-current assets	854,262	844,032
Auditors' remuneration - audit services	11,700	10,740
Operating lease rentals - other	<u>4,083</u>	<u>4,852</u>

10. CORPORATION TAX

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

11. OTHER FINANCE INCOME / (CHARGES)

	2023	2022
	£	£
Net interest on pension obligations	<u>2,000</u>	<u>(16,000)</u>

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12. NON-CURRENT ASSETS

(a) Housing Properties	Housing Properties Held for Letting £	Housing Properties In course of Construction £	Total £
COST			
At 1 April 2022	27,489,664	-	27,489,664
Additions	680,461	114,757	795,218
Disposals	<u>(310,761)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(310,761)</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>27,859,364</u>	<u>114,757</u>	<u>27,974,121</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2022	10,552,035	-	10,552,035
Charge for Year	809,286	-	809,286
Disposals	<u>(208,675)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(208,675)</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>11,152,646</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,152,646</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2023	<u>16,706,718</u>	<u>114,757</u>	<u>16,821,475</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>16,937,629</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,937,629</u>

	2023		2022	
	<i>Component replacement</i> £	<i>Improvement</i> £	<i>Component replacement</i> £	<i>Improvement</i> £
Expenditure on Existing Properties				
Amounts capitalised	574,721	-	175,555	-
Amounts charged to the statement of comprehensive income	<u>2,296,716</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,109,352</u>	<u>-</u>

All land and housing properties are heritable.

The Association's lenders have standard securities over housing property with a carry value of £7,155,466 (2022 - £7,193,160).

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12. NON CURRENT ASSETS (continued)

(b) Other tangible assets	Office Premises £	Furniture & Equipment £	Computer Equipment £	Total £
COST				
At 1 April 2022	646,311	84,348	380,711	1,111,370
Additions	-	12,062	3,118	15,180
At 31 March 2023	<u>646,311</u>	<u>96,410</u>	<u>383,829</u>	<u>1,126,550</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2022	479,209	77,478	331,105	887,792
Charge for year	21,544	5,028	18,404	44,976
At 31 March 2023	<u>500,753</u>	<u>82,506</u>	<u>349,509</u>	<u>932,768</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2023	<u>145,558</u>	<u>13,904</u>	<u>34,320</u>	<u>193,782</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>167,102</u>	<u>6,870</u>	<u>49,606</u>	<u>223,578</u>

13. RECEIVABLES

	2023 £	2022 £
Gross arrears of rent and service charges	115,186	102,237
Less: Provision for doubtful debts	(58,308)	(62,639)
<i>Net arrears of rent and service charges</i>	<u>56,878</u>	<u>39,598</u>
Other receivables	162,558	174,410
	<u>219,436</u>	<u>214,008</u>

14. CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS

	2023 £	2022 £
Short term deposits	3,486,486	3,474,333
	<u>3,486,486</u>	<u>3,474,333</u>

15. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash at bank and in hand	2,247,807	2,808,602
	<u>2,247,807</u>	<u>2,808,602</u>

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16. PAYABLES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank loans	571,261	667,875
Trade payables	240,419	250,876
Rent received in advance	221,161	219,449
Other taxation and social security	20,473	20,909
Other payables	34,318	36,502
Accruals and deferred income	92,778	83,162
	<u>1,180,410</u>	<u>1,278,773</u>

At the balance sheet date there were pension contributions outstanding of £32,969 (£2022 - £32,722).

17. PAYABLES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank loans	48,050	615,176
	<u>48,050</u>	<u>615,176</u>
Housing Loans		
Amounts due within one year	571,261	667,875
Amounts due in one year or more but less than two years	48,050	567,308
Amounts due in two years or more but less than five years	-	47,868
	<u>619,311</u>	<u>1,283,051</u>

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

Lender	Number of Properties Secured	Effective Interest Rate	Maturity (Year)	Variable or Fixed
Nationwide Building Society	842	0.7%	2024	Variable
Scottish Government	-	0.0%	2024	Fixed

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

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18. RETIREMENT BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

Scottish Housing Association Pension Scheme

Knowes Housing Association Limited participated 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 employers. 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	5,030,000	8,030,000
Present value of defined benefit obligation	5,302,000	8,038,000
Surplus / (deficit) in plan	(272,000)	(8,000)
Unrecognised surplus	-	-
Defined benefit asset / (liability) to be recognised	(272,000)	(8,000)

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18. 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	8,038,000	8,503,000
Current service cost	78,000	142,000
Expenses	7,000	7,000
Interest expense	214,000	183,000
Contributions by plan participants	-	4,000
Actuarial losses (gains) due to scheme experience	64,000	264,000
Actuarial losses (gains) due to changes in demographic assumptions	(118,000)	25,000
Actuarial losses (gains) due to changes in financial assumptions	(2,163,000)	(709,000)
Benefits paid and expenses	(818,000)	(381,000)
Defined benefit obligation at the end of period	<u>5,302,000</u>	<u>8,038,000</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	8,030,000	7,673,000
Interest income	216,000	167,000
Experience on plan assets (excluding amounts included in interest income) - gain (loss)	(2,617,000)	234,000
Contributions by the employer	219,000	333,000
Contributions by plan participants	-	4,000
Benefits paid and expenses	(818,000)	(381,000)
Fair value of plan assets at the end of period	<u>5,030,000</u>	<u>8,030,000</u>

The actual return on the plan assets (including any changes in share of assets) over the period ended 31 March 2023 was (£2,401,000) (2022 - £401,000).

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18. 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	78,000	142,000
Expenses	7,000	7,000
Net interest expense	(2,000)	16,000
	<u>83,000</u>	<u>165,000</u>
Defined benefit costs recognised in statement of comprehensive income	83,000	165,000

income

	2023	2022
	£	£
Experience on plan assets (excluding amounts included in interest income) - gain /(loss)	(2,617,000)	234,000
Experience gains and losses arising on plan liabilities - gain /(loss)	(64,000)	(264,000)
Effects of changes in the demographic assumptions underlying the present value of the defined benefit obligations - gain /(loss)	118,000	(25,000)
Effects of changes in the financial assumptions underlying the present value of the defined benefit obligations - gain / (loss)	2,163,000	709,000
	<u>(400,000)</u>	<u>654,000</u>
Total actuarial gains and losses (before restriction due to some of the surplus not being recognisable) - gain / (loss)	(400,000)	654,000

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18. RETIREMENT BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS (continued)

Scottish Housing Association Pension Scheme (continued.)

Assets

	2023	2022	2021
	£	£	£
Absolute Return	68,000	368,000	378,000
Alternative Risk Premia	29,000	332,000	308,000
Corporate Bond Fund	7,000	508,000	579,000
Credit Relative Value	192,000	258,000	221,000
Distressed Opportunities	155,000	288,000	262,000
Emerging Markets Debt	39,000	299,000	309,000
Fund of Hedge Funds	10,000	(29,000)	-
Global Equity	133,000	1,588,000	1,187,000
Infrastructure	542,000	501,000	428,000
Insurance-Linked Securities	140,000	168,000	160,000
Liability Driven Investment	2,130,000	1,943,000	1,845,000
Long Lease Property	169,000	231,000	178,000
Net Current Assets	11,000	26,000	57,000
Over 15 Year Gilts	-	3,000	4,000
Private Debt	225,000	202,000	181,000
Property	209,000	208,000	138,000
Risk Sharing	367,000	262,000	274,000
Secured Income	336,000	429,000	422,000
Opportunistic Illiquid credit	222,000	266,000	196,000
Liquid credit	-	51,000	132,000
Cash	25,000	78,000	201,000
High Yield	-	28,000	210,000
Opportunistic Credit	21,000	22,000	3,000
	<u>5,030,000</u>	<u>8,030,000</u>	<u>7,673,000</u>
Key Assumptions			
Discount Rate	4.9%	2.8%	2.2%
Inflation (RPI)	3.2%	3.5%	3.3%
Inflation (CPI)	2.8%	3.2%	2.9%
Salary Growth	3.8%	4.2%	3.9%
	75% of	75% of	75% of
Allowance for commutation of pension for cash at retirement	maximum allowance	maximum allowance	maximum allowance

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

	Life expectancy at age 65 years (years)
Male retiring in 2023	20.5
Female retiring in 2023	23.0
Male retiring in 2043	21.7
Female retiring in 2043	<u>24.4</u>

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19. DEFERRED INCOME

	Social Housing Grants £	Other Housing Grants £	Total £
Capital grants received			
At 1 April 2022	5,479,475	1,662,276	7,141,751
At 31 March 2023	5,479,475	1,662,276	7,141,751
Amortisation			
At 1 April 2022	1,991,711	584,517	2,576,228
Amortisation in year	109,590	46,903	156,493
At 31 March 2023	2,101,301	631,420	2,732,721
Net book value			
At 31 March 2023	3,378,174	1,030,856	4,409,030
At 31 March 2022	3,487,764	1,077,759	4,565,523

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

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts due within one year	156,493	156,493
Amounts due in more than one year	4,252,537	4,409,030
	4,409,030	4,565,523

20. SHARE CAPITAL

Shares of £1 each, issued and fully paid	2023 £	2022 £
At 1 April	112	127
Issued in year	3	1
Cancelled in year	-	(16)
At 31 March	115	112

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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21. CASH FLOWS

Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds

	2023	2022
	£	£
(Decrease) / increase in cash	(560,795)	528,823
Change in liquid resources	12,153	473,751
Cashflow from change in net debt	663,740	664,713
Movement in net funds in the year	115,098	1,667,287
Net funds at 1 April	4,999,884	3,332,597
Net funds at 31 March	<u>5,114,982</u>	<u>4,999,884</u>

	At 01 April 22	Cashflows	Other Changes	At 31 March 23
	£	£	£	£
Cash and cash equivalents	2,808,602	(560,795)	-	2,247,807
	<u>2,808,602</u>	<u>(560,795)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,247,807</u>
Liquid resources	3,474,333	12,153	-	3,486,486
Debt: Due within one year	(667,875)	663,740	(567,126)	(571,261)
Due after more than one year	(615,176)	-	567,126	(48,050)
Net funds	<u>4,999,884</u>	<u>115,098</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,114,982</u>

22. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Capital Expenditure that has been contracted for but has not been provided for in the financial statements	306,029	340,321
	<u>306,029</u>	<u>340,321</u>

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

23. COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES

At the year end, the total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases were as follows:-

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other		
Expiring in the next year	4,083	4,083
Expiring later than one year and not later than five years	<u>5,899</u>	<u>9,982</u>

24. 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 10 Field Road, Faifley, Clydebank, G81 5BX.

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

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25. HOUSING STOCK

	2023	2022
	No.	No.
The number of units of accommodation in management at the year end was:-		
General needs - Built by Association	114	114
General Needs - Purchased by Association	934	934
Supported housing	1	1
	<u>1,049</u>	<u>1,049</u>

26. 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>5,344</u>	<u>13,947</u>
Factoring charges received from factored owners on the Management Committee and their close family members	<u>84</u>	<u>53</u>
Members of the Management Committee who are tenants	1	2
Members of the Management Committee who are owner occupiers	1	1
Members of the Management Committee who are local councillors	1	1

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26. 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.