

**LOCAL INFORMATION UNIT LIMITED**  
**(Company limited by Guarantee)**  
**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**  
**31 DECEMBER 2023**

Registration Number: 1872218 (England and Wales)  
Charity Registration Number: 1113495

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**LOCAL INFORMATION UNIT LIMITED****LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATION****YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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<b>Registered Name of charity</b>	Local Information Unit Limited
<b>Other names used by the charity</b>	LGIU
<b>Trustees</b>	<div>Cllr Abdul Jabbar Cllr Alexander Hollingsworth Cllr Brian Robinson – resigned 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023 Cllr Jayne McCoy Cllr Michael Payne (Chair) Mike Short Cllr Neil Nerva Cllr Sam Chapman-Allen – resigned 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023 Cllr Tudor Evans Cllr Amanda Jayne Hopgood Cllr Elizabeth Pendrill Raphael Leffman – resigned 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023 Cllr Linda Joy Taylor</div>
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<b>Registered office</b>	<div>251 Pentonville Road London N1 9NG</div>
<b>Company Registration Number</b>	01872218 (England and Wales)
<b>Charity Registration Number</b>	1113495
<b>Auditor</b>	<div>Haysmacintyre LLP 10 Queen Street Place London EC4R 1AG</div>
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**Subsidiary undertakings:**

**LGiU International Ltd**

**Directors**

J Carr-West  
A Johnston  
E Coll  
L Slack  
H Muirhead – resigned 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024  
H Yedigaroff  
V De Blasi – appointed 26 June 2023

**Company Registered Number** 07132669 (England and Wales)

**Local Energy Limited**

**Directors**

J Carr-West  
H Yedigaroff

**Company Registration number** 07092950 (England and Wales)

**LGiU Enterprises Limited**

**Directors**

J Carr-West  
H Yedigaroff  
A Hollingsworth  
N Nerva

**Company Registration number** 07073661 (England and Wales)

**LGiU Ireland Limited**

**Directors**

J Carr-West  
H Yedigaroff  
S O'Riordain

**Company Registration number** 597961 (Ireland)

## Objectives and activities

### Introduction

The Local Government Information Unit (LGIU) is a membership organisation and think tank. The object of the organisation is the promotion for the public good of efficient public administration of local government by the provision of information, advice, research and training and the publication of research.

LGIU operates internationally through LGiU International, a wholly owned trading subsidiary.

### Public benefit

The LGiU must be able to demonstrate that its aims and activities are for the public benefit. The Trustees have reviewed the guidance issued by the Charity Commission and have prepared this report with the guidance in mind.

### Mission

The LGiU - Local Government Information Unit - is a not-for-profit, non-partisan membership organisation. We are for local government and anyone with an interest in local democracy and finding local solutions to the challenges that we all face. Our resources, innovative research and connections are relied on by councillors and council officers across the globe.

As LGiU becomes increasingly international in focus, our aim is to be the preeminent global hub for the best information, ideas and insight about local government and local democracy and to create a global network of local authorities, public servants and politicians supporting each other to strengthen local democracy, improve public services and meet the complex challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

### Activities, specific objectives and relevant policies

To fulfil our charitable mission we support innovation in local government working with our members and others to provide:

- The practical support, on tap, that council staff and elected representatives need for their jobs every day, including: in depth policy briefings, country-specific daily news roundups; case study bank; analysis and commentary.
- Opportunities to be involved with our Local Democracy Research Centre's original research projects.
- A global network of local government professionals and other stakeholders coming together to collaborate, share and innovate.
- A significant member discount on LGiU training. A programme catering specifically to the needs of local government staff and elected representatives, delivered by sector experts.
- Supportive and productive forums for exploring the challenges and emerging opportunities in an ever changing local government landscape.
- A voice for the international local government community, which grows stronger with each [new member](#).

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We are a critical friend to councils but we are unwavering in our advocacy of local government as the foundation of the places we live and work.

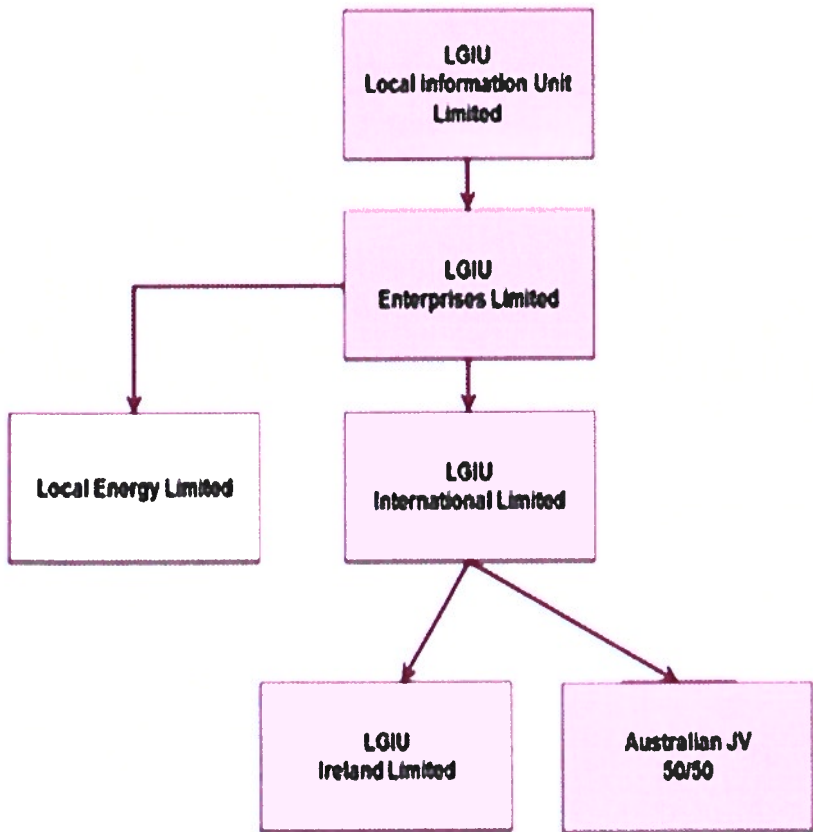
- Volunteers  
Generally the LGiU does not use volunteers: internships are occasionally provided to people seeking work experience, and are paid at the London living wage.

The LGiU group

Since 2015 the LGiU has been expanding its international operations with the launch of LGiU Scotland, LGiU Ireland and LGiU Australia. In 2024 we reached an agreement with NILGA to bring all 11 Northern Irish Councils in to membership.

We believe that if local government is at its best when it is informed, engaged and networked, then all our members will gain value from global perspectives, lessons and relationships.

These international operations are trading subsidiaries wholly owned by LGiU.



LGiU Enterprises and LGiU International have boards which report to the main LGiU Board. The relationship between subsidiaries is set out in a Resource Sharing Agreement and governed by a conflict of interests policy.

These arrangements are regularly reviewed by our legal advisors Bates Wells. LGiU International and LGiU Ireland are audited separately.

## Achievements and performance

### 2023 at a glance

We turned **40...**

and published our new manifesto, **LGiU@40** - calling for a new covenant between central and local government. Building on a decade of research and developed from extensive consultation with our members.

**35,000** global subscribers.

**329** member organisations across the UK, Ireland, Australia and New Zealand.



**8** major research projects informed by the key themes of the manifesto: finance, trust and participation, including voter ID, inclusive economies and international finance were delivered by the Local Democracy Research Centre.

**121** in-house and open training sessions engaging over **1,250** delegates.

Your collective voice grows ever stronger with LGiU's work featured

**2,712**

times across national, regional and trade press.



*"The pressure and intensity of the day job mean horizon-scanning can be difficult. LGiU helps me to fill that gap."*

- Senior officer

*"There is a wealth of accessible and interesting information which is very useful in my day-to-day work."*

- Council officer

**Daily News** every morning at 6am - the top local government news delivered to our members every day.

**287** policy briefings, legislation guides and sector round-ups.

**150+** Case studies sharing learning and inspiration from around the world.

**52** Editions of Global Local bringing a world of local government ideas to everyone.

**256** Articles, interviews, and think-pieces - a platform for our members' achievements and opinions.

**26** workshops, roundtables and panel discussions, including **7** exclusive member-only events and **5** Global Local panel discussions with senior speakers from England, Scotland, Ireland and Australia.

The 14th annual Cllr Awards attracted **300+** nominations and produced **5** fantastic winners.

*"Accessible information about issues I need to know about as an active councillor."*

2023 in review...

**LGiU**

We exist to make local democracy around the world collectively stronger through shared ideas, resources and connections. So local government is empowered to tackle the biggest challenges we're all facing today and in the future.



## LGiU in 2023

2023 was a year of consolidation for LGiU.

This follows significant change in 2022 including the appointment of a new Chief Operations Officer, the introduction of a set of new "Head of" roles as the LGiU's management team; a new Customer Relationship Management database and a new "newsletter strategy" which uses the Daily News emails as the vehicle for all LGiU content delivery.

We continued to work towards the two key ambitions set out in our five-year 2020-25 strategy

- 1) To be the preeminent global hub for the best information, ideas and insight about local government and local democracy.
- 2) To act as a global network of local authorities, public servants and politicians supporting each other to strengthen local democracy, improve public services and meet the complex challenges of the 21st century

We do this within a challenging environment with a backdrop of high inflation and budget cuts influencing both LGiU's own activities and that of the membership.

At the same time, in an increasingly digital world, the LGiU is having to evolve its systems and membership offering to meet the changing needs and preferences of its readers.

We developed a single organisational plan based around four key workstreams each with a set of objectives and associated actions.

1. Continue to ensure financial stability
2. Deliver high quality services that meet members needs
3. Close awareness gap
4. Organisation change/management

Detailed results against these key objectives were reported to the trustee board but some key successes include:

- The 2023 annual survey showed an increased favourability score. Our 'Net Promoter score' amongst paying members increased from +6 (2022) to +16.
- We published our LGiU @40 manifesto calling for a new covenant between central and local government. This manifesto was built on a decade of research and extensive consultation with members.
- LGiU's work was featured 2712 times in local, regional and national press - a new record in terms of coverage and profile.
- The Local Democracy Research Centre had an extremely successful year with high profile projects on elections, inclusive economies, international local government finance
- Our profile and membership strength in Scotland in particular went from strength to strength with 30 out of 33 local government members, a high-profile finance survey, significant press coverage and speaking platforms in the Scottish Parliament.
- We had our biggest ever Cllr awards with over 300 nominations.
- Our staff team remained stable with no resignations and our 1st staff survey found that 100% of staff enjoy their work and are proud to work for the LGiU. We also improved our digital, data and analytics capabilities through the recruitment of a new Head of Systems and Digital.



## Financial review

### Results for the year

- 2023 was a successful year for LGiU in which we continued to build on the strong financial performance of the previous three years.
- There is a deficit of £24,268 before adjustments for pension costs.
- The total deficit to reserves is £24,268 giving total reserves of £822,681.
- LGiU's finances reflect the Board's ambition to create a sustainable financial model for the LGiU. There is now a structural surplus built into the relationship between our two main financial lines – affiliate income and salaries.
- Levels of reserves now allow us to invest in future growth while still maintaining a robust position to deal with unforeseen fluctuations in income or costs.
- The 2024 budget is an investment budget, drawing down from reserves with a budgeted £211K loss in LGiU whilst the LGiU Group is forecast to end the year with a deficit of £97K.
- These figures do not include the results of the FRS17 annual pension fund report.

### Reserves policy

The trustees recognise the need to hold reserves to protect against unforeseen fluctuations in income, assist long term-strategic planning, and to provide a fund to deal with costs arising should the organisation cease to trade.

General funds of the group at 31 December 2023 were £822,681 (2022 - £846,949) and there was no pension reserve deficit (2022 – £nil).

The pension is a defined benefit scheme and we are part of a pool within the Camden Council LGPS. The scheme shows a surplus position at 31 December 2023 but this is not recognized in these accounts. The pension surplus/deficit arising in a period is not taken into account against reserves and is dealt with from future budgets. LGiU budgets are, and have always been, prepared on this basis. The level of contribution that LGiU makes to the pension fund is set every three years. We are currently coming to the end of one of these periods and we have retained enough space in the budget to be able to increase the contribution in future if necessary. The trustees are satisfied that we will be able to meet future commitments.

The 2023 reserves represent approximately 22 weeks' expenditure.

In 2024 we are budgeting a deficit of £211K for LGiU, surplus of £114K for LGiU International with a combined group deficit of £97K. This includes investment in digital, research, and the development of our international offer.

### **Investment policy**

Any surplus cash is held in either our deposit account, or in short term bonds specifically designed for charities who want to retain liquidity and attract a reasonable rate of return.

### **Risk management**

The most significant risk faced by the LGiU is the loss of income, primarily from the resignation of members. Strategies are in place to retain existing members and to recruit new ones. In 2023 we received 13 member resignations taking effect from January 2024. However this was partially offset by the reversal of 4 resignations and by the recruitment of 6 additional members in 2023.

The Executive Board is regularly updated about these issues, together with actions being taken to ameliorate the risk.

The LGiU believes that there will be further pressure on the finances of local authorities in the UK over the coming years, but that our active engagement with members and the value of our services especially in a fast moving and challenging environment will mitigate the risk of substantial decline in membership income. Expansion into other local government markets around the world also offsets that risk.

The LGiU also faces the organisational risks that would be expected in a small company, such as loss of key staff. Strategies are in place to anticipate and reduce these risks and staff movement in 2023 has not led to any significant problems.

We maintain a risk register and this is regularly reviewed by the board.

## **Governance, structure and management**

### **Governance**

The LGiU is a registered charity (Charity Registration Number 1113495) and is constituted as a company limited by guarantee (Company Registration Number 01872218). It is governed by its memorandum and articles of association, which were most recently modified in July 2009. The charity was registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales on 30 March 2006. The Local Information Unit Limited (which trades as the Local Government Information Unit) was registered as a company limited by guarantee on 17 December 1984 and has been operating since that date.

The trustees of the charity are also directors of the company for the purposes of the Companies Act. Each affiliate of the LGiU nominates a representative to be part of the Members' Assembly, the body which debates the general policy direction of the organisation. The Members' Assembly elects the Executive Board (Board of Directors) from within their ranks. Directors/trustees serve a three year set term before being required to stand for re-election. Where directors/trustees resign or become ineligible, a replacement is sought at the next Members' Assembly meeting to complete that three year term. The memorandum and articles of association specify a minimum number of places on the Board from different types of affiliates, such as District Councils, London Boroughs and Trade Unions etc. This is to ensure balanced representation of the membership.

New trustees are given relevant documentation on their duties and responsibilities, including the Charity Commission publication designed for this purpose. The LGiU has several nominated contacts that trustees can contact if they have any specific queries.

Trustees are offered the opportunity to take part in various training opportunities, and the LGiU is always prepared to buy in specific training as and when necessary.

### **Structure and management reporting**

The day-to-day running of the organisation is delegated to the staff under the leadership of the Chief Executive. The Executive Board meets about six times per year primarily to discuss issues of strategic direction in relation to the running of the organisation. They approve the annual budget before the start of the year and then monitor its progress through regular updates. In addition, the Executive Board has a business and policy planning weekend each September, together with senior staff.

### **Remuneration**

The Board has a Remuneration Committee with a membership of four Board members which has oversight of pay strategy across the organisation and direct responsibility for the Chief Executive's pay and appraisal.

Current membership of the Remuneration Committee is Mike Short, Neil Nerva and Jayne McCoy and two vacancies.

### **Trustees**

The following trustees were in office at 31 December 2023, and served throughout the year, except where shown:

Trustees 1 January 2023 - 31st December 2023

Cllr Abdul Jabbar  
Cllr Alex Hollingsworth  
Cllr Jayne McCoy  
Cllr Michael Payne (Chair)  
Cllr Linda Taylor  
Michael Short  
Cllr Neil Nerva  
Cllr Tudor Evans  
Cllr Amanda Hopgood  
Cllr Elizabeth Leffman - resigned 18 July 2023  
Cllr Sam Chapman-Allen - resigned 9 November 2023  
Cllr Brian Robinson - resigned 4 May 2023

### **LGiU Enterprise Board**

Heather Yedigaroff  
Jonathan Carr-West  
Cllr Alex Hollingsworth  
Cllr Neil Nerva

### **LGiU International Board**

Andy Johnston  
Jonathan Carr-West  
Liz Coll  
Lucy Slack  
Vicki DeBlasi - appointed 24 May 2023  
Heather Yedigaroff  
Hannah Muirhead - resigned 12 July 2024

In 2024 there will be elections for the Board and Chair.

## Plans for the future

A single integrated plan for 2024 has been developed drawing together all departments and countries. There are seven overarching objectives each with a set of activities and key results.

We are utilising an Objective and Key Result (OKR) approach - this is a framework for goal setting and management based on:

- Objectives (where you're going)
- Key results (how you track your progress getting there) that make your goals actionable and measurable.

Our proposed seven 2024 objectives are as follows:

1. *Ensure that our services are designed to meet user needs and to maximise readership/ usage through ongoing engagement and feedback mechanisms*

The LGiU provides a wide-ranging service which aims to meet the needs of a diverse set of users (from policy managers to council leaders). We have been working on a project to document our target audiences, and we are now at the stage where we want to validate our assumptions with real people.

We know that social proofing is a proven method of increasing sign ups/readership. This means when your current users recommend your products and services based on their experiences with your brand. We also know that we can do more to attract readership and usage and market our services through different content formats (e.g. infographics, video) and social media

2. *Deliver a research, content and engagement programme building on LGiU@40 that speaks to members across all core countries, demonstrates thought leadership and enables us to advocate for the sector.*

The LGiU@40 programme was extremely successful as an engagement and advocacy tool but spoke mostly to the UK. We need to build on it by extending it to other core countries, and to use it as a basis to influence local government policy.

The LDRC currently has two full-time members of staff, and we would like to investigate the feasibility of a fellowship type programme as a method of increasing the capacity of the research centre, as well as creating an alumni network of LGiU supporting academics.

3. *Launch a new international offer incorporating at least one new product.*

In order to meet the 2025 'global' objectives we need to expand the LGiU offering outside of the four 'core countries.' In 2023 we did a product development exercise looking at six potential new offerings. We need to validate our thinking from that with some market research.

We can increase brand awareness outside core countries through partnerships, marketing and social media, and will be looking for partnership opportunities that would help with this.

4. *Set out our digital strategic direction meeting user needs through unlocking of data insights and creating the technical foundations for future product offerings.*

In 2023 we created a new role in the team responsible for Systems and Digital. Following a successful appointment to this role, the development of a digital strategy is underway.



This strategy will include an LGiU website upgrade – this upgrade will take into account both our current and future offer and requirements will include legal compliance including meeting accessibility standards (minimum AA).

*5. Ensure long term financial sustainability.*

Local government is in a challenging financial position, and this puts pressure on LGiU membership. 2023 and 2024 have seen higher than usual numbers of membership resignations. We will seek to ensure financial sustainability through a combination of resignation reversal and increased income generation (sponsorship/commercial income/training/membership).

We expect that UK local authorities will remain in financial difficulties over 2024/25 and therefore for there to be further membership resignations. To minimise this, we need to communicate and evidence the message that LGiU membership is an 'essential' for a local authority and saves both time and money.

*6. Leverage technology and data to improve our security standing, our corporate governance and compliance through clearly defined processes and employee policies.*

Over 2023 we had a significant focus on security. We developed a security plan. As part of this we contracted and completed security penetration testing. We need to continue ensuring security is on our agenda and at the same time be proportionate in terms of risk and security investment.

There is further work to be done on database administration and related policies (including GDPR). As well as compliance benefits, cleaning up our data and contact database (CiviCRM) will help us with member engagement and with a more accurate understanding of our membership and reporting on usage/engagement.

*7. Ensure that the LGiU is a place that people love to work, with a positive working culture and supportive governance and employee policies.*

A staff survey was conducted in 2023 and results were broadly positive with extremely strong results on purpose, mission and work enjoyment. Outcomes included a quarterly workload and wellbeing review and an update to the appraisal process.

A roles and responsibilities exercise is planned and we will map out and develop plans to address our training needs.

Our staff employment policies and contracts require updating –and new updated policies will be submitted for Board approval in May 2024.

Key results and planned activities have been mapped out against each of these objectives and these will form the basis of reporting to the Board over the course of 2024.

## **Trustees' liability**

In the event of the charity being wound up the trustees, are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.



TRUSTEES' REPORT

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**Statement of Trustees' responsibilities**

The trustees (who are also directors of Local Information Unit Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and the group and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the group for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- ◆ select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- ◆ observe the methods and principles in the Statement of Recommended Practice (Accounting and Reporting by Charities) (the Charities' SORP);
- ◆ make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- ◆ state whether applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- ◆ prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

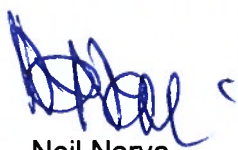
Each of the trustees confirms that:

- ◆ so far as the trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware; and
- ◆ the trustee has taken all the steps that he/she ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make himself/herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of s418 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Neil Nerva  
Trustee

13 September 2024

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Local Information Unit Limited for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities, the Group and Parent Charitable Company Balance Sheets, the Consolidated Cash Flow Statement and related to the financial statements, 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 group's and of the parent charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2023 and of the group's and parent charitable company's net movement in funds, including the 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 Companies Act 2006.

### **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 group 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 trustees' 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 group'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 trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

### **Responsibilities of trustees for the financial statements**

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 13, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are 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 trustees 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 trustees are responsible for assessing the group's and the parent charitable company'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 trustees either intend to liquidate the group or the parent charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF LOCAL INFORMATION UNIT LIMITED**

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### **Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Trustees' Annual Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our 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.

### **Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report (which incorporates the directors' report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Trustees' Annual Report (which incorporates the directors' report) has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the group and the parent charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Annual Report (which incorporates the directors' report).

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the parent charitable company; or
- the parent charitable company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies' regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

### **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:

Based on our understanding of the parent charity and the environment in which it operates, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to company and charity law, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Charities SORP and Companies Act 2006.

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We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls) and determined that the principal risks were related to management override. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Discussions with management including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation and fraud;
- Evaluating management's controls designed to prevent and detect irregularities;
- Identifying and testing journals; and
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in their critical accounting estimates including the defined benefit pension scheme.

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](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company'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 charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Lee Stokes (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
For and on behalf of Haysmacintyre LLP, Statutory Auditors  
Date: 13 September 2024

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LOCAL INFORMATION UNIT LIMITED

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
INCORPORATING THE INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

		Total unrestricted funds	
		2023	2022
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE	Notes	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Affiliation fees & subscriptions		1,698,900	1,644,546
Consultancy and project income		224,717	219,302
<b>Income from:</b>			
Investment income, bank and other interest		33,209	2,297
<b>Total income</b>		<u>1,956,826</u>	<u>1,866,145</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>			
Services to affiliates & subscribers	2	589,520	425,876
Conferences, seminars and training	2	276,344	189,087
Consultancy	2	190,936	273,517
Publications	2	264,192	299,400
Trading activities	2	660,102	651,696
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>1,981,094</u>	<u>1,839,576</u>
<b>Net income/ (expenditure) before additional pension costs</b>		(24,268)	26,569
Service cost and other movements on pension provision	17	<u>161,000</u>	<u>(122,000)</u>
<b>Net income/ (expenditure) before other recognised gains and losses</b>		136,732	(95,431)
Actuarial gains/ (losses) on defined benefit pension scheme	17	<u>(161,000)</u>	<u>3,474,000</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		(24,268)	3,378,569
Fund balances brought forward at 1 January 2023		<u>846,949</u>	<u>(2,531,620)</u>
Fund balances carried forward at 31 December 2023		<u>822,681</u>	<u>846,949</u>

All of the group's activities derived from continuing operations during the above two financial periods.

All recognised gains and losses are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

All comparative figures were also unrestricted and have been presented on the Statement of Financial Activities.

**LOCAL INFORMATION UNIT LIMITED**

**COMPANY NUMBER: 01872218**

**GROUP AND CHARITY BALANCE SHEET**

**AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

		<b>2023</b>		<b>2022</b>	
	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Charity £</b>	<b>Group £</b>	<b>Charity £</b>	<b>Group £</b>
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	8	4,581	4,581	6,398	6,398
Intangible assets	8	30,929	30,929	62,400	62,400
Investments	9	3	-	3	-
		<u>35,513</u>	<u>35,510</u>	<u>68,801</u>	<u>68,798</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors due within one year	10	135,998	128,084	233,008	311,605
Short term deposits		330,152	330,152	497,647	497,647
Cash at bank and in hand		408,969	608,453	489,819	580,504
		<u>875,119</u>	<u>1,066,689</u>	<u>1,220,474</u>	<u>1,389,756</u>
<b>Creditors:</b> amounts falling due within one year	11	(228,415)	(279,518)	(503,629)	(611,605)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>646,704</u>	<u>787,171</u>	<u>716,845</u>	<u>778,151</u>
<b>Net assets excluding pension liability</b>		<u>682,217</u>	<u>822,681</u>	<u>785,646</u>	<u>846,949</u>
Pension liability	17	-	-	-	-
<b>Net liabilities including pension liability</b>		<u>682,217</u>	<u>822,681</u>	<u>785,646</u>	<u>846,949</u>
<b>Represented by:</b>					
<b>Funds and reserves</b>					
<b>Income funds:</b>					
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	14	682,217	682,217	785,646	785,646
Pension reserve	17	-	-	-	-
		<u>682,217</u>	<u>682,217</u>	<u>785,646</u>	<u>785,646</u>
Non-charitable trading funds	14	-	140,464	-	61,303
		<u>682,217</u>	<u>822,681</u>	<u>785,646</u>	<u>846,949</u>

The parent charity's income for the year was £1,713,010. Net movement in funds before the pension costs was £(103,429). Net movement in funds after pensions was £(103,429).

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 13 September 2024 and were signed on their behalf by:

Neil Nerva  
Director of Local Information Unit Limited

13 September 2024



LOCAL INFORMATION UNIT LIMITED

COMPANY NUMBER: 01872218

CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023		2022	
	Charity £	Group £	Charity £	Group £
<b>Cashflow from operating activities</b>				
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	(103,430)	(24,268)	3,306,096	3,378,569
<b>Adjustments for</b>				
Movements on defined benefit pension scheme	-	-	(3,352,000)	(3,352,000)
Depreciation of tangible and intangible assets	35,447	35,447	32,174	32,174
Interest received	(33,209)	(33,209)	(2,297)	(2,297)
Decrease / (increase) in debtors	97,010	183,521	29,964	(245,465)
Increase/ (decrease) in creditors	(275,213)	(332,087)	107,976	162,218
<b>Net cash generated from operating activities</b>	<b>(279,395)</b>	<b>(170,596)</b>	<b>121,913</b>	<b>(26,801)</b>
<b>Cashflow from investing activities</b>				
Net purchase of fixed assets	(2,159)	(2,159)	(46,308)	(46,308)
Interest received	33,209	33,209	2,297	2,297
	<b>31,050</b>	<b>31,050</b>	<b>(44,011)</b>	<b>(44,011)</b>
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash</b>	<b>(248,345)</b>	<b>(139,546)</b>	<b>77,902</b>	<b>(70,812)</b>
Net cash and cash equivalents at the start of the year	987,466	1,078,151	909,564	1,148,963
<b>Net cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	<b>739,121</b>	<b>938,605</b>	<b>987,466</b>	<b>1,078,151</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents consists of:</b>				
Short Term deposits	330,152	330,152	497,647	497,647
Cash at bank and in hand	408,969	608,453	489,819	580,504
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December</b>	<b>739,121</b>	<b>938,605</b>	<b>987,466</b>	<b>1,078,151</b>

## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### **Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP 2015) (Second Edition, effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006. The Local Information Unit Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

### **Going Concern**

The trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charitable group to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements which is to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025. In particular the trustees have considered the charitable group's forecasts and projections and have taken account of pressures on membership and other income and considered the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the LGiU's operations. The majority of the LGiU's income comes from membership income which is fixed from 30 June in the preceding financial year. This allows Trustees to be confident that expenditure budgets are appropriate. In considering going concern the trustees have reviewed cash flows and are confident that the Charity can meet ongoing liabilities, including contributions to the pension scheme. After making enquiries the trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charitable group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The charitable group therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

### **Basis of consolidation**

These financial statements consolidate the results of the charity and its wholly owned subsidiaries, Local Energy Limited, LGiU International Ltd, LGiU Enterprises Limited and LGiU Ireland Limited on a line by line basis. A separate statement of financial activities is not prepared by the charity itself following the exemption afforded by section 408 of the Companies Act 2006.

### **Income**

Income is recognised in the period in which the charity and the group are entitled to receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. Income is deferred only when the charity and the group has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor or funder has specified that the income is to be expended in a future accounting period.

### **Financial Instruments**

Financial assets such as cash and debtors are measured at their present value of the amounts receivable, less an allowance for the expected level of doubtful receivables. Financial liabilities such as trade creditors, loans and finance leases are measured at the present value of the obligation.

## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

### **Expenditure and the basis of apportioning costs**

Expenditure is included in the statement of financial activities when incurred. Expenditure which can be allocated directly to the charity and the group's charitable activities are charged against the applicable activity. All other costs are treated as support costs and are allocated to activities on the basis of staff time spent on those activities.

Expenditure comprises the following:

The costs of charitable activities comprise expenditure on the charity's primary charitable purposes as described in the trustees' report. Such costs include:

- Staff costs
- Premises costs
- Office costs
- Other costs

### **Tangible fixed assets**

All assets costing more than £500 with an expected useful life exceeding one year are capitalised.

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised and depreciated at the following annual rates in order to write them off over their estimated useful lives:

- |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| • Furniture and general office equipment | Over 6 years on a straight line basis |
| • Computer equipment and website         | Over 3 years on a straight line basis |

### **Intangible fixed assets**

All assets costing more than £500 with an expected useful life exceeding one year are capitalised.

Intangible fixed assets are capitalised and depreciated at the following annual rates in order to write them off over their estimated useful lives:

- |           |                                       |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| • Website | Over 3 years on a straight line basis |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|

### **Fixed asset investments**

The investments in the subsidiary undertakings, Local Energy Limited, LGiU International Ltd, LGiU Enterprises Limited and LGiU Ireland Limited, are stated at cost.

### **Fund accounting**

General funds represent those monies which are freely available for application towards achieving any charitable purpose that falls within the charity's charitable objects.

### **Leased assets**

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

### **Pension costs**

#### **Defined benefit pension scheme**

Pension scheme assets are measured using market values. Pension scheme liabilities are measured using the projected unit actuarial method and are discounted at the current rate of return on a high quality corporate bond of equivalent term and currency to the liability. Any increases in the present value of the liabilities within the charity's defined benefit scheme expected to arise from employee service in the period are charged to the statement of financial activities.

The expected return on the scheme's assets and the increase during the period in the present value of the scheme's liabilities arising from the passage of time are included in the statement of financial activities. Actuarial gains and losses are recognised in the statement of financial activities as other recognised gains and losses for the period. Pension scheme surpluses, to the extent that they are considered recoverable, or deficits are recognised in full and presented on the face of the balance sheet.

## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

### Pension costs

#### Defined benefit pension scheme

Local Information Unit Limited has obligations to pay pension benefits to certain employees. The cost of these benefits and the present value of the obligation depend on a number of factors, including; life expectancy, salary increases, asset valuations and the discount rate on corporate bonds. Management estimates these factors in determining the net pension obligation in the balance sheet as advised by an independent actuarial adviser. The assumptions reflect historical experience and current trends.

#### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

#### Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the company's accounting policies, the directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

The most significant estimates and assumptions which affect the carrying amount of assets and liabilities in the accounts relate to:

Useful economic lives - The annual depreciation charge for property, plant and equipment and intangible assets is sensitive to change in the estimated useful economic lives and residual value of assets. These are reassessed annually and amended where necessary to reflect current circumstances.

#### Employee benefits

The costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense, unless those costs are required to be recognised as part of the cost of stock or fixed assets.

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

#### Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

#### Functional currency and presentation currency

The individual financial statements of each group entity are presented in the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates (its functional currency). For the purpose of the consolidated financial statements, the results and financial position are presented in Sterling (£).

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**



**LOCAL INFORMATION UNIT LIMITED**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**3. SUPPORT COSTS**

The support costs and the basis of their allocation were as follows:

		<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Governance costs</b>	<b>Basis of appointment</b>		
Auditor's remuneration – statutory audit	Staff time	17,600	17,735
Other governance costs	Staff time	7,784	8,678
		<u>25,384</u>	<u>26,413</u>
<b>Other support costs</b>	<b>Basis of appointment</b>		
Staff costs	Time spent	212,062	291,802
Premises costs	Staff time	81,913	95,905
Office costs	Staff time	313,278	271,343
Other costs	Staff time	247,801	180,861
		<u>855,054</u>	<u>839,911</u>
Total		<u><u>880,438</u></u>	<u><u>866,324</u></u>

**4. NET INCOME**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
This is stated after charging:		
Staff costs (note 5)	1,079,392	932,042
Auditors' remuneration		
- statutory audit services	17,600	20,000
Depreciation	35,447	32,175
Operating lease rentals	41,022	41,022
	<u><u>1,079,392</u></u>	<u><u>932,042</u></u>

**5. EMPLOYEES AND STAFF COSTS**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Staff costs during the year were as follows:		
Wages and salaries	796,126	681,203
Social security costs	84,843	70,534
Other pension costs	195,374	177,484
Other	3,049	2,821
	<u><u>1,079,392</u></u>	<u><u>932,042</u></u>

In addition, consultants were used during the year at a cost of £69,324 (2022: £64,334).



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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

#### 5. EMPLOYEES AND STAFF COSTS (continued)

The average monthly headcount of persons employed by the LGiU during the year were:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Charitable activities	16	11
Support	2	2
	<u>18</u>	<u>13</u>

The number of employees who earned £60,000 per annum or more (including taxable benefits but excluding employer pension contributions) during the year was as follows:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
£90,001 - £100,000	-	1
£100,001 - £110,000	1	-
£120,001 - £130,000	-	1
£130,001 - £140,000	1	-
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

The total employee benefits including pension contributions of the key management personnel were £330,976 (2022: £337,195). The Key Management Personnel are defined as the Leadership team which is made up of 2 people consisting of the chief executive and chief operating officer in post in year.

#### 6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION

An honorarium was paid to the Chair of Trustees of £4,362 (2022 - £10,972). None of the other trustees received any remuneration in respect of their services during the year (2022 - £nil).

During the year expenses amounting to £nil (2022 - £nil) were reimbursed to 0 trustees (2022 - £nil).

The cost of refreshments at Trustee meetings and the accommodation costs for the overnight Executive Board business planning meeting are met directly by the LGiU. In 2023 this amounted to £nil (2022 - £nil).

The trustees of the charity are members of local councils which pay membership subscriptions to LGiU. Membership fees to these organisations are charged on an arm's length basis.

#### 7. TAXATION

Local Information Unit Limited is a registered charity and therefore is not liable to income tax or corporation tax on income derived from its charitable activities, as it falls within the various exemptions available to registered charities.

Any taxable profits generated by the subsidiary companies will be donated to the parent charity.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**8. FIXED ASSETS**

Total Fixed Assets

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Tangible Fixed Assets (a)	4,581	6,398
Intangible Fixed Assets (b)	30,929	62,400
	<u>35,510</u>	<u>68,798</u>

a) Tangible Fixed Assets

	<b>Fixtures and Fittings £</b>	<b>Computers £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Charity and Group</b>			
<b>Cost or valuation</b>			
At 1 January 2023	4,177	53,944	58,121
Additions	-	2,158	2,158
	<u>4,177</u>	<u>56,102</u>	<u>60,279</u>
At 31 December 2023	4,177	56,102	60,279
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 January 2023	4,177	47,545	51,722
Charge for the year	-	3,976	3,976
	<u>4,177</u>	<u>51,521</u>	<u>55,698</u>
At 31 December 2023	4,177	51,521	55,698
<b>Net book values</b>			
At 31 December 2023	-	4,581	4,581
	<u>-</u>	<u>4,581</u>	<u>4,581</u>
At 31 December 2022	-	6,398	6,398
	<u>-</u>	<u>6,398</u>	<u>6,398</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**8. FIXED ASSETS (continued)**

**b) Intangible Fixed Assets**

	<b>Website £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Charity and Group</b>		
<b>Cost or valuation</b>		
At 1 January 2023	126,214	126,214
Additions	-	-
At 31 December 2023	<u>126,214</u>	<u>126,214</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
At 1 January 2023	63,814	63,814
Charge for the year	31,471	31,471
At 31 December 2023	<u>95,285</u>	<u>95,285</u>
<b>Net book values</b>		
At 31 December 2023	<u>30,929</u>	<u>30,929</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>62,400</u>	<u>62,400</u>

**9. Investments**

	<b>Shares in subsidiary companies £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Charity</b>		
Cost at 1 January 2023 & 31 December 2023	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

Local Information Unit Limited owns the entire called up share capital of LGiU Enterprises Limited, a company registered in England and Wales, which has been dormant since incorporation.

LGiU Enterprises Limited was dormant during the year and owns the entire called up share capital of Local Energy Limited and LGiU International Ltd, which are trading companies registered in England and Wales. In addition LGiU International Ltd is the parent of LGiU Ireland Limited a company registered in Ireland.

The Company Registration Numbers and incorporation dates of the subsidiary companies are given below:

	<b>Company Registration number</b>	<b>Date of incorporation</b>
LGiU Enterprises Limited	7073661	12 November 2009
Local Energy Limited	7092950	2 December 2009
LGiU International Ltd	7132669	21 January 2010
LGiU Ireland Limited	<u>Ireland (597961)</u>	<u>8 February 2018</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**9. INVESTMENTS (continued)**

A summary of the trading results of the group's trading subsidiaries for the year ended 31 December 2023 are given below. Any taxable profits generated by the subsidiaries will be Gift-Aided to the parent charity.

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Local Energy Limited</b>		
<b>Profit &amp; loss Account</b>		
Turnover	-	-
Cost of sales	(727)	(1,787)
	<u>(727)</u>	<u>(1,787)</u>
Operating loss before Gift Aid	(727)	(1,787)
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Gift Aid	-	-
	<u>(727)</u>	<u>(1,787)</u>
Loss for the financial year	<u>(727)</u>	<u>(1,787)</u>
<b>Balance Sheet</b>		
Current assets	-	-
Current liabilities	(116,946)	(116,219)
	<u>(116,946)</u>	<u>(116,219)</u>
Net Liabilities	<u>(116,946)</u>	<u>(116,219)</u>

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>LGiU International Ltd</b>		
<b>Profit &amp; Loss Account</b>		
Turnover	772,242	748,672
Cost of sales	(702,759)	(695,001)
	<u>69,486</u>	<u>53,671</u>
Operating profit/(loss)	69,486	53,671
Gift Aid	(69,486)	(53,671)
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Corporation Tax payable	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Profit/(loss) for the financial year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Balance Sheet</b>		
Current assets	88,788	319,455
Current liabilities	(54,646)	(285,313)
	<u>34,142</u>	<u>34,142</u>
Net Assets	<u>34,142</u>	<u>34,142</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

### 9. INVESTMENTS (continued)

<b>LGIU International Ltd</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Statement of income and retained earnings</b>		
Total equity brought forward	34,142	34,142
Total comprehensive income for the year	69,486	53,671
Gift aid distribution to parent charity	(69,486)	(53,671)
	<u>34,142</u>	<u>34,142</u>
Total equity carried forward	<u>34,142</u>	<u>34,142</u>
 <b>LGIU Ireland Limited</b>	 <b>2023</b>	 <b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Profit &amp; Loss Account</b>		
Turnover	57,447	50,678
Cost of sales	(47,044)	(26,475)
	<u>10,403</u>	<u>24,203</u>
Operating profit	10,403	24,203
Gift Aid	-	-
	<u>10,403</u>	<u>24,203</u>
Profit for the financial year	<u>10,403</u>	<u>24,203</u>
 <b>Balance Sheet</b>		
Current assets	140,920	84,384
Current liabilities	(106,313)	(60,180)
	<u>34,607</u>	<u>24,204</u>
Net Assets	<u>34,607</u>	<u>24,204</u>

As at 31 December 2023, the capital and reserves for each company was as follows:

	<b>Issued share capital</b>	<b>Retained profit/(losses)</b>	<b>Total</b>
LGIU Enterprises Limited	1	-	1
Local Energy Limited	1	(116,946)	(116,945)
LGIU International Ltd	1	34,141	34,142
LGIU Ireland Limited	1	34,606	34,607
	<u>1</u>	<u>34,606</u>	<u>34,607</u>

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**10. DEBTORS: due within one year**

	<b>2023</b>		<b>2022</b>	
	<b>Charity £</b>	<b>Group £</b>	<b>Charity £</b>	<b>Group £</b>
Trade debtors	58,876	73,058	208,600	276,391
Amounts due from subsidiary undertakings	38,135	-	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	24,585	24,585	23,296	23,296
Other Debtors	104	104	-	-
VAT	14,298	30,337	1,112	11,918
	<u>135,998</u>	<u>128,084</u>	<u>233,008</u>	<u>311,605</u>

**11. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2023</b>		<b>2022</b>	
	<b>Charity £</b>	<b>Group £</b>	<b>Charity £</b>	<b>Group £</b>
Trade creditors and accruals	199,866	222,559	336,623	550,984
Other creditors	19,260	33,455	19,028	24,776
Deferred income (note 12)	9,289	23,504	22,607	35,845
Amount due to Subsidiaries	-	-	125,371	-
	<u>228,415</u>	<u>279,518</u>	<u>503,629</u>	<u>611,605</u>

**12. DEFERRED INCOME**

	<b>2023</b>		<b>2022</b>	
	<b>Charity £</b>	<b>Group £</b>	<b>Charity £</b>	<b>Group £</b>
Deferred Income Brought Forward	22,607	35,845	101,966	119,924
Deferred in the year	9,289	23,504	22,607	35,845
Released in the year	(22,607)	(35,845)	(101,966)	(119,924)
Deferred Income Carried Forward	<u>9,289</u>	<u>23,504</u>	<u>22,607</u>	<u>35,845</u>



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## 13. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

Group	General funds and non-Charitable trading funds £	Pension Reserve £	2023 Total £
<b>Fund balances at 31 December 2023 are represented by:</b>			
Fixed assets	35,510	-	35,510
Current assets	1,066,689	-	1,066,689
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(279,518)	-	(279,518)
Net pension liability	-	-	-
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>822,681</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>822,681</b>

Group	General funds and non-Charitable trading funds £	Pension reserve £	2022 Total £
<b>Fund balances at 31 December 2022 are represented by:</b>			
Fixed assets	68,798	-	68,798
Current assets	1,389,756	-	1,389,756
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(611,605)	-	(611,605)
Net pension liability	-	-	-
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>846,949</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>846,949</b>

## 14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

## 2023

	B/Fwd £	Income £	Expenditure £	Actuarial Losses £	C/Fwd £
General Funds	785,646	1,127,138	(1,230,567)	-	682,217
Pension Reserve	-	-	161,000	(161,000)	-
Total net (liabilities) (charity)	785,646	1,127,138	(1,069,567)	(161,000)	682,217
Non-charitable trading funds	61,303	829,688	(750,527)	-	140,464
<b>Total net (liabilities) group)</b>	<b>846,949</b>	<b>1,956,826</b>	<b>(1,820,094)</b>	<b>(161,000)</b>	<b>822,681</b>

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### 14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS (continued)

2022

	B/Fwd £	Income £	Expenditure £	Actuarial Gains £	C/Fwd £
General Funds	780,329	1,090,269	(1,084,952)	-	785,646
Pension Reserve	(3,352,000)	-	(122,000)	3,474,000	-
Total net assets (charity)	(2,571,671)	1,090,269	(1,206,952)	3,474,000	785,646
Non-charitable trading funds	40,051	775,876	(754,624)	-	61,303
<b>Total net assets (group)</b>	<b>(2,531,620)</b>	<b>1,866,145</b>	<b>(1,961,576)</b>	<b>3,474,000</b>	<b>846,949</b>

### 15. FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

#### Operating leases

The group had commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	Land and buildings	
	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Charity and Group</b>		
Amounts due:		
Less than one year	63,505	61,942
Within two to five years	190,515	190,515
	<u>254,020</u>	<u>252,457</u>

### 16. LIABILITY OF MEMBERS

The charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee. In the event of the charity being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

### 17. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The charity is one of several employing bodies included within the Camden Local Government Pension Scheme (Camden LGPS). The Camden LGPS is a funded defined benefit scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee administered funds. Contributions to the scheme are determined by a qualified actuary on the basis of triennial valuations using the projected unit method.

A full actuarial valuation of the scheme took place in 2010. The results of the valuation have been made available to the employers and show a smaller increase in future employer contribution rates than previously expected.

The following information is based upon a full actuarial valuation of the fund at 31 March 200, updated to 31 December 2022 by a qualified independent actuary.

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## 17. PENSION COMMITMENTS (continued)

	2023 %	2022 %	2021 %
<b>The major assumptions used by the actuaries were:</b>			
Rate of increase in salary	3.35	3.45	3.4
Rate of increase in pensions in payment	2.85	3.05	2.9
Discount rate	4.55	4.75	1.9
Inflation assumption	2.5	2.5	2.5

Following the Chancellor's budget statement in June 2010, the measure of inflation used by the actuary changed from the Retail Price Index (RPI) to the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Literature provided to scheme members specifically linked pension benefit increases to the RPI. The trustees therefore consider the change to CPI to be an augmentation of benefits, rather than a change in actuarial assumptions.

The mortality assumptions used were as follows:

	2023 Years	2022 Years
<b>Longevity at age 65 for current pensioners</b>		
- Men	22.2	21.8
- Women	24.1	24.1
<b>Longevity at age 65 for future pensioners</b>		
- Men	23.3	23.2
- Women	25.5	25.9

The assets of the scheme and the weighted average expected rate of return were:

	Long term rate of return expected 2023 %	Value at 31 December 2023 £'000	Long term rate of return expected 2022 %	Value at 31 December 2022 £'000	Long term rate of return expected 2021 %	Value at 31 December 2021 £'000
Equities	2.7	6,605	2.7	6,124	2.7	8,486
Bonds	2.7	2,780	2.7	2,111	2.7	1,061
Property	2.7	1,854	2.7	1,900	2.7	1,296
Cash	2.7	348	2.7	422	2.7	943
<b>Total market value of assets</b>		11,587		10,557		11,786
Present value of scheme liability		(11,089)		(9,314)		(15,138)
<b>Net pension surplus/(liability)</b>		498		1,243		(3,352)

**17. PENSION COMMITMENTS (continued)**

The amount included in the balance sheet in respect of the defined benefit pension plan is as follows:

	<b>2023</b> <b>£'000</b>	<b>2022</b> <b>£'000</b>
Fair Value of plan assets	11,587	10,557
Present value of plan liabilities	(11,089)	(9,314)
Surplus restriction	(498)	(1,243)
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<b>Net Pensions liability</b>	-	-
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Under FRS 102, a surplus on a defined benefit pension scheme can only be recognised as an asset on the balance sheet where the entity has the right to recover that surplus either through a refund, or reduced future contributions. Given the uncertainty regarding recoverability, the pension asset has been restricted to £nil at 31 December 2023.

None of the fair values of the assets shown above include any of the charity's own financial instruments or any property occupied by, or other assets used by, the charity. The equity investments and bonds which are held in scheme assets as at 31 December 2023 are quoted, and are valued at the current bid price following the adoption of the amendment of FRS102.

The expected long term return on cash is equal to bank base rates. The expected return on bonds is determined by reference to UK long dated gilt and bond yields. The expected rate of return on equities and property have been determined by setting an appropriate risk premium above gilt/bond yields having regard to market conditions.

**Total expenditure recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities**

	<b>2023</b> <b>£'000</b>	<b>2022</b> <b>£'000</b>
Current service cost	91	224
Interest cost	436	286
Interest income on plan assets	(497)	(222)
Contributions paid	(191)	(166)
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<b>Total expenditure recognised in SOFA</b>	(161)	122
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**Net profit / (loss) recognised in the SOFA**

	<b>2023</b> <b>£'000</b>	<b>2022</b> <b>£'000</b>
Actuarial profit / (loss) on scheme assets and liabilities	(906)	3,474
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The cumulative amount of actuarial gains and losses recognised in the SOFA to 31 December 2023 is a net gain of £nil (2022: gain of £3,352,000).

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#### 17. PENSION COMMITMENTS (continued)

Reconciliation of opening and closing balances of the present value of the charity's share of scheme liabilities

	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Scheme liabilities at 1 January 2023	9,314	15,138
Current service cost	91	224
Interest cost	436	286
Contributions by scheme participants	47	42
Actuarial (gains) / losses	1,619	(6,003)
Benefits paid	(418)	(373)
<b>Scheme liabilities at 31 December 2023</b>	<b>11,089</b>	<b>9,314</b>

Reconciliation of opening and closing balances of the present value of the charity's share of scheme assets:

	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Fair value of scheme assets at 1 January 2023	10,557	11,786
Interest income on plan assets	497	222
Return on assets excluding amounts included in net interest	713	(1,286)
Contributions by employer	191	166
Contributions by scheme participants	47	42
Benefits paid	(418)	(373)
<b>Fair value of scheme assets at 31 December 2023</b>	<b>11,587</b>	<b>10,557</b>

#### Contributions

The total contributions made by the employer in the year were £166,000. The level of contribution were reviewed as a result of the triennial valuation of the scheme as at 31 March 2019 and maintained.

The best estimate of contributions to be paid by the employer to the scheme in the next financial year is £192,000.

History of experience gains and losses

	2023 £'000	2022 £'000	2021 £'000	2020 £'000	2019 £'000
Fair value of assets	11,587	10,557	11,786	10,442	9,847
Present value of scheme liabilities	(11,089)	(9,314)	(15,138)	(15,463)	(13,079)
Surplus/(Deficit) in scheme	498	1,243	(3,352)	(5,021)	(3,232)
Experience adjustment on scheme assets	-	-	-	-	-
Experience adjustment on scheme liabilities	-	-	-	-	-

