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# WEST GRANTON HOUSING CO-OPERATIVE LIMITED ANNUAL REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 March 2025

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#### STATUTORY INFORMATION

Colin Fraser Chair re-elected 5th September 2022 (Sitting Chair from September 2021)

Wendy Riordan Vice Chair elected 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Jim Hemphill Vice Chair re-elected 9<sup>th</sup> September 2023

George Thomson

Re-elected 9<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Re-elected 9<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Amanda Aitchison

Re-elected 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Morag Orr

Elected 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Lynn Jameson

Elected 9<sup>th</sup> September 2023

James Matthews Co-opted 20th September 2023; retired 22nd April 2024

Alan Lamont Elected 9<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Cameron Durance Elected 9<sup>th</sup> September 2023; retired 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025

Elizabeth Stewart Elected 9th September 2023 Stephanie Wilson Elected 7th September 2024

Jon Douglas Elected 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024; resigned 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025 Scott Cavers Elected 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024; resigned 18<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Przemyslaw Dabrowski Casual vacancy from 21st May 2025

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#### ANNUAL REPORT of the COMMITTEE of MANAGEMENT

## For the year ended 31 March 2025

The Committee of Management present their Annual Report and the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

## **Registration Details**

The Co-operative is a registered, non-profit making organisation under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 No. 2357R(S). The Co-operative is governed under its Rule Book.

## **Principal activity**

The principal activities of the Co-operative are the provision and management of affordable rented accommodation.

#### **Review of Business and Future Development**

#### Objectives

West Granton Housing Co-operative Limited (WGHC) is a fully mutual co-operative housing association and independent, registered social landlord. WGHC is a not for profit organisation. No surpluses are distributed to members but are used for the objectives of the co-operative. Any additional activities pursued will be as permitted by the Housing (Scotland) Act 2010; designed to help us achieve our corporate objectives and will consider the welfare of the people we house. Its governing body is its Committee of Management, which is elected by its members, from its members. That means all elected members are tenants. Our housing was built in a series of developments between 1994 and 2009. We have no current development plans.

Our Vision Statement is:

"We will be the leading housing co-operative in Scotland, recognised as a Centre of Excellence"

Our Mission Statement is:

" Our Tenants are Paramount in Everything We Do".

Our corporate objectives are:

- 1. To continue working towards achieving excellence through our commitment to Investors in Excellence
- 2. To continue to improve on our approach to complaints handling
- 3. To continue to seek new ways of increasing our Social Impact
- 4. To continue our advocacy of the housing co-operative model
- 5. To continue working towards an integrated approach to asset management

#### Our 5 core values are:

- 1. Service
- 2. Consistency
- 3. Accountability
- 4. Learning
- 5. Excellence

#### Overview of period

At 1 April 2024 there were 11 members of the Committee of Management. A physical AGM was held on 7th September 2024 (34th AGM). Three members were required to retire; all 3 were re-elected and 2 new members were elected. During the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025, 1 fully elected member retired. As of 31st March 2025, there were 12 fully elected Committee Members. Subsequently 1 elected member retired and 1 casual vacancy joined bringing the total numbers as at the date of this report to 12 Committee Members (11 fully elected members and 1 casual vacancy).

During the period, there were 14 Committee Meetings. Minutes of all the meetings can be found on WGHC's website at <a href="www.westgrantonhousing.coop">www.westgrantonhousing.coop</a>. In April 2024, an independent Governance Consultant from Co-ops UK carried out a Peer-to-Peer Review of all Committee Members, considering the Scottish Housing Regulator's statutory requirements. These were followed with one-to-one meetings with both Co-ops UK and WGHC's Governance Consultant (Jennifer Queripel) in attendance. Co-ops UK confirmed that the Chair and all Committee Members (including the 1 member who had served 9 continuous years +) were effective, contributing and performing well.

#### ANNUAL REPORT of the COMMITTEE of MANAGEMENT (continued)

#### For the year ended 31 March 2025.

#### Overview of period (continued)

During the period, Committee underwent training in Governance (focussing on constructive challenge and decision making), Fiduciary duties for Societies, Employer Health and Safety and the revised Scottish Housing Regulatory standards. Committee attended their Annual Strategy Away Day in September 2024, where they underwent their assessment for Investors in Excellence, analysed and reviewed risks, carried out a SWOT analysis exercise and reviewed strategic objectives.

A notifiable event was submitted to the Scottish Housing Regulator in December 2024. This related to findings following a property valuation, that cladding on one of our buildings would come within scope of needing remediated, under the new Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Act 2024, which came into effect on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

As of 31 March 2025, and to the date of this report, we own 372 properties.

The rent increase in April 2024 was 7%.

Revenue has increased by 4.3% compared to last year.

Overall, the Operating Surplus has increased by 28%.

Gross Rent Arrears at 31 March 2025 were £22,000 which is higher than the previous year (2024: £21,337).

The Scottish Housing Regulator's key arrears indicator is "gross arrears" which excludes technical arrears but includes arears written off in the year. As a percentage of rent due, the gross arrears were 1.11% (2024: 1.15%). This means WGHC was comfortably within its benchmark of 1.30%. WGHC continues to have low rent arrears compared to most Registered Social Landlords (RSLs) for whom the latest published gross arrears average was 4.4% of annual income (source: Scottish Housing Charter Indicator Results for 2023/24).

In the year, WGHC received direct payments of housing benefit/housing costs, totalling £714,601 for 167 tenants.

Bad debts written off in the year were £1,239 compared to £776 in the previous year, while the provision for doubtful debts decreased by £928. There was an increase in Operating costs of 0.65%.

WGHC financed the building of its housing stock partly through grant and partly through loans. WGHC has however sought to minimise borrowing and repay loans early where possible. As at 31st March 2025, WGHC had 3 fixed rate loan's with an annual average interest rate of 1.216%, and 2 variable rate loans (interest now determined via SONIA, following conversion from LIBOR from 1st January 2022). We have a mix of approximately 60% fixed rate and 40% variable rate loans. Overall, loans reduced during the year by £249,258 to £2,474,100. The minimum covenant required for our loans is 110%, the actual result in the period was 576%.

During the period, one full time staff member left and WGHC successfully recruited a full time Planned Maintenance Officer and also recruited a Corporate Services Assistant on a fixed term 18-month contract. WGHC continued with its Investors in Excellence programme throughout 2024-25 (which led to WGHC being awarded and recognised as the first organisation in Scotland, and the first Co-op in the UK, an Investors in Excellence in June 2025).

All front-line staff and Senior Management successfully completing the Corgi Level 2 Certificate in the Prevention and Management of Damp, Mould and Condensation and refresher course in Good Complaints Handling with the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman. Further training undertaken by staff included the Operational Inspections of Children's Playgrounds, Welfare Rights & Benefits, Preparing Housing Staff for Court and one staff member completed their Chartered Institute of Housing Level 3 Certificate whilst another commenced this qualification. The CEO attended refresher training for Company Secretaries.

WGHC is a member of ARCHIE (Alliance of Registered housing Co-operatives and Housing Associations Independent in Edinburgh). ARCHIE held 4 physical meetings and collaboratively and successfully applied to the Energy Savings Trust to fund the employment of 1 x shared Energy Advisor for Tenants. In addition, WGHC contributed £1533 towards the cost of a shared Debt Advisor for tenants with CHAI (Community Help and Advice Initiative). ARCHIE CEOs/Directors continue to closely network and support one another on a regular basis.

#### **ANNUAL REPORT of the COMMITTEE of MANAGEMENT (continued)**

#### For the year ended 31 March 2025

## Overview of period (continued)

The CEO set up the first Scottish Housing Co-op Support Group for CEOs/Directors in early 2024, of which 7 RSL Housing Co-operatives are members. This group continues to meet quarterly sharing specialised knowledge and support and collaboratively renewed its joint agreement with "Housing Perks" to continue to offer a wide range of discount vouchers, up to 18% from over 100 shops and brands to all tenants of the 7 co-ops.

The CEO has continued to actively engage in work involving the advocacy of the housing co-operative model and this has resulted in attending meetings with the Cross-Party Group on Co-operatives at the Scottish Parliament. Additionally, the CEO and COO attended meetings with the Under Secretary State of Scotland to raise awareness of the needs of Scottish Co-ops.

WGHC became a partner member of Co-ops UK during the year, who continue to showcase and support WGHC as an example of how co-ops effectively contribute to their communities. Partner membership status allows WGHC to feed into key policies submitted to the Mutual and Co-operatives Sector Business Council.

Through Co-ops UK, WGHC became part of a working group to develop and promote a Scottish Policy Platform with the aim of addressing key challenges in Scotland, through the cooperative business model. The platform focusses on areas such as housing, childcare, fair work, inclusive growth, with the goal of creating a more equitable and prosperous Scotland.

In the year, WGHC successfully claimed £2,306 from the Fuel Bank Fund and £14,112 from the Energy Redress Fund for 155 of our tenants to help them with rising energy costs. WGHC continued to fund its new tenancy fuel initiative whereby all tenants signing a new tenancy agreement (whether they be new or existing transfer tenants) receive £50 credit on their utility account. From our own WGHC Tenancy Sustainment Fund, we spent just over £2,100 helping our tenants maintain their tenancy including assisting those tenants in need of white goods for their home to supporting and assisting tenants who experienced incidents of domestic abuse. WGHC continues to be proud of its significant contribution and efforts to prevent homelessness, well ahead of the "Ask and Act" requirement in the forthcoming new Housing (Scotland) Act. Accordingly, did not raise any court actions within this period.

There were no properties sold in 2024-25. There continues to be only 1 flat remaining designated for sale when the existing tenancy ends.

There were only 22 changes in tenancy in 2024-25 (compared with only 31 in 2023-24). Broken down this is 12 relets, 9 successions and 1 mutual exchange. All 12 relets tenants were surveyed with 100% reported being satisfied with the condition of their new home.

The average time to re-let in 2024-25 was 17 days (compared with 15.7 days in the previous year). This is outwith our benchmark of 14 days and was due to a high number of deaths within the period (9 in total). In two cases, the next of kin notified 2-4 weeks after the fact and in one case Police Scotland retained the keys until all necessary enquiries were undertaken.

We completed 1,209 non-emergency repairs within an average of 4.3 days. Our benchmark is 5 working days. This compares with 4.6 days for the same period last year. 98% of these repairs were carried out right first time. It is worth noting that these statistics do not include repairs to void properties or cyclical maintenance.

On average, we responded to emergencies (including central heating breakdowns) in 2 hours 29 minutes. Our benchmark is 3 hours. In total we carried out 119 emergency repairs in the period. This is comparable with the 2 hours 14 minutes (for 150) for the same period last year.

17 medical adaptations were undertaken within the year with an average time of 12 days to complete. Our benchmark is 20 days.

## ANNUAL REPORT of the COMMITTEE of MANAGEMENT (continued)

#### For the year ended 31 March 2025

## Overview of period (continued)

As at 31.03.25 all of WGHC's stock had a valid landlord gas safety certificate and at no time in the period was there a property without a valid gas safety certificate.

As at 31.03.25 all of WGHC's stock had a valid electrical safety certificate. WGHC has an ongoing rolling programme to ensure that each property, at all times, has a valid 5 year certificate.

As at 31.03.25 all of WGHC's lettable stock met the Energy Efficiency Standards for Social Housing. 311 properties have an Energy Efficiency Rating of C and 61 properties have an Energy Efficiency Rating of B. This means that 61 properties already meeting the proposed, new 2033 Scottish Housing Net Zero Standard rating of 81.

As at 31st March 2025, 91.13% of WGHC's stock meet the Scottish Housing Quality Standard; 0 properties were exempt and we had 24 abeyances where tenants had requested the removal of kitchen cupboard(s) to allow space for their white goods such as a tumble dryer or dishwasher.

All of WGHC's stock had interlinked smoke alarms and heat alarm (in the kitchen) by October 2020.

In the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025, WGHC received 17 reports of either damp, mould or condensation. All were surveyed using I-Auditor software. Initial inspections were undertaken within an average of just over 1 x day from report from tenant. Remediation works were undertaken on average within 7.5 working days from the inspection date. The quickest resolution was undertaken within 5 days, the longest took 31 days. WGHC were audited by Wbg in January 2025 in relation to reports, investigation, remediation and resolution of incidents of damp and mould, alongside our published policy and procedures with the highest overall conclusion outcome of 'strong' being reported to the Governing Body.

In accordance with its statutory requirements, WGHC operates within the scope of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman's Model Complaints Policy. In the year we received 29 complaints received within the period: 25 x Stage One complaints and 4 x Stage Two complaint, 23 were upheld in favour of the complainant. 6 were not upheld. All 29 were resolved within the required timescales.

In the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025, From 01st April 2024 to 31st March 2025, WGHC did not receive any data subject access requests or requests under the Environmental Information Regulations. We did, however, receive 3 x Freedom of Information requests: 1 request from Unison related to violence at work. 1 request from the BBC related to evictions and 1 request from Parliament related to proportion/numbers of UK and non-UK nationals listed as WGHC tenants. All were answered in full by the DPO with an average response time of 1 x working day (20 working day requirement within legislation).

In February 2025, WGHC commissioned its large scale tenant satisfaction survey as required by the Scottish Housing Regulator. This is carried out every 3 years by an independent research company. 200 out of our 372 tenants were interviewed face to face WGHC maintains exceptionally high levels of tenant satisfaction with 98% satisfied overall with WGHC as a landlord, 100% satisfied with the opportunities provided to participate in WGHC's decision making processes, 100% about WGHC keeping tenants informed and 96% stated that their rents represent good value for money.

Wylie & Bissett commenced its new 3 year internal audit plan. For January 2025 this covered the areas of Risk Management and the Prevention and Management of Damp, Mould and Condensation.

WGHC is a member of the Scottish Housing Association Pension Scheme (SHAPS). At 31 March 2025, WGHC's share of the pension deficit was £212k (2024: £226k).

Cash and bank deposits at 31 March 2025 were £758,250 (2024: £1,095,352). Interest receivable from our bank accounts decreased on last year due to lower cash balances (£12,288 in 2025: £17,834 in 2024).

Overall, WGHC has again performed exceptionally well despite ongoing workload pressures from operating within an increasingly regulated environment without a full complement of staff. Committee continued to have a busy period holding 11 meetings within the year but both staff and Committee coped admirably demonstrating resilience and commitment to the tenants and service provision. Moving into the new financial year, WGHC continues to perform well and remains in a financially strong position.

#### ANNUAL REPORT of the COMMITTEE of MANAGEMENT (continued)

## For the year ended 31 March 2025

## Risk management

The Co-operative has an active risk management process, with policies, risk matrix map and a business continuity plan. All major risks are considered so mitigating action can be planned.

Key risks include: Internal risks - loss of key staff or committee personnel, pressure on staff and the Board from increasing regulation, fraud, health & safety failures; and these are mitigated by robust policies, procedures, and a range of audits. External risks include: - ongoing welfare reform impacts, changes in regulatory requirements, inflation and rising interest rates, rising fuel costs, data loss/cyber-security issues and these are mitigated by close attention to external information and advice, a continued focus on ongoing governance training, active membership of representative bodies and obtaining best-practice advice on IT security and data protection matters.

#### The future

Our focus in the medium term is:

- on the management and maintenance of existing stock. We are continuing to work towards developing and implementing an established Asset Management/Planned Maintenance focus within the organisation.
- to work in close partnership with the Scottish Procurement Alliance for the procurement of contractors for component replacements and planned maintenance works.
- to continue with the advocacy of the housing co-operative model (there are now only 7 RSL housing co-operatives left within the Sector)
- to continue to monitor cash flow and maximise rental income

#### **Cladding Remediation**

Following a Single Building Assessment completed in May 2025, WGHC have one building which comes within scope of the Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Act 2024. WGHC have submitted their expression of interest to the Scottish Government's Second Call Open Cladding Remediation Fund and are expecting to receive response in September 2025 (when the fund opens). Discussions with the Scottish Government, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and the Scottish Housing Regulator are ongoing. Meanwhile WGHC has implemented a Fire Safety Action Plan to ensure the ongoing safety of its tenants.

#### **Maintenance policies**

The Co-operative aims to maintain its properties to a high standard. To this end programmes of cyclical maintenance are carried out and programmes of major repairs to cover for such works. Key identified components are capitalised when replaced.

## **Treasury management**

The Co-operative, as a matter of policy, does not enter into transactions of a speculative nature. The surplus funds of the Co-operative are managed carefully using long established banks or building societies. In the period, WGHC commissioned its own independent Treasury Management Advisor.

#### **Employee involvement and Health & Safety**

The Co-operative encourages employee involvement in all initiatives. A comprehensive Health & Safety Manual backed up by regular inspections and checks is in operation. There are updates every year from our consultants.

## **Disabled Employees**

Applications for employment by disabled persons are given full and fair consideration for all vacancies in accordance with their particular aptitudes and abilities. In the event of employees becoming disabled, every effort is made to retrain them in order that their employment with the Co-operative may continue. It is the policy of the Co-operative that training, career development and promotion opportunities should be available to all employees.

#### Reserves

The Co-operative needs to have reserves to ensure the organisation can function into the future and meet its future liabilities, including the major repairs and investment needs of its properties. The revenue reserve of £4.4m reflects primarily the past investment in the housing stock and reserves for future major repairs. The Co-operative has a cash level of £760k to support its future plans and operating requirements. The Co-operative reviews its maintenance spending plans regularly and re-assesses them in relation to reserves and cash flows.

#### ANNUAL REPORT of the COMMITTEE of MANAGEMENT (continued)

#### For the year ended 31 March 2025

## **Committee of Management and Executive Officers**

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

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

#### Disclosure of information to the auditor

To the knowledge and belief of each of the persons who are members of the Committee of Management at the time the report is approved:

- So far as the Committee members are aware, there is no relevant information of which the Co-operative's auditor is unaware and
- They have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a Committee member in order to make themselves aware of any relevant information, and to establish that the Co-operative's auditor is aware of the information.

## Statement of Committee of Management's Responsibilities

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

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates;
- 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 the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Co-operative will continue in business; and
- prepare a Statement on Internal Financial Control.

The Committee Members are also responsible for:

- keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the Co-operative:
- ensuring that the financial statements comply with the requirements of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014, the Housing Scotland Act 2010 and the Determination of the Accounting Requirements December 2024; and
- maintaining a satisfactory system of control over accounting records and transactions, and for safeguarding all assets of the Co-operative and, hence, take reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The Committee of Management must, in determining how amounts are presented within items in the income and expenditure account and balance sheet, have regard to the substance of the reported transaction or arrangement, in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices.

Insofar as the Committee of Management are aware:

- There is no relevant audit information (information needed by the Housing Co-operative's auditors in connection with preparing their report) of which the Co-operative's auditors are unaware; and
- The Committee of Management have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Housing Co-operative's auditors are aware of that information.

## ANNUAL REPORT of the COMMITTEE of MANAGEMENT (continued)

#### For the year ended 31 March 2025

#### Statement of Internal Financial Control

The Committee of Management acknowledges its ultimate responsibility for ensuring that the Co-operative 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 Co-operative, or for publication;
- the maintenance of proper accounting records:
- the safeguarding of assets against unauthorised use or disposition.

It is the Committee of Management's responsibility to establish and maintain systems of Internal Financial Control. Such systems can only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance against material financial mis-statement or loss. Key elements of the Co-operative'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 Co-operative's assets;
- experiences 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 Committee of Management 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-todate 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 Committee of Management;
- the Committee of Management 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 Co-operative is undertaken;
- formal procedures have been established for instituting appropriate action to correct any weaknesses identified through internal or external audit reports.

The Committee of Management has reviewed the effectiveness of the system of internal financial control in existence in the Co-operative for the year ended 31 March 2025. 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**

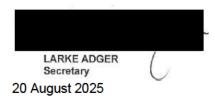
During the year the Co-operative made charitable donations amounting to £8,006 (2024: £10,000).

## **Auditor**

CT are now in their third year as WGHC's serving financial auditor.

Following a Single Building Assessment completed in May 2025, WGHC have one building which comes within scope of the Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Act 2024. WGHC have submitted their expression of interest to the Scottish Government's Open Cladding Remediation Fund and are expecting to receive response in September 2025 (when the fund opens). Meanwhile, discussions with the Scottish Government, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and the Scottish Housing Regulator are ongoing. At the time of this report no timescales have been given by which the building needs to be remediated. Meanwhile WGHC has implemented a Fire Safety Action Plan to ensure the safety of its tenants.

The Report of the Committee of Management has been approved on behalf of the Committee of Management by:



#### REPORT of the AUDITOR on CORPORATE GOVERNANCE MATTERS

#### For the year ended 31 March 2025

In addition to our audit of the Financial Statements, we have reviewed your statement on page 8 concerning the Co-operative's compliance with the information required by the Regulatory Standards in respect of internal financial controls contained within the publication "Our Regulatory Framework" and associated Regulatory Advisory Notes which are issued by the Scottish Housing Regulator.

#### **Basis of Opinion**

We carried out our review having regard to the requirements on 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 Co-operative'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 on Internal Financial Controls on page 8 has provided the disclosures required by the relevant Regulatory Standards within the publication "Our Regulatory Framework" and associated Regulatory Advisory 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 our enquiry of certain members of the Committee of Management and Officers of the Co-operative and examination of relevant documents, we have satisfied ourselves that the Committee of Management's Statement on Internal Financial Controls appropriately reflects the Co-operative'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 Advisory Notes issued by the Scottish Housing Regulator in respect of internal financial controls.



CT Audit Limited Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors 61 Dublin Street Edinburgh EH3 6NL

Date: 22 August 2025

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT to the MEMBERS of

#### WEST GRANTON HOUSING CO-OPERATIVE LIMITED

## For the year ended 31 March 2025

## **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of West Granton Housing Co-operative Limited (the 'Co-operative') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Changes in Capital and Reserves the Statement of Cash Flows and the 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 Co-operative's affairs as at 31 March 2025 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 prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014, Part 6 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2010 and the Determination of Accounting Requirements – 2024.

## **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 Association in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC'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 opinion.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

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

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt about the Co-operative'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 Committee of Management with respect of going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

## Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Committee of Management is responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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 course of 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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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.

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT to the MEMBERS of

#### **WEST GRANTON HOUSING CO-OPERATIVE LIMITED (continued)**

#### For the year ended 31 March 2025

## 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 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- proper books of account have not been kept by the Co-operative in accordance with the requirements of the legislation;
- a satisfactory system of control over transactions has not been maintained by the Cooperative in accordance with the requirements of the legislation;
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the books of account of the Co-operative; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

#### Responsibilities of the Committee of Management

As explained more fully in the Statement of the Committee of Management's Responsibilities set out on page 6, the Committee of Management 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 Committee of Management determine 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 Committee of Management are 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 Committee of Management either intend to liquidate the association or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

The extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud Irregularities are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. The objectives of our audit are to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding compliance with laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, to perform audit procedures to help identify instances of non-compliance with other laws and regulations that may have a material effect on the financial statements, and to respond appropriately to identified or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations identified during the audit.

In relation to fraud, the objectives of our audit are to identify and assess the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud, to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud through designing and implementing appropriate responses and to respond appropriately to fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit.

However, it is the primary responsibility of management, with oversight of those charged with governance, to ensure that the entity's operations are conducted in accordance with the provisions of laws and regulations and for the prevention and detection of fraud.

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT to the MEMBERS of

#### WEST GRANTON HOUSING CO-OPERATIVE LIMITED (continued)

## For the year ended 31 March 2025

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud, the audit engagement team:

- obtained an understanding of the nature of the sector, including the legal and regulatory frameworks that the Co-operative operates in and how the Co-operative is complying with the legal and regulatory frameworks.
- inquired of management and those charged with governance, about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, including any known actual, suspected or alleged instances of fraud; and
- discussed matters about non-compliance with laws and regulations and how fraud might occur
  including assessment of how and where the financial statements may be susceptible to fraud.

As a result of these procedures, we consider that the most significant laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the financial statements were, but not limited to, FRS 102, Housing SORP 2018, the Scottish Housing Regulator's Determination of Accounting Requirements 2024, the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 and the Housing (Scotland Act) 2010. We performed audit procedures to detect non-compliances which may have a material impact on the financial statements which included reviewing financial statement disclosures against the requirements of the relevant financial reporting standards.

We also performed audit procedures to inquire of management, and those charged with governance whether the Co-operative is in compliance with these laws and regulations, inspected correspondence with regulatory authorities including mandatory submissions to the Regulator, reviewed minutes of meetings of the Committee of Management and relevant sub-committees, and reviewed available online information.

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

## Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Co-operative's members, as a body, in accordance with the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Co-operative'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 Co-operative and the Co-operative's members as a body for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



CT Audit Limited Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors 61 Dublin Street Edinburgh EH3 6NL

Date: 22 August 2025

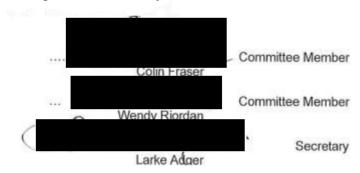
## STATEMENT of COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

# For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes		2025 £		2024 £
Revenue	2		2,420,754		2,320,308
Operating costs	2		(2,018,636)		(2,005,357)
Operating surplus			402,118		314,951
Interest receivable and other income Interest payable and similar charges Other finance charges	7 10	12,288 (70,204) (11,000)		17,834 (77,033) (5,000)	
			(68,916)		(64,199)
Surplus on ordinary activities before taxation			333,202		250,752
Tax on surplus on ordinary activities	9		1,086		(3,388)
Surplus for the year			334,288		247,364
Other comprehensive income Actuarial (losses)/gains on defined benefit pension plan	23		25,000		(116,000)
Total comprehensive income for the year			359,288 ======		131,364

The results relate wholly to continuing activities.

The financial statements were approved by the Committee of Management and authorised for issue on 20th August 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



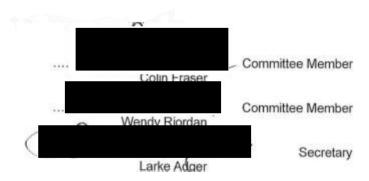
The notes on pages 17 to 31 form part of these financial statements

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

# As at 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes		2025 £		2024 £
Non-current assets Housing properties – depreciated cost Other non-current assets	11(a) 11(b)		17,050,426 210,491		16,989,493 224,633
Current assets Receivables Cash at bank and in hand	13	77,777 758,250	17,260,917	64,868 1,095,352	17,214,126
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	836,027 (389,730)		1,160,220 (391,993)	
Net current assets			446,297		768,227
Total assets less current liabilities			17,707,214		17,982,353
<b>Creditors</b> : amounts falling due after more than one year	15		(2,245,461)		(2,474,305)
Pensions and other provisions for liabilities and charges Scottish Housing Association Pension Scheme	24		(212,000)		(226,000)
Deferred income Social Housing Grants	17		(10,790,051)		(11,181,636)
Net assets			4,459,702		4,100,412
Equity Share capital Revenue reserves Pension reserves	18		371 4,671,331 (212,000)  4,459,702		368 4,326,044 (226,000)  4,100,412

The financial statements were approved by the Committee of Management and authorised for issue on 20th August and signed on its behalf by:



The notes on pages 17 to 31 form part of these financial statements.

# **STATEMENT of CASH FLOWS**

# For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	£	<b>2025</b> £	£	2024 £
Net cash inflow from operating activities	16		744,278		656,269
Investing activities Acquisition and constructions of properties Purchase of other fixed assets Proceeds on disposal of other tangible assets		(771,006) (3,214)		(526,292) (4,301)	
Net cash outflow from investing activities			(774,220)		(530,593)
Financing activities Interest received on cash and cash equivalents Interest paid on loans Loan principal repayments Share capital issued		12,288 (70,204) (249,257) 13		17,834 (77,033) (236,794) 17	
Net cash outflow from financing activities			(307,160)		(295,976)
Decrease in cash			(337,102)		(170,300)
Opening cash and cash equivalents			1,095,352		1,265,652
Closing cash and cash equivalents			758,250 ======		1,095,352
Cash and cash equivalents as at 31 March 2024					
Cash			758,250 ======		1,095,352

# STATEMENT of CHANGES in EQUITY

# For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Share Capital £	SHA Pension Reserves £	Revenue Reserves £	Total Reserves £
Balance at 31 March 2023	370	(105,173)	4,073,765	3,968,962
Issue of shares Cancellation of shares Other comprehensive income Other movements Surplus for the year  Balance at 31 March 2024	17 (19) - - - 368 ======	(116,000) (4,827)  (226,000)	88 4,827 247,364  4,326,044 ======	17 (19) (115,912) - 247,364  4,100,412 ======
Issue of shares Cancellation of shares Other comprehensive income Other movements Surplus for the year	13 (10) - - -	25,000 (11,000)	(1) 11,000 334,288	13 (10) 24,999 - 334,288
Balance at 31 March 2025	371 ======	(212,000) =====	4,671,331 ======	4,459,702 ======

#### **NOTES to the FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

#### For the year ended 31 March 2025

## 1. Principle accounting policies

## **Statement of Compliance**

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 Co-operative is a Public Benefit Entity in terms of its compliance with Financial Reporting Standard 102, applicable for accounting periods on or after 1 January 2015.

## **Basis of Accounting**

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting by Registered Social Landlords 2014, and on the historical cost basis. They also comply with the Determination of Accounting Requirements 2024. A summary of the more important accounting policies is set out below.

#### Revenue

The Co-operative recognises rent receivable net of losses from voids.

Government Grants are released to income over the expected useful life of the asset to which it relates.

#### **Retirement Benefits**

The Co-operative participates in the Scottish Housing Co-operatives Defined Benefit Pension Scheme where retirement benefits to employees of the Co-operative 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 Co-operative accounts for this scheme as a defined benefit pension scheme in accordance with FRS 102.

## **Valuation Of Housing Properties**

Housing Properties are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Housing under construction and Land are not depreciated. The Co-operative 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 11.

When a component is replaced the replacement cost is capitalised. The cost of the original component and depreciation to date is written out of fixed assets. Any remaining cost not depreciated is written out of fixed assets to the statement of comprehensive income as a loss on disposal of fixed assets and included in depreciation of housing within operating costs for social letting.

## Component Useful Economic Life

Land	N/A
Structure (including roof)	50 years
External render	35 years
Radiators	30 years
Windows	25 years
External doors	25 years
Bathrooms	20 years
Kitchen	15 years
Boiler	15 years
Lift	15 years

Structure of one renovated flat in West Pilton Drive has a useful economic life of only 25 years.

#### **NOTES to the FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

#### For the year ended 31 March 2025

## 1. Principle accounting policies (continued)

#### **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:

## Asset Category Depreciation Rate

Office premises
Office equipment, fixtures and fittings
Flat white goods and fittings
Playground equipment

over 50 years from practical completion over 4 years from acquisition over 6 years from acquisition over 10 years from acquisition

The carrying value of non-current assets are reviewed for impairment at the end of each reporting period. Individual items of less than approximately £500 are charged to operating costs and not depreciated. The carrying value of the tangible assets are reviewed for impairment in periods if events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable.

## 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 period as the expenditure to which it relates.

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

## **Sales Of Housing Properties**

First tranche Shared Ownership disposals are credited to turnover on completion. The cost of construction of these sales is taken to operating cost. In accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, disposals of subsequent tranches are treated as non-current asset disposals with the gain or loss on disposal shown in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

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

Disposals under shared equity schemes are accounted for in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. The remaining equity in the property is treated as a non-current asset investment, which is matched with the grant received.

#### **Taxation Non-charities**

As a fully mutual co-operative housing association, under s488 of the Income and corporation Taxes Act, the Co-operative is only liable for tax on investment income. The Co-operative is not eligible for grants towards corporation tax.

## 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.

## **Works to Existing Properties**

The Co-operative 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.

## **NOTES to the FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

## For the year ended 31 March 2025

## 1. Principle accounting policies (continued)

## **Estimation Uncertainty**

The preparation of financial statements requires the use of certain accounting judgements and accounting estimates. It also requires the Committee of Management 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 are disclosed below.

- a) Rent Arrears Bad Debt Provision
  - The Co-operative 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 Co-operative estimates the useful lives of major components of its housing property with reference to surveys carried out by external qualified surveyors.
- Useful life of properties, plant and equipment
   The Co-operative 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
  - Determining the value of the Co-operative'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.

## Key Judgements made in the application of Accounting Policies

- a) The Categorisation of Housing Properties In the judgement of the Committee of Management 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 Co-operative considers its cash-generating units to be the schemes in which it manages its
  housing property for asset management purposes.
- c) Financial instrument break clauses
  - The Co-operative has considered the break clauses attached to the financial instruments that it has in place for its loan funding. In the judgement of the Committee of Management, these break clauses do not cause the financial instrument to be classified as a complex financial instrument and therefore they meet the definition of a basic financial instrument.
- d) Pension Liability
  - The Co-operative 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 Co-operative has decided that this method is appropriate and provides a reasonable estimate of the pension assets and liabilities of the Co-operative and has therefore adopted this valuation method.

#### **Financial Instruments - Basic**

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

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

# NOTES to the FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

# For the year ended 31 March 2025

# 2. Particulars of turnover, operating costs and operating surplus

	Turnover	2025 Operating Costs	Operating Surplus			Operating Surplus
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Affordable letting activities (note 3) Other activities (note 4)	2,391,190 29,564	1,992,014 26,622	399,176 2,942	2,254,007 66,301	1,940,292 65,065	313,715 1,236
	2,420,754 ======	2,018,636 ======	402,118 ======	2,320,308	2,005,357	314,951 ======

# NOTES to the FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

# For the year ended 31 March 2025

# 3. Particulars of income and expenditure from affordable letting activities

	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Revenue from lettings	_	_
Rent receivable	1,991,152	1,865,644
Gross income from rents	1,991,152	1,865,644
Less: Rent losses from voids	2,621	7,378
Less: Rent losses from voids – unlettable	, <u>-</u>	904
Net rents receivable	1,988,531	1,857,362
Grants released from deferred income	391,585	391,869
Grants from Scottish Ministers	11,074	4,776
Total turnover from affordable letting activities	2,391,190	2,254,007
Expenditure on affordable letting activities		
Management and maintenance administration costs	853,899	757,295
Planned and cyclical maintenance, including major repairs	157,078	187,362
Reactive maintenance costs	270,188	279,178
Bad debts – rents	776	2,549
Depreciation of affordable let properties	710,073	713,908
Operating costs of affordable letting activities	1,992,014	1,940,292
Operating surplus on affordable letting activities	399,176	313,715
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# NOTES to the FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

# For the year ended 31 March 2025

# 4. Particulars of revenue, operating costs and operating surplus or deficit from other activities

	Other Revenue Grants £	Other Income £	Total Turnover £	Other Revenue Costs £	Total Operating Costs £	Operating surplus/ (deficit) 2025 £	Operating surplus/ (deficit) 2024 £
Expired shares retained	_	13	13	-	-	13	17
SFHA Cost of Living Grant	25,241	-	25,241	(25,241)	(25,241)	-	-
National Lottery Community Fund	1,381	-	1,381	(1,381)	(1,381)	-	-
Other activities	-	2,929	2,929	` <del>-</del>	` <del>-</del>	2,929	1,219
Total from other activities	26,622	2,942	29,564	(26,622)	(26,622)	2,942	1,236
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# NOTES to the FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

## For the year ended 31 March 2025

## 5. Officers' emoluments

Employee Life Assurance

The officers are defined in the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 as the members of the Committee of Management, managers and employees of the co-operative. The members of the Committee of Management, the CEO and COO are considered the key management personnel.

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2 officers (2024: 2 officers) of the Co-operative received emoluments greater than £60,000	<b>2025</b> £	2024 £
Pension contributions made on behalf of officers with emoluments greater than	L	L
£60,000	12,814 ======	11,935
Social security paid on behalf of CEO & COO	16,831	14,281
Emoluments payable to CEO & COO	155,345	132,214
Total emoluments paid to key management personnel	184,990	158,430
The number of officers, including the highest paid officer, who received emoluments over £	======= 260,000 was in the	====== e following
ranges:	No.	No.
£60,001 to £70,000		
£70,001 to £80,000	- 1	1
£80,001 to £90,000	1	_
	======	======
6. Employee	2025 No.	2024 No.
The average monthly number of full-time equivalent persons employed during the	No.	No.
year was	8	8
The average total number of employees employed during the year was	9	======= 7
	======	======
Ctoff conto word		£
Staff costs were: Wages and salaries	339,548	290,890
National insurance costs	30,196	24,581
Other pension costs	91,466	77,664
Temporary, agency & seconded staff	17,701	22,473
Redundancy costs	1 020	- 1 212

7. Interest payable and similar charges	<b>2025</b> £	<b>2024</b> £
On bank loans and overdrafts	70,204	77,033

1,313

416,921

1,839

480,750

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# NOTES to the FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

# For the year ended 31 March 2025

8. Surplus for the year	2025	2024
Curplus for the year is stated ofter sharping/(graditing)	£	£
Surplus for the year is stated after charging/(crediting)  Depreciation – tangible owned fixed assets	727,427	735,787
Auditor's remuneration – audit services	9,840	9,390
Auditors' remuneration – other services	1,418	1,176
Operating lease rentals – other	2,722	2,787
	======	======
9. Tax on ordinary activities	2025	2024
·	£	£
Analysis of charge in year		
Current tax:	1,086	(2 200)
UK corporation	1,000	(3,388)
Total current tax	1,086	(3,388)
	=======	=======
10. Other finance/ (income) charges	2024	2023
, and and an	£	£
Net interest on pension obligations	11,000	5,000
3	======	======

## **NOTES to the FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**

## For the year ended 31 March 2025

11. Non-current assets (a) Housing properties Cost	Housing properties held for letting
As at 1 April 2024	29,248,907
Additions Disposals	771,006 (377,308)
As at 31 March 2025	29,642,605
Depreciation	
As at 1 April 2024	12,259,414
Charge for year	710,073
Disposals	(377,308)
As at 31 March 2025	12,592,179
Net book value	
As at 31 March 2025	17,050,426 =======
As at 31 March 2024	16,989,493
	======

All land and housing properties are freehold. All land included in fixed assets is owned by the Cooperative. Land is included at historic cost.

Total expenditure on existing properties in the year amounted to £928,084 (2024: £784,853). The amount capitalised is £771,006 (2024: £526,292) with the balance charged to the statement of comprehensive income. The amounts capitalised can be further split between component replacement of £771,006(2024: £526,292) and improvement of £NIL (2024: £Nil).

Changes to historic cost of houses held for letting results from additions and disposals from replacement of housing components in the year. Any net book value remaining on components replaced is added to depreciation in the year of disposal.

The Co-operative's Lenders have standard securities over Housing Property with a carrying value of £12,179,891(2024: £12,328,654).

# NOTES to the FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

# For the year ended 31 March 2025

		Office		White	
	Office	Furniture &	Playground	Goods &	
11(b) Other non-current assets	Premises	<b>Equipment</b>	Equipment	Fittings	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost					
As at 1 April 2024	311,934	90,016	58,556	11,950	472,456
Additions	-	3,212	-	-	3,212
Disposals	-	(3,684)	-	-	(3,684)
As at 31 March 2025	311,934	89,544	58,556	11,950	471,984
Aggregate depreciation					
As at 1 April 2024	119,528	79,794	37,260	11,241	247,823
Charge for year	6,240	5,763	5,085	266	17,354
Disposals	-	(3,684)	-	-	(3,684)
As at 31 March 2025	125,768	81,873	42,345	11,507	261,493
Net book value					
As at 31 March 2025	186,166	7,671	16,211	443	210,491
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As at 31 March 2024	192,406	10,222	21,296	709	224,633
	=======	=======	======	=======	=======

# 12. Commitments under operating leases

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

	2025 £	2024 £
Other  Not later than one year  Later than one year and not later than five years  Expiring later than five years	2,613 6,393 518 ======	2,573 8,846 498
13. Receivables: Amounts falling due within one year	2025 £	2024 £
Arrears of rent and service charges <u>Less</u> : Provision for doubtful debts	27,685 (8,295)	41,420 (9,223)
Other receivable	19,390 58,387	32,197 32,671
	77,777 ======	64,868
14. Payables: Amounts falling due within one year	2025 £	2024 £
Housing loans Trade payables Rent received in advance Corporation tax payable Other taxation and social security Other payables Accruals and deferred income	228,638 44,162 29,090 814 11,030 - 75,996  389,730	249,052 - 29,516 3,388 18,062 - 91,975  391,993

# **NOTES to the FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**

Payables: Amounts falling due after more than one year

# For the year ended 31 March 2025

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Net debt

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Housing loans			2,245,461	2,474,305
Housing loans			======	======
Amounts due within one year			228,638	249,052
Amounts due in one year or more but less than two years	<b>;</b>		235,629	226,569
Amounts due in two years of more but less than five year			751,892	726,839
Amounts due in more than five years			1,257,940	1,520,898
			2,474,099	2,723,358
Less: Amount shown in current liabilities			228,638	249,052
. ,				
			2,245,461 ======	2,474,305 ======
Housing loans are secured by specific charges on the C of interest ranging from 1.21% to 5.07%.  16. Statement of cashflows	co-operative's prope	rties. Loans ar	e repayable at <b>2025</b>	2024
			£	£
Reconciliation of surplus for the year to net cash inflo	ow from operating a	ctivities	.=	101.001
Surplus for the year			359,288	131,364
Depreciation			727,427	735,787
Non-cash adjustments to pension provisions			(14,000)	120,912
Amortisation of capital grants			(391,585)	(391,869)
Change in debtors			(12,909)	(24,262)
Change in creditors			18,151	25,157
Interest receivable			(12,288)	(17,834)
Interest payable			70,204	77,033
Share capital written off			(10)	(19)
Net cash inflow from operating activities			744,278	656,269
·			=======	=======
	At			At
	1 April		Other	31 March
Analysis of changes in net debt	2024	Cashflows	Changes	2025
7 maryone or emanages in mor wood	£	£	£	£
	4 005 050	(227 422)		750.050
Cash at bank and in hand	1,095,352 	(337,102)		758,250 
	1,095,352	(337,102)	-	758,250
Debt: Due within one year	(249,052)	249,258	(228,844)	(228,638)
Debt: Due after more than one year	(2,474,305)	-	228,844	(2,245,461)
Net Lebe	(4.000.005)	(07.004)		(4.745.040)

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(87,884)

(1,715,849)

2025

2024

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17. Deferred income		Social Housing Grants £
Social Housing Grants As at 1 April 2024		19,579,260
As at 31 March 2025		19,579,260
Amortised As at 1 April 2024 Amortisation in year		8,397,624 391,585
As at 31 March 2025		8,789,209
Net book value As at 31 March 2025		10,790,051
As at 31 March 2024		11,181,636
This is expected to be released to the Statement of Comprehensive income in the following	g years:	
	<b>2025</b> £	<b>2024</b> £
Amount due within one year Amounts due in one year or more	391,585 10,398,466 	391,869 10,789,767
	10,790,051	11,181,636
18. Share capital	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Shares at £1 each issued and fully paid As at 1 April 2024 Issued in year Cancelled in year	368 13 (10)  371	370 17 (19) 368
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Each member of the Co-operative hols one share of £1 each. 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 Co-operative. Each member has a right to vote at members' meetings.

19.	Housing Stock	<b>2025</b> No.	<b>2024</b> No.
The r	number of units of accommodation in management at the year end was:		
Gene	eral needs housing	372	372

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## 20. Related Party Transactions

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

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

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

	2025	2024
	£	£
Rent receivable from tenants on the Committee of management and their close		
family members	73,969	66,878
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At the year-end total rent arrears owed by the tenant members on the Committee of Management (and their close family were £991 (2024: £1,209).

	2025 No.	2024 No.
Members of the Committee of Management who are tenants	13	12
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Members of the Committee of Management who are local authority employees	4	3
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## 21. Details of Co-Operative

The Co-operative is a Registered Society, registered with the Financial Conduct Authority and is domiciled in Scotland.

The Co-operative's principal place of business is 26 Granton Mill Crescent, Edinburgh EH4 4UT.

The Co-operative is a Registered Social Landlord that owns and manages social housing property in Edinburgh.

## 22. Committee of Management Member Emoluments

Committee of Management members received £NIL (2024: £554) in the year by way of reimbursement of expenses. No remuneration is paid to Committee of Management members in respect of their duties to the Co-operative.

#### 23. Retirement Benefit Obligations

#### **Scottish Housing Association Pension Scheme**

The Co-operative 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.

#### **NOTES to the FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**

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## 23. Retirement Benefit Obligations (continued)

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 re-appointed amongst the remaining employers. Therefore, in certain circumstances the Association may become liable for the obligations of a third party.

The latest triennial valuation of the SHAPS was carried out in September 2024 with the housing association receiving intimation of changes at the end of July 2025. The valuation revealed a total deficit of £79.5M. A new Recovery Plan has therefore been put in place, with deficit contributions to re-start from April 2026 for the following four years.

For accounting purposes, a valuation of the scheme is carried out with an effective date of 30 September each year. The liability figures from this valuation are rolled forward for accounting year-ends from 31 March to 28 February inclusive. The latest accounting valuation was carried out with an effective date of 30 September 2023. The liability figures from this valuation were rolled forward for accounting year-ends from the following 31 March 2024 to 28 February 2025 inclusive.

During 2022/23 the Co-operative was advised that following the triennial valuation no further deficit contribution would be required at this time and as from October 2022, we have stopped paying additional amounts. The next triennial valuation will be undertaken September 2024, following which the actuary will project the liabilities and funding position for the pension fund. Until this is complete it is uncertain what the requirement will be in terms of funding any further deficit position. The position regarding any future deficit payment requirements, if required, is unlikely to be know before September 2025 with any payments, if due, commencing April 2026. Based on the current market movements it is anticipated that there is a likelihood that further contributions from employers will be required, however it is not possible to calculate the impact of this issue with any accuracy beyond the provision for £212,000 which has been made based on the accounting requirements.

In May 2021 the Scheme Trustee (TPT Retirement Solutions) notified employers of a review of historic scheme benefit changes, and this review has raised legal questions regarding whether and when some historic benefit changes should take effect, the outcome of which could give rise to an increase in liabilities for some employers. The Scheme Trustee has determined that it is prudent to seek clarification from the Court on these items, and a date for this has now been set for 2025.

On 4 May 2023, the Scheme Trustee issued an update to employers which included an estimate of the potential additional liabilities at the full scheme level, on a Technical Provisions basis. However, until Court directions are received, it is not possible to calculate the impact on an individual employer basis with any accuracy. As a result of this, no provision will be made for the potential additional liabilities within the financial statements or the related accounting disclosures included in this note.

Net pension liability	2025 £'000
Fair value of employer's assets Present value of scheme liabilities	1,438 1,650
	(212)

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# 23. Retirement Benefit Obligations (continued)

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Opening fair value of employer assets Expected return on assets Contributions by members Actuarial gains/(losses) Estimated benefits paid		1,593 (187) 3 77 (48)
Closing fair value		1,438 ======
		2025 £'000
Opening defined benefit obligation Current service cost		1,819
Interest cost Contributions by members		91
Actuarial gains Estimated benefits paid		(212) (48)
Closing defined benefit obligations		1,650
Analysis of amount charged to the Statement of Comprehensive Income Charged to operating costs: Service cost Expenses Charged to other finance costs/(income) Expected return on employer assets Interest on pension scheme liabilities		 3 11 -
Net charge to the Statement of Comprehensive Income		14
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24. SHAPS pension provision	2025 £	2024 £
As at 31 March 2024 Decrease in provision	(226,000) 25,000	(105,173) (120,827)
Balance as at 31 March 2025	(212,000)	(226,000)