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**Annual Report and Financial
Statements for the year ended
31st July 2022**

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Strategic Report for the year ended 31 July 2022

The directors present their strategic report and the audited financial statements of The College Merthyr Tydfil (known as 'the Company' or 'the College') for the year ended 31 July 2022. The financial statements have been prepared to comply with the Companies Act 2006 and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP): Accounting for Further and Higher Education 2019 and in accordance with the Accounts Direction for Further Education Colleges in Wales 2021/22.

Principal activities

The College is a wholly owned subsidiary of the University of South Wales (USW) and the principal activities are the provision of further education, higher education, work based learning, professional training, consultancy and the delivery of Government initiatives to industry.

Business review and future developments

During the year, the Board reviewed the five-year strategic plan which articulates how the College will develop. The College's strategic priorities are:

- To provide an outstanding learning experience by placing our learners at the heart of everything we do.
- To offer an innovative and responsive curriculum that supports all learners to progress on to their chosen career pathway.
- To provide a safe, supportive and inclusive college environment for all learners and staff
- To work collaboratively across our region to deliver inspiring and effective skills and training programmes that promote lifelong learning, support economic growth and meet stakeholder needs.
- To provide effective Financial, HR and Estates strategies to maximise sustainability and resilience, supporting future investment in the college as a first class learning and working environment for all.

Curriculum developments

The College works in partnership with local schools, the local authority, employers and the South East Wales Regional Partnership to offer an innovative, distinctive, high quality curriculum that raises aspirations and transforms lives, providing industry relevant, employer focussed courses and qualifications with appropriate progression pathways for learners of all abilities and ages to succeed and progress on to higher level learning, apprenticeships or employment.

The college's Curriculum Portfolio Group provides an effective platform for employers and local community representatives to feed into curriculum development and delivery. This feedback, together with the use of detailed EMSI labour market intelligence data, has enabled the college to bring together and triangulate local school planning data, labour market intelligence and employer feedback to ensure that our curriculum is both demand-led and inclusive whilst also responding to industry and economic need. This has resulted in the successful introduction of new industry relevant courses in Games Design, E-Sports and Electrical Installation together with a new lower-level Vocational pathways course to bridge gaps in provision and extend the choices available to learners.

Partnerships

The college has fantastic partnership links with local schools, with 80% of the year 11 pupils progressing to the college in September 2022. This is further enhanced through a comprehensive school transition programme, including taster days, open evenings, Have A Go Events, attendance at year 11 assemblies and parents evenings and school based subject talks.

During 2021-2022, the college has continued to build upon its excellent relationships with local employers, engaging with over 154 employers and progression partners across the year to drive forward college provision, on-line work experience placements and volunteering opportunities, employability advice and guidance, employer engagement projects, provision of part-time training and development through both our part-time funding and PLA route, careers talks and virtual careers fairs, progression and taster events. Key employers engaged with include, E-Sports Wales, Golf Wales, Panasonic, Newport Wafer Fab, Concrete Canvas, Tenneco, Philtronics, Creative Wales, Cardiff Theatrical Company, Barclays, Cwm Taf Health Board, Valleys Construction, Active Merthyr, Table Tennis Wales, Cyber Cymru Wales, Royal College of Nursing Cadet Scheme, Bridewell, Dwr Cymru and many more.

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Learner Voice

The College conducts annual first experience and learner voice surveys, which seek views on teaching and learning quality, student experience, assessment and feedback, learner support, learner voice and other key quality indicators. Outcomes of our 2021/2022 surveys indicate that 86% of further education learners were satisfied with their learning experience at college.

Higher Education learners also take part in the annual National Student Survey. The NSS Survey highlighted that 87% of HE learners were satisfied with their experience at college, making the college the third highest college for student satisfaction amongst the University of South Wales FE Partner Colleges.

Feedback from the surveys is used alongside the outcomes of learner focus groups to improve and develop college courses, learner support, enrichment and general college life to enhance the student experience. Feedback is discussed with the learners themselves and staff with resultant actions communicated back to learners through a variety of mechanisms, including You Said, We Did campaigns.

Results

The company's surplus for the year ended 31 July 2022 was £778k (2021: £992K).

The College's cash and liquidity positions remained strong throughout the year, with year-end cash balances exceeding target with a healthy current ratio (current assets to current liabilities). The College wishes to continue to accumulate cash balances to fund future planned capital developments. To achieve this, the College has continued its drive for efficiency in the education and training it delivers. This has been, and will be, achieved by thoroughly reviewing its curriculum provision, effective deployment of resources, and best value procurement of goods and services. Significant re-investment into the College estate and plant and equipment ensures that learners have quality resources to support the educational process.

Going Concern

The College has net liabilities which include a substantial long term pension deficit (see note 16 to the financial statements). In assessing whether the going concern basis is appropriate the Directors have considered the College's expected future cash flows and are satisfied that the College has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for a minimum of 12 months from the date of the signing of the financial statements.. In conjunction with the management at the University of South Wales, the Directors will continue to assess the options available to manage the pension deficit in order to ensure the College's long term sustainability.

Key Performance Indicators

The following five key performance indicators (KPIs) are relevant when assessing performance for the year:

- i) Surplus - £778K (2021: £992K)
- ii) Year-end cash position - £5,890K (2021: £5,609K)
- iii) Current ratio – 2.28 (2021: 2.21)
- iv) Learner Voice – 86% overall FE satisfaction for 2021/2022, 87% overall HE satisfaction for 2021/22
- v) Learner Outcomes – 97% A level success rate, vocational success rates for 2020-2021 are not yet available

Student numbers: For the academic year 2021/22 the college had 2,084 (2020/21: 2,429) Further Education students 1,645 on full-time courses and 439 on part-time courses, (2020/21 1,807 FT, 622 PT), 216 Higher Education students 160 full-time and 56 part-time, (2020/21 214 FT, 69 PT). As in previous years these numbers, particularly on part time/higher education provision, have been adversely affected due to the ongoing impact of the pandemic and a buoyant employment market.

Strategic report for the year ended 31 July 2022 (continued)

Quality: Student performance in 2021-22 remained strong. Staff worked hard to support and engage students whose mental health was impacted as a consequence of Covid. The results achieved by the students were testament to the dedication of the teaching, support staff and wider support from friends and families provided throughout the pandemic. The college has established protocols and procedures to enable rigorous monitoring and support for learners to achieve their qualifications at the college as assessment practices return to normal.

Health & Safety: The most recent audit conducted by the University demonstrated a comprehensive approach to the management of Health and Safety. The College has an action plan to address any shortcomings identified in audit reports. The next audit is planned for autumn 2022 which will provide direction for the action plan going forward.

Subsidiary Company

On the 1st August 2019 the College acquired Tydfil Training Consortium Ltd (TTC Ltd), a charitable company engaged primarily in the delivery of the Welsh Governments Work Based Learning programme. TTC Ltd had turnover for the year ended July 31 2022 of £2,084K (2021: £1,383k). For reporting purposes, these are consolidated by the University of South Wales. Since acquisition, the College and TTC Ltd management teams have been working together to maximise the benefits available to both parties and the community at large, by combining resources and skills. This will give the greatest potential to maximise the offer from new opportunities, such as the UK Government's Shared Prosperity Fund.

Principal risks and uncertainties

Outlined below are the principal risks facing the College. Not all the factors are wholly within the College's control. Other factors besides those listed below may also adversely affect the College.

Government funding

The College relies considerably on continued government funding. In **2022 90%** of the College's revenue was ultimately public funded and this level of requirement is expected to continue. There can be no assurance that government policy or practice will remain the same or that public funding will continue at the same levels or on the same terms.

The College mitigates the risk by:

- Ensuring that it continues to explore opportunities to diversify income
- Delivering a curriculum that is responsive to the needs of the local community whilst also supporting Regional priority sectors and future skills needs
- Constantly monitoring its recruitment position and modelling the impact on future years funding
- Maintaining a key focus on its quality profile to maintain and enhance its excellent reputation and be the college of choice for learners, parents and employers alike.
- Maintaining and continuing to build partnerships with schools, employers and the business community
- Being responsive to any funding intelligence in a timely manner

Financial Sustainability

The College will continue to explore alternative sources of income both in collaboration with partners and in its own right. This risk is mitigated in a number of ways:

- Funding is derived through a number of direct contractual arrangements;
- Expansion of higher education under HEFCW's widening access agenda,
- Considerable focus and investment is placed on maintaining and managing key relationships with the various funding bodies; and
- Ensuring the College is focused on those priority sectors which will continue to benefit from public funding.

The ongoing impact of the coronavirus pandemic along with the cost of living challenge and the conflict in Ukraine has created ongoing uncertainty and disruption to both the economy and education. This has resulted in a number of financial and operational challenges. The College is monitoring the rise in utility costs and looking for ways to improve efficiency, along with close monitoring on the inflationary impact on consumables. This is being considered for the short, medium and long term.

Strategic report for the year ended 31 July 2022 (continued)

Risk management

The College is committed to exhibiting best practice in all areas of risk management and corporate governance, fully adhering to the principles set out in the Governance Code of Practice and General Principles.

The College's Board of Directors is responsible for the system of internal control and for reviewing its effectiveness. The system is designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve business objectives and can only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss.

The College maintains a risk register which considers business, operational, compliance and financial risks. The register is regularly reviewed by senior management, and the College's risk management process is consolidated into the

University of South Wales (parent entity) whose internal control guidance adheres to the combined code as amended by the British Universities Finance Directors Group.

The Board of Directors met four times during the reporting period. In terms of audit arrangements, whilst a separate College Audit Committee has not been established, all audit reports and reviews and other information relating to the company are formally received by the University of South Wales' Audit Committee which meets four times per year. The 2021-22 annual report of the internal auditors was considered by both the University's Audit Committee and the College's Board of Directors, who also approved the internal audit plan for 2022-23.

As part of the University of South Wales group financial risk management and internal control framework, as highlighted in the financial statements of the University of South Wales, the College has undertaken work during the year to develop and embed the system of internal control, including financial, operational and risk management which is designed to protect the College's assets and reputation.

Based on the strategic plan, the College Executive (the senior management team) undertakes a comprehensive review of the risks to which the College is exposed. The College Executive identify systems and procedures, including specific preventative actions which should mitigate any potential impact on the College. The internal controls are then implemented and the subsequent year's appraisal will review effectiveness and progress against risk mitigation actions. In addition to the annual review, the College Executive will also consider any risks which may arise as a result of a new area of work being undertaken by the College.

A risk register is maintained at the College which is reviewed four times a year by the Board of Directors. The risk register identifies the key risks, the likelihood of those risks occurring, their potential impact on the College and the actions being taken to reduce and mitigate the risks. Risks are prioritised using a consistent scoring system.

The College as part of the University of South Wales Group, has agreed with its internal auditors that their programme of work and the approach to internal control will be risk based: this includes business, operational and compliance risks as well as financial risk.

This has been in place for the year ended 31 July 2022 and in place up to the date of approval of the Financial Statements.

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Energy and Carbon Reporting

UK Greenhouse gas emissions and energy data use for the year to 31 July 2022:

	2021/22	2020/21
Energy consumption used to calculate emissions (kWh)	2,932,751	2,262,000
Scope 1: emissions in metric tonnes CO ₂ e		
Gas	203	268
Other Fuels (Bioenergy)	5.7	-
Fleet (Owned Transport)	2.6	21
Scope 2: emissions in metric tonnes CO ₂ e		
Purchased electricity	247	232
Scope 3: emissions in metric tonnes CO ₂ e		
Gas (WTT)	34.6	-
Electricity (T&D)	22.6	-
Electricity (WTT)	64.5	-
Other fuels (Bioenergy) (WTT)	4.3	-
Fleet (WTT)	0.6	-
Business Travel – Transport	1.8	22
Business Travel – Transport (WTT)	0.4	-
Business Travel - Accommodation	0.6	-
Total gross emissions – Metric tonnes CO ₂ e	587.5	543
Intensity ratio – tonnes CO ₂ e per student	0.30	0.64

Qualification and reporting methodology

We have followed the 2022 HM Government Environmental Reporting guidelines. We have also used the GHG Reporting Protocol - Corporate Standard and have used the 2022 UK Government's conversion factors for Company Reporting. Organisations that operate a July to June reporting year should apply the newest set of available factors. This year we have expanded our reporting to include further scope 3 emission categories, including:

- Gas (WTT)
- Electricity (T&D)
- Electricity (WTT)
- Other fuels (Bioenergy) (WTT)
- Fleet (WTT)
- Business Travel – Transport (WTT)
- Business Travel – Accommodation

WTT = Well to tank

T&D = Transmission & Distribution

Intensity measurement

The chosen intensity measurement ratio is total gross emissions in metric tonnes CO₂e per pupil, the recommended ratio for the sector.

Measures taken to improve energy efficiency

The college has a commitment to maintaining an environmentally sustainable, supportive and technologically innovative institution. The building is partially heated by a biomass system with solar panels installed on the roof of the campus. The college has installed an electric vehicle charging point and has commenced a large scale project to upgrade the lighting system to LED. During the 2021/2022 the college:

- Upgrade to LED lighting: welding workshop. Completed: October 2020
- Upgrade of lighting to LED: motor vehicle workshop and construction corridor. Completed: February 2022

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Directors' report for the year ended 31 July 2022

Directors and their interests

The existing directors and those who held office during the year and up to the date of signing the annual report and financial statements, are given below:

Mr C Sutton	Appointed 1 August 2019	Chairperson
Dr Ben Calvert	Appointed 1 September 2021	
Mr G Morgan*	Appointed 19 March 2013	Resigned 31 July 2022
Mrs K Burns	Appointed 7 May 2014	
Mr Simon Argent	Appointed 10 May 2021	
Mrs Lisa Thomas	Appointed 21 September 2018 (ex officio)	
Miss Hollie Morgan	Appointed 11 January 2021	Resigned 31 July 2022
Mr K Hamblin	Appointed 1 August 2019	
Mrs Lucy FitzGerald	Appointed 7 January 2022	Company Secretary

*non-executive directors

No payments have been made to or on behalf of the above with the exception of Mrs Lisa Thomas (Principal / Chief Executive / Accounting Officer) whose remuneration is disclosed in Note 4.

Directors' indemnities

The company purchased and maintained throughout the financial year directors' and officers' liability insurance.

This was also in force at the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

Dividends

The company is limited by guarantee. The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend in respect of the year ended 31 July 2022 (2021 – nil)

Statement of Corporate Governance and Internal Control

The College is committed to exhibiting best practice in all aspects of corporate governance. This statement describes the manner in which the College has due regard to the principles set out in the UK Corporate Governance Code 2018. Its purpose is to help the reader of the annual report and financial statements understand how the principles have been applied. The Boards of Directors of the College is responsible to the Board of the University which is the sole 'member' of the corporation. The committees of the Board of Governors of the University act as committees for the Boards of Directors of the College as appropriate.

Summary of the College's Structure of Corporate Governance

The College's Board comprises of directors appointed in accordance with the Articles of Government. The roles of the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Board are separated from the role of the Principal (as Chief Executive). Those matters specifically reserved to the Board for decision are set out in the Articles of Government of the College. The Board holds to itself the responsibilities for the ongoing strategic direction of the College, the effective and efficient use of resources and the approval of major developments and receives regular reports from senior management.

The Board meets four times a year and is represented at the University of South Wales Group Committees (Finance and Resources, Human Resources and Audit). In addition, a Culture, People and Values Committee makes recommendations to the Board on membership and the remuneration of senior management.

The Finance and Resources Committee considers and advises the Board on long term financial strategies, recommends to the Board annual revenue and capital budgets and longer term forecasts, reviews and recommend to the Board on the annual financial statements and receives regular reports on financial performance and financial position and monitor these reports against budget. In addition the Finance & Resources Committee recommends the approval of the Financial Regulations including any financial policies therein (formally at three-year intervals or when significant changes are made), monitors borrowing levels and requirements, liquidity and the investment of surplus funds in line with that Policy, and approves or recommends expenditure proposals, contracts and grant applications in line with the Financial Regulations.

Directors' report for the year ended 31 July 2022 (continued)

In the opinion of the directors, the College complies with all of the provisions of the UK Corporate Governance Code 2018, in so far as they apply to the further and higher education sectors, and it has complied throughout the year ended 31 July 2022 and up to the date of signing the annual report and financial statements.

The College reviews, at least annually, the effectiveness of the internal control system.

Employees

Applications for employment by disabled persons are always fully considered, taking into account the respective aptitudes and abilities of the applicant concerned. In the event of members of staff becoming disabled, every effort is made to ensure that their employment with the company continues and the appropriate training is arranged. It is the policy of the company that the training, career development and promotion of a disabled person should, as far as possible, be identical to that of a person who does not suffer from a disability.

Consultation with employees or their representatives has been undertaken, with the aim of ensuring that their views are taken into account when decisions are made that are likely to affect their interests. The company is a member of the University of South Wales Equalities Forum, and its sub-groups. Communication with all employees is undertaken through termly staff meetings, and e-mails as required.

Political Contributions

The College made no political contributions or incurred any political expenditure during the period (2021 – Nil)

Engagement with Suppliers, Customers and other Business relationships

The Board of Directors have a duty to promote the success of the College for the benefit of its members, having regard to the interests of all its stakeholders including suppliers, customers and other business relationships. This ensures that the college maintains a reputation for high standards of quality and business conduct. The colleges' financial regulations and procedures clearly set out the key principles for this area.

Other information

An indication of likely future developments in the business and particulars of significant events which have occurred since the end of the financial year have been included in the strategic report.

Provision of information to auditors

In the case of each director in office at the date the directors' report is approved, the following applies:

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

The Board of Directors are required to present audited financial statements for each financial year.

Within the terms and conditions of the Financial Memorandum between the Welsh Government and the Board of Directors of the College, the Board, through its Accounting Officer, is required to prepare financial statements and an operating and financial review for each financial year in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting for Further and Higher Education, the Accounts Direction for Further Education Colleges in Wales and the UK's Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, and which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the College and its surplus/deficit of income over expenditure for that period.

Directors' report for the year ended 31 July 2022 (continued)

In preparing the financial statements, the Board is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Assess whether the college is a going concern, noting the key supporting assumptions, qualifications or mitigating actions, as appropriate (which must be consistent with other disclosures in the accounts and auditor's report)
- prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the College will continue in operation

The Board is also required to prepare a strategic report which describes what it is trying to do and how it is going about it, including information about the legal and administrative status of the College.

The Board is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the College and which enable it to ensure that the financial statements are prepared in accordance with relevant legislation of incorporation and other relevant accounting standards. It is responsible for taking steps that are reasonably open to it to safeguard its assets and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The auditors accept no responsibility for any changes that may have occurred to the financial statements since they were initially presented on the website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Directors of the Board are responsible for ensuring that expenditure and income are applied for the purposes intended by the Welsh Government and that the financial transactions conform to the authorities that govern them. In addition, they are responsible for ensuring that funds from the Welsh Government are used only in accordance with the Financial Memorandum with the Welsh Government and any other conditions that may be prescribed from time to time. Directors must ensure that there are appropriate financial and management controls in place to safeguard public and other funds and ensure they are used properly. In addition, Board directors are responsible for securing economical, efficient and effective management of the College's resources and expenditure so that the benefits that should be derived from the application of public funds from the Welsh Government are not put at risk.

Approved by order of the Board of Directors on 28 November 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr C Sutton
Chair

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Directors' report for the year ended 31 July 2022 (continued)

Statement of regularity, propriety and compliance

As accounting officer I confirm that the college has had due regard to the requirements of grant funding agreements and contracts with the Welsh Government and has considered its responsibility to notify the Welsh Government of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with terms and conditions of funding.

I confirm on behalf of the college that after due enquiry, and to the best of my knowledge, I am able to identify any material irregular or improper use of funds by the college, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding, under the college's grant funding agreements and contracts with the Welsh Government, or any other public funder.

I confirm that no instances of material irregularity, impropriety or funding non-compliance have been discovered to date. If any instances are identified after the date of this statement, these will be notified to the Welsh Government.

Signed

Accounting Officer

Date

Statement of the chair of governors on behalf of the college, I confirm that the accounting officer has discussed their statement of regularity, propriety and compliance with the board and that I am content that it is materially accurate.

Signed



Mr C Sutton

Chair

28 November 2022

Merthyr Tydfil College Limited

Public Benefit Statement for the year ended 31 July 2022

Merthyr Tydfil College Limited is a registered charity. The registered address is Merthyr Tydfil College, (University of South Wales), Treforest, Pontypridd, CF37 1DL and the registered number is 1140289. The members of the Board are directors for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006 and also are the trustees of the Charity and as such have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and its supplementary guidance on the advancement of education for the public benefit.

Charitable Objectives

The College promotes the advancement of education and learning for the public benefit. It also provides, maintains and improves performance facilities for the benefit of the local community.

The College is well aware of its public benefit responsibility and, therefore, ensures this is embedded in all of its operations to offer fully inclusive services.

Fulfilment of the charitable objectives

Beneficiaries

The College has a student population of approximately 2,300 learners through different modes of study, 1,805 full time and 495 part time. The primary beneficiaries are students of the College directly engaged in high-quality training in a range of disciplines. However, beneficiaries extend to pre-College students (from the age of fourteen upwards) in addition to local employers and businesses.

Admissions policy

The College operates a flexible admissions policy and provides for individual needs in the design of learning programmes. For some programmes there are specific entry requirements which are reviewed annually and published in the College prospectus.

Bursaries/scholarships

Students enrolled at the College are entitled to apply for various support and funding in the same way as anyone studying in further or higher education in Wales. These are funded by the College.

Students studying further education courses at the College are eligible to apply for various means of support. The Education Maintenance Allowance is available to students aged 16 to 19 years with the Assembly Learning Grant available to students aged 19+. The Bursary grant is an alternative means of support which is funded through the Colleges' Access funds.

In addition to the above the College also administers other initiatives that students can access. Subsidised childcare facilities, free meals and transport allowances are available along with financial support for educational visits and study aids.

Higher education students have access to alternative methods of support. The Assembly Learning Grant or the Higher Education Fee Waiver can be applied for depending on individual circumstances. There are also funds available for HE students in financial hardship. The College provides student support and guidance on the application process.

Widening Participation

The College provides a wide range of programmes for learners from the age of 14 years. Many learners are able to access grant support as a means of tackling social exclusion. In terms of community provision, the College offers a wide range of accredited programmes that are delivered through partnership working with the local county borough council. Likewise, many family learning programmes are offered in community venues on an annual basis.

Community Engagement

The College offers other facilities which are accessible to students, staff and members of the community. A large sports hall is available for hire along with various sporting equipment. The College facilities are charged at subsidised rates to ensure their accessibility to all.

Public Benefit Statement for the year ended 31 July 2022 (continued)

Equality

College staff are an equally diverse body of people with different perspectives, values and attitudes. The College seeks to promote an inclusive environment where such differences are shared and valued, and where any unfair treatment or discrimination is challenged and eliminated.

The University of South Wales Group Strategic Equality Plan 2020-24 sets out our response to the requirements of the Equality Act 2010 (Statutory Duties) (Wales) Regulations 2011. This plan presents a clear commitment to not only comply with equality legislation, but also to ensure that all those who work or study at the College are treated with respect and that diverse needs are taken into consideration and responded to. This commitment to equality and diversity is even more important during this current climate of economic uncertainty and substantial change to the education sector. This is a time when it is essential to ensure that steps to ensure equality of opportunity in education and work are put in place and actions are prioritised where they are most needed.

In the case of each director in office at the date the directors' report is approved, the following applies;

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MERTHYR TYDFIL COLLEGE LIMITED

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Merthyr Tydfil College Limited ("the College") for the year ended 31 July 2022 which comprise the Income and Expenditure Account, Statement of Changes in Reserves, Balance Sheet, Cash Flow Statement and related notes, including the accounting policies in note 1.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the College's affairs as at 31 July 2022 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK accounting standards, including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland*; 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 are described below. We have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities under, and are independent of the College in accordance with, UK ethical requirements including the FRC Ethical Standard. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is a sufficient and appropriate basis for our opinion.

Going concern

The directors have prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis as they do not intend to liquidate the College or to cease its operations, and as they have concluded that the College's financial position means that this is realistic. They have also concluded that there are no material uncertainties that could have cast significant doubt over its ability to continue as a going concern for at least a year from the date of approval of the financial statements ("the going concern period").

In our evaluation of the directors' conclusions, we considered the inherent risks to the College's business model and analysed how those risks might affect the College's financial resources or ability to continue operations over the going concern period.

Our conclusions based on this work:

- we consider that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate;
- we have not identified, and concur with the directors' assessment that there is not, a material uncertainty related to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the College's ability to continue as a going concern for the going concern period.

However, as we cannot predict all future events or conditions and as subsequent events may result in outcomes that are inconsistent with judgements that were reasonable at the time they were made, the above conclusions are not a guarantee that the College will continue in operation.

Fraud and breaches of laws and regulations – ability to detect

Identifying and responding to risks of material misstatement due to fraud

To identify risks of material misstatement due to fraud ("fraud risks") we assessed events or conditions that could indicate an incentive or pressure to commit fraud or provide an opportunity to commit fraud. Our risk assessment procedures included:

- Enquiring of directors, the Audit Committee, as well as whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud.
- Reading Board of Directors and Audit and Risk Committee meeting minutes.
- Using analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships.

We communicated identified fraud risks throughout the audit team and remained alert to any indications of fraud throughout the audit.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MERTHYR TYDFIL COLLEGE LIMITED (continued)

As required by auditing standards, we perform procedures to address the risk of management override of controls and the risk that management may be in a position to make inappropriate accounting entries. On this audit we did not identify a fraud risk related to revenue recognition due to the non-complex revenue recognition criteria, which limits the opportunity to fraudulently manipulate revenue.

We did not identify any additional fraud risks.

In determining the audit procedures we took into account the results of our evaluation and testing of the operating effectiveness of some of the College-wide fraud risk management controls.

We also performed procedures including:

- Identifying journal entries to test based on risk criteria and comparing the identified entries to supporting documentation. These included unusual postings to cash and journals posted following the period end.

Identifying and responding to risks of material misstatement related to compliance with laws and regulations

We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our general commercial and sector experience and through discussion with the directors (as required by auditing standards), and discussed with the directors the policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations.

We communicated identified laws and regulations throughout our team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit.

The potential effect of these laws and regulations on the financial statements varies considerably.

Firstly, the College is subject to laws and regulations that directly affect the financial statements including financial reporting legislation (including related companies legislation and further education related legislation, including the Accounts Direction for Further Education Colleges in Wales issued by Welsh Government), distributable profits legislation and pensions legislation and we assessed the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statement items.

Whilst the company is subject to many other laws and regulations, we did not identify any others where the consequences of non-compliance alone could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements.

Context of the ability of the audit to detect fraud or breaches of law or regulation

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it.

In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of fraud, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. Our audit procedures are designed to detect material misstatement. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance or fraud and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information, which comprises the strategic report and directors' report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or, except as explicitly stated below, any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether, based on our financial statements audit work, the information therein is materially misstated or inconsistent with the financial statements or our audit knowledge. Based solely on that work:

- we have not identified material misstatements in the other information;
- in our opinion the information given in the strategic report and the directors' report for the financial year is consistent with the financial statements; and
- in our opinion those reports have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MERTHYR TYDFIL COLLEGE LIMITED (continued)

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the College, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the College financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

We have nothing to report in these respects.

Directors' responsibilities

As explained more fully in their statement set out on pages 8-11, the directors are responsible for: the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view; such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; assessing the College'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 they either intend to liquidate the College or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities

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 our opinion in an auditor's report. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but does not 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 aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

A fuller description of our responsibilities is provided on the FRC's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities.

REPORT ON OTHER LEGAL AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

We are required to report on the following matters under the Further Education Audit Code of Practice 2015 (effective 1 August 2014) issued by the Welsh Government under the Learning and Skills Act 2000.

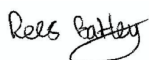
In our opinion, in all material respects:

- monies expended out of Welsh Government grants and other funds from whatever source administered by the College for specific purposes have been properly applied to those purposes and, if appropriate, managed in compliance with all relevant legislation;
- funding received from the Welsh Government (and other bodies and restricted funds where appropriate) has been applied in accordance with the Financial Memorandum between the Welsh Government and further education institutions; and
- the financial statements meet the requirements of the Accounts Direction for Further Education Colleges in Wales 2021/22 issued by Welsh Government.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MERTHYR TYDFIL COLLEGE LIMITED (continued)

THE PURPOSE OF OUR AUDIT WORK AND TO WHOM WE OWE OUR RESPONSIBILITIES

This report is made solely to the College's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and paragraph 56(b) of the College's Articles of Association. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the College'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 College and the College's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Rees Batley (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor

Chartered Accountants

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Bristol

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30 November 2022

Merthyr Tydfil College Limited

Company Registration No. 6671721

Income and Expenditure account for the year ended 31 July 2022

	Note	2021	2020
		£'000	£'000
Income			
Funding body grants	2	14,855	13,680
Tuition fees and education contracts	1	1,027	1,283
Other income	3	1,269	1,267
Investment Income		10	15
Total income		17,161	16,245
Expenditure			
Staff costs	4	10,865	10,305
Other operating expenses		3,921	3,618
Depreciation and Amortisation	8 + 9	1,451	1,242
Interest and other finance costs	6	146	119
Total expenditure		16,383	15,284
Gain on Disposal of Asset		-	30
Surplus for the year		778	992
Actuarial gain in respect of pension schemes	16	7,452	540
Total comprehensive income/(expense)		8,230	1,532

The accompanying notes on pages 22 to 36 are an integral part of the Financial Statements.

Merthyr Tydfil College Limited

Statement of Changes in Reserves for the year ended 31 July 2022

	£'000 I&E and Pension	£'000 Other	£'000 Total Reserve
Balance at 1 August 2021	(1,414)	2,168	754
Surplus for the year	778	-	778
Other comprehensive income	7,452	-	7,452
Total comprehensive income for the year	8,230	-	8,230
Balance at 31 July 2022	6,816	2,168	8,984

The company is limited by guarantee and comprises one member.

The accompanying notes on pages 22 to 36 are an integral part of the Financial Statements.

Merthyr Tydfil College Limited

Company Registration No. 6671721

Balance sheet as at 31 July 2022

	Note	2022	2021
		£'000	£'000
Non-current assets			
Intangible assets	8	86	83
Fixed assets	9	27,766	28,159
Current assets			
Stock		12	10
Trade and other receivables	10	592	606
Investments		5,890	5,841
Cash and cash equivalents		8,145	5,608
		14,639	12,065
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(6,431)	(5,470)
Net current assets		8,208	6,595
Total assets less current liabilities		36,060	34,837
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	12	(23,955)	(24,507)
Provisions			
Pension provisions	13	(3,122)	(9,576)
Total net assets		8,984	754
Unrestricted Reserves		8,984	754
Total Reserves		8,984	754

The accompanying notes on pages 22 to 36 are an integral part of the Financial Statements and were approved by the Board of Directors on 28th November 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:



Mr C Sutton
Chair

Merthyr Tydfil College Limited

Cashflow Statement for the year ended 31 July 2022

	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Cash flow from operating activities-		
Surplus for the year	778	992
Adjustment for non-cash items		
Depreciation	1,421	1,210
Amortisation of intangibles	30	32
Decrease in stock	(2)	5
Decrease in debtors	13	35
Increase in creditors	721	1,442
LGPS pension costs less contributions payable	998	826
Investment income	(10)	(15)
Profit on the sale of fixed assets	-	(30)
Release of capital grants	(1,080)	(874)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	2,869	3,623
Cash flows from investing activities		
Transfers from cash to investments	(49)	(3,482)
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-	30
Capital grants receipts	768	1,163
Investment income	10	15
Payments made to acquire fixed assets	(1,028)	(1,154)
Payments made to acquire intangible assets	(33)	(46)
Net cash outflow from investing activities	(332)	(3,474)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year	5,609	5,460
Analysis of Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year		
Short term deposits	19	42
Cash at bank and cash in hand	8,126	5,567
Total	8,145	5,609

The accompanying notes on pages 22 to 36 are an integral part of the Financial Statements

Merthyr Tydfil College Limited

Accounting policies

Basis of Preparation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP): Accounting for Further and Higher Education 2019 and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards (FRS 102). The College is a public benefit entity and therefore has applied the relevant public benefit requirement. The financial statements are in accordance with the historical cost convention.

The financial statements have been prepared adopting the going concern basis, assessing the College's expected future cash flows to ensure that the College has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for a minimum of 12 months from the date of the signing of the financial statements.

Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which the directors consider to be appropriate for the following reasons. The College has net liabilities which include a substantial long term pension deficit (see note 16 to the financial statements). In assessing whether the going concern basis is appropriate the Directors have considered the College's expected future cash flows and are satisfied that the College has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for a minimum of 12 months from the date of the signing of the financial statements. The College's assessment has included reforecasts and stress testing in response to the Coronavirus pandemic which have indicated that the College has capacity to absorb the short and medium term financial impact of potential scenarios caused by the outbreak. In conjunction with the management at the University of South Wales, the Directors will continue to assess the options available to manage the pension deficit in order to ensure the College's long term sustainability. The directors therefore continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual financial statements.

Recognition of income

Funding body grants are accounted for in the year to which they relate.

Tuition fee income is stated gross and credited to the income and expenditure account over the period in which students are studying.

Recurrent income from grants, contracts and other services rendered are accounted for on an accruals basis and included to the extent of the completion of the contract or service concerned; any payments received in advance of such performance are recognised on the balance sheet as liabilities.

Non-recurrent grants received in respect of the acquisition or construction of fixed assets are treated as deferred capital grants. Such grants are credited to deferred capital grants and an annual transfer made to the income and expenditure account over the useful economic life of the asset, at the same rate as the depreciation charge on the asset for which the grant was awarded.

Income from the sale of goods or services is credited to the income and expenditure account when the goods or services are supplied to the external customers or the terms of the contract have been satisfied.

Investment income is credited to the income and expenditure account on a receivable basis.

Pension schemes

Retirement benefits for employees of the Company are provided by the Teachers' Pensions Scheme Agency (TPS) and the Rhondda Cynon Taff Pension Fund (RCTPF), a Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS). RCTPF is a defined benefit scheme which is externally funded and contracted out of the State Earnings Related Pension Scheme.

It is not possible to identify each institution's share of the underlying assets and liabilities in relation to the TPS and hence, contributions to the scheme are accounted for as if this was a defined contribution scheme, the cost recognised within the profit and loss account being equal to the contributions payable to the scheme for the period.

The assets of the LGPS are measured using closing market values. LGPS liabilities are measured using the projected unit method and discounted at the current rate of return on a high quality corporate bond of equivalent term and currency

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Accounting policies (continued)

to the liability. The increase in the present value of the liabilities of the scheme expected to arise from employee service in the period is charged to the operating expenditure. 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 pension finance costs. Actuarial gains and losses are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

Early Retirement Provision

The Company maintains a provision to meet pension costs arising from the additional years of service granted to certain staff taking early retirement.

Provisions are established and the associated costs are charged to the income and expenditure account when the College has a legal or constructive obligation. The provision relates to enhanced teachers' unfunded pension arrangements established by the College. These are termination benefits made on a discretionary basis upon early retirement, in respect of the Teachers' Pension Scheme.

Employment Benefits

Short term employment benefits such as salaries and compensated absences are recognised as an expense in the year in which the employees render service to the College. Any unused benefits are accrued and measured as the additional amount the College expects to pay as a result of the unused entitlement.

Operating Leases

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the income and expenditure account on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Foreign currency

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at the foreign exchange rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are translated at the foreign exchange rate ruling at that date. Foreign exchange differences arising on translation are recognised in the Surplus or Deficit.

Intangible assets

Intangible assets which comprise software are amortised over 4 years representing the estimated economic life of the asset. Each year the assets are reviewed for indicators of impairment and where identified full impairment review is carried out and reflected in the financial accounts.

Tangible Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets are recorded at purchase cost, including non-recoverable VAT, incidental costs of acquisition, less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Each year the assets are reviewed for indicators of impairment and where identified full impairment review is carried out and reflected in the financial accounts

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value of each asset, evenly over its expected useful life, as stated below.

The principal rates used for this purpose are:

Buildings	- up to 50 years straight line
Fixtures and fittings	- between 3-25 years straight line
Plant and machinery	- between 3-40 years straight line

Land is not depreciated.

Accounting policies (continued)

Assets under construction represent the cost of purchasing, constructing and installing tangible fixed assets ahead of their productive use. No depreciation is charged on assets under construction until they are transferred to the appropriate asset heading when they are brought into use.

Land and buildings

The freehold interest in land and buildings is included in the balance sheet at cost. Land and buildings acquired, buildings constructed or building refurbishments undertaken during the year, are included at cost less depreciation.

Finance costs directly attributable to the construction of fixed assets are capitalised as part of the cost of those assets.

Assets Financed by Capital Grant or Donations

Where fixed assets are acquired with the aid of specific grants and donations, they are capitalised and depreciated as above. The related grants or donations are credited to deferred capital grants and are released to the income and expenditure account over the expected useful economic life of the related asset on a basis consistent with the depreciation policy.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash includes cash in hand, deposits repayable on demand and overdrafts. Deposits are repayable on demand if they are in practice available within 24 hours without penalty.

Cash equivalents are short term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of a change in value.

Reserves

The college is aware of the need to secure its viability beyond the immediate future. The college recognises the importance of reserves in the financial stability of any organisation and ensures that there are adequate reserves to support its core activities and to invest for its future needs. The reserves which the college retains can be categorised as follows:

Capital Reserves – To provide funds to meet the current and future capital spend requirements.

Strategic Reserve – To meet the cost requirements of strategic initiatives as per the college strategic plan

It is the colleges intention to continue to increase reserves through the generation of annual operating surpluses

Stock

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised in the financial statements when :

- (a) The College has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event;
- (b) It is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation; and
- (c) A reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

A contingent liability arises from a past event that gives the College a possible obligation whose existence will only be confirmed by the occurrence or otherwise of uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the College. Contingent liabilities also arise in circumstances where a provision would otherwise be made but either it is not probable that an outflow of resources will be required or the amount of the obligation cannot be measured reliably.

A contingent asset arises where an event has taken place that gives the College a possible asset whose existence will only be confirmed by the occurrence or otherwise of uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the College. Contingent assets and liabilities are not recognised in the Balance Sheet but are disclosed in the notes.

Use of estimates and judgements

The preparation of Financial Statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual amounts may differ from the estimates. 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 and in any future periods affected.

Accounting policies (continued)

Pension

The College participates in two defined benefit pension schemes, the Teachers' Superannuation Scheme (TSS) and The Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council Pension Fund (RCTPF). The assumptions made are detailed within Note 16. There have been two court cases that effect the LGPS defined benefit scheme. They relate to the guaranteed minimum pensions equalisation (GMPs) and age discrimination (McCloud). The impact of these cases are still uncertain, but following actuarial advice, a provision has been included as part of the assumptions on Note 16.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2022

1. Tuition fees and education contracts

	2022	2021
	£'000	£'000
Full-time home and EU students	824	1,154
Part-time students	203	129
	1,027	1,283

2. Funding body grants

	2022	2021
	£'000	£'000
Government Recurrent grant	13,429	12,550
Specific Government grants	346	256
Release of capital grants	1,080	874
	14,855	13,680

3. Other Income

	2022	2021
	£'000	£'000
European Projects	478	558
Nursery	360	357
Miscellaneous	431	352
	1,269	1,267

4. Staff costs

	2022	2021
	£'000	£'000
Salaries	7,713	7,389
Social security costs	762	709
Other pension costs	2,390	2,207
	10,865	10,305

	2022	2021
	£'000	£'000
Emoluments of the Principal / Accounting Officer		
Salary	110	108
Pensions	26	26
	136	134

Other than the Principal there are no other remunerated directors.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2022 (continued)

Remuneration of the Principal expressed as:

	2022	2021
Basic salary as a multiple of the median basic salary of all staff	4.55	4.75
Total remuneration as a multiple of the median total remuneration to all staff	4.87	5.04
(All full time and part time staff but excluding agency workers)		

The College Board in agreeing the Principal's remuneration considers a range of information which includes benchmarking to other Welsh institutions, UK institutions, institutions of a comparable size and institutions with similar missions. The Board is also cognisant of wider institutional financial and academic performance, specifically annual reports of CPIs. The Senior Staff Pay Committee is also informed by the Vice Chancellor of their appraisal of individual performance as it relates to institutional performance. The Principal is the highest paid member of staff.

Remuneration of higher paid staff, excluding employer's pension contributions

	2022	2021
	Number	Number
£65,000 - £69,999	-	-
£70,000 - £74,999	-	1
£75,000 - £79,999	-	1
£80,000 - £84,999	1	-
£85,000 - £89,999	1	-
£100,000 - £104,999	-	-
£105,000 - £109,999	-	1
£115,000 - £119,999	-	1
£120,000 - £124,999	1	-

Higher paid employees are the Principal, Vice Principal (Academic) and the Vice Principal (Resources). There were no higher paid staff falling below £65,000.

Key management personnel

Key management personnel are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the College and are the same individuals as those included in the higher paid staff table above. These comprise the Principal*, Vice Principal Resources and the Vice Principal Academic. Vice Principal salaries are on a fixed point and are reflective of their position and responsibilities.

	2022	2021
	£'000	£'000
Key management personnel compensation		
Salary	259	255
Pension Contributions	56	55
	315	310

Atypical Staff	2022	2021
	£'000	£'000
Agency Staff	52	32

Retirement benefits are accruing to 94 employees under a defined benefit scheme. (Retirement benefits for 2021 were also accruing for 94 employees).

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2022 (continued)

The monthly average number of employees by headcount (including senior post-holders) by major category during the year was as follows:

	2022	2021
	Number	Number
Academic	170	172
Management & specialist	29	26
Technical	5	6
Other	54	51
	258	255

The monthly average number of employees by FTE (including senior post-holders) by major category during the year was as follows:

	2022	2021
	Number	Number
Academic	154	145
Management & specialist	22	21
Technical	5	5
Other	39	42
	220	213

5. Directors expenses and related party transactions

No expenses were paid to directors during the year 2022(2021 – nil). No Director or other person related to the College had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the College during the year.

6. Interest and other finance costs

	2022	2021
	£'000	£'000
Net charge on pension scheme	146	119

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2022 (continued)

7. Analysis of expenditure by activity

	2022	2021
	£'000	£'000
Academic and related expenditure	8,274	7,945
Administration and central services	2,451	2,484
Premises (including service concession costs)	2,443	2,241
Residences, catering and conferences	71	140
Other expenses	2,461	2,474
	15,700	15,284
Other operating expenses included:		
External auditor's remuneration in respect of audit services	21	21
External auditor's remuneration in respect of non-audit services	6	6
Operating Lease rentals		
<i>Land & Buildings</i>	114	112
<i>Other</i>	3	3

8. Intangible assets

	2022	2021
	£'000	£'000
Software		
Cost		
Opening balance	267	220
Additions in year	33	46
Closing balance	300	266
Accumulated Amortisation		
Opening balance	184	150
Charge for the year	30	33
Closing balance	214	183
Net book value	86	83

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2022 (continued)

9. Fixed assets

	Freehold Land and Buildings £'000	Fixtures Fittings Equipment £'000	& Assets under Construction £'000	Total £'000
Cost				
At 1 August 2021	31,319	3,425	-	34,744
Additions	-	1,029	-	1,029
At 31 July 2022	31,319	4,454	-	35,773
Accumulated depreciation				
At 1 August 2021	5,170	1,416	-	6,586
Charge for the year	593	828	-	1,421
At 31 July 2022	5,763	2,244	-	8,007
Net book value				
At 31 July 2022	25,556	2,210	-	27,766
At 31 July 2021	26,149	2,010	-	28,159

10. Trade and other receivables

	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Trade receivables	61	97
Other receivables	248	300
Prepayments and accrued income	190	202
Amounts owed by group undertakings	93	7
	592	606

Amounts due from group undertakings are unsecured, free from interest and payable on demand.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2022 (continued)

11. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£'000	£'000
:		
Trade payables	71	84
Amounts owed to group undertakings	141	49
Deferred Government Capital Grant	1,175	935
Social security and other taxation payables	537	513
Accruals and deferred income	4,507	3,889
	6,431	5,470

Amounts due to group undertakings are unsecured, free from interest and payable on demand.

12. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2022	2021
	£'000	£'000
:		
Deferred Government Capital Grant	23,955	24,507

13. Provisions

Pension Provisions

	Pension enhancement on termination	Defined Benefit obligation (see Note 16)	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cost			
At 1 August 2021	706	8,870	9,576
Utilised in year	(115)	455	340
Additional provision	-	(6,795)	(6,795)
At 31 July 2022	591	2,530	3,121

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2022 (continued)

14. Lease obligations

Total rentals payable under operating leases:

	Land and Buildings £'000	Plant and Machinery £'000	2022 Total £'000	2021 Total £'000
Payable during the year	114	3	117	115
Future minimum lease payments due:				
Not later than 1 year	114	3	117	115
Later than 1 year and not less than 5 years	117	3	120	238
Later than 5 years	-	-	-	-
Total lease payments due	231	6	237	353

15. Related party transactions

The College is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the University of South Wales, and is included in the consolidated financial statements of the University of South Wales, which are publicly available from University of South Wales, Pontypridd, Rhondda Cynon Taff, CF39 1DL .

Due to the nature of the College's operations and the composition of the Board of Directors (being drawn from local public and private sector organisations), it is likely that transactions will take place with organisations in which a member of the Board of Directors may have an interest. All transactions involving organisations in which a member of the Board of Directors may have an interest are conducted in accordance with the College's financial regulations and normal procurement procedures.

Other than those disclosed elsewhere in the financial statements, no transactions were identified which would be disclosed under FRS102 Related Party Disclosures.

Organisation	31 July 2022		31 July 2021	
	Expenditure £'000	Creditor £'000	Expenditure £'000	Creditor £'000
The University of South Wales	473	-	559	-
USW Services Ltd	282	-	191	-
USW Commercial Services	1	-	-	-
Tydfil Training Consortium	152	137	80	56

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2022 (continued)

16. Pensions

The Company participates in two pension schemes, the Rhondda Cynon Taff Pension Fund (RCTPF) for non-academic staff, and the Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS) for academic staff. The assumptions made are detailed within this note. There have been two court cases that effect the LGPS defined benefit scheme. They relate to the guaranteed minimum pensions equalisation (GMPs) and age discrimination (McCloud). The impact of these cases are still uncertain, but following actuarial advice, a provision has been included as part of the assumptions in this note.

Teacher's Pension Scheme

The Teachers' Pension Scheme is a contributory "sector-wide" scheme for academic staff administered by the Teachers' Pension Agency on behalf of the Department for Education and Skills. The scheme, which does not have a fund but instead operates on a 'pay-as-you-go' basis, is subject to actuarial valuation every five years for the purpose of determining the "sector-wide" contribution rates. The latest actuarial valuation of the scheme was as at 31 March 2016. The cost of pension increases is currently excluded from the valuation and neither employees nor employers contribute to this added value to the employee, which is met directly by the Exchequer. The contribution rate during the year was 23.68%. It is not possible to identify each institution's share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the scheme and hence contributions to the scheme are accounted for as if it were a defined contribution scheme. The cost recognised within the Income and Expenditure account of £1,050k, (2021: £1,010k) is equal to the contributions payable to the scheme for the year.

Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council Pension Fund

Funding Valuation

This scheme provides benefits for non-academic staff based on final pensionable salary. The scheme is valued every three years as required under Regulation 77(1) of the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 1997 (SI 1997 No. 1612). The latest valuation was undertaken by independent consulting actuaries as at 31 March 2019. Under the definitions set out in FRS 102, the Local Government Pension Scheme is a multi employer defined benefit pension scheme. In the case of the LGSS, the actuary of the scheme has identified the Institution's share of its assets and liabilities as at 31 July 2022. In response to the ongoing reform of RPI the actuary have changed their approach to setting the CPI assumption: an increase in the Inflation Risk Premium and a reduction in the long-term difference between RPI and CPI. The combined impact of this change is a circa £2.2m increase to the defined benefit obligation at 31 July 2022

The College employs a building block approach in determining the rate of return on Fund Assets. Historical markets are studied and assets with higher volatility are assumed to generate higher returns consistent with widely accepted capital market principles. The assumed rate of return on each asset class is set out within this note. The overall expected rate of return on assets is then derived by aggregating the expected return for each asset class over the actual asset allocation for the Fund as at 31 July 2022.

FRS102

In accordance with the requirements of Financial Reporting Standard 102, the independent consulting actuaries updated the results of the March 2018 actuarial valuation in order to ascertain the valuation of the "sub-funds" in the scheme at 31 July 2022.

The principal assumptions used by the actuary in this respect were:-

	2022	2021	2020
	%	%	%
Discount rate / interest income on assets	3.50	1.65	1.45
General increases in pensionable salaries	3.75	3.90	3.20
CPI pension increases	2.75	2.90	2.20

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The current mortality assumptions include an allowance for future improvements in mortality rates. Assumed life expectations on retirement today and at age 65 are:-

	2022 Number	2021 Number
Retiring Today:		
Males	21.4	21.3
Females	23.8	23.7
Retiring in 20 years:		
Males	21.9	21.8
Females	24.9	24.9
The assets in the scheme are valued at fair value and comprise:	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Equities	10,711	12,641
Government bonds	1,915	2,150
Corporate bonds	2,100	2,161
Property	1,355	1,127
Other	68	-
Cash	92	34
	16,241	18,113

Analysis of amounts shown in the balance sheet

	2022 £'000	2021 £'000	2020 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Estimated share of assets	16,241	18,113	14,373	13,022	12,042
Present value of scheme liabilities	(18,771)	(26,982)	(22,936)	(20,418)	(17,696)
Deficit in the scheme – net pension liabilities	(2,530)	(8,869)	(8,563)	(7,396)	(5,654)

Analysis of the amount charged to staff costs within the operating surplus

	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Current service cost	1,326	1,072
Past service cost	-	-
	1,326	1,072

Analysis of the amount charged to interest payable and similar charges

	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Interest income on assets	(299)	(209)
Interest on pension scheme liabilities	445	328
Net charge	146	119

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2022 (continued)

Analysis of amount recognised in other comprehensive income

	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Actuarial gain on assets	(2,217)	3,405
Changes in assumptions underlying the present value of scheme liabilities	7,752	749
Experience loss on liabilities	1,917	(3,614)
Actuarial gain/(loss) recognised in other comprehensive income	7,452	540

Movement in deficit during the year

	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
1 August	(8,869)	(8,563)
Current service cost	(1,325)	(1,072)
Contributions	369	355
Admin	(11)	(11)
Past service costs	-	-
Other finance charge	(146)	(119)
Actuarial (loss)/gain	7,452	540
31 July	(2,530)	(8,870)

Analysis of the movement in the present value of scheme liabilities

	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Opening present value of liabilities	26,982	22,935
Current service cost	1,325	1,072
Past service cost	-	-
Interest cost	445	328
Contributions by participants	144	138
Actuarial loss on liabilities	(9,670)	2,865
Net benefits paid	(455)	(356)
Closing present value of liabilities	18,771	26,982

Analysis of the movement in the market value of scheme assets

	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Opening fair value of assets	18,112	14,373
Interest income on assets	299	209
Actuarial gain on assets	(2,217)	3,404
Contributions by the Employer	369	355
Contributions by the participants	144	138
Net benefits paid out	(455)	(356)
Administration expenses	(11)	(11)
Closing fair value of assets	16,241	18,112

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2022 (continued)

History of experience gains and losses

	2022 £'000	2021 £'000	2020 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Actuarial gain on assets	(2,217)	3,405	919	560	860
Changes in assumptions underlying the present value of scheme liabilities	7,752	749	(298)	(1,716)	440
Experience (losses)/gains on liabilities	1,917	(3,614)	(1,213)	(8)	(43)
Total amount recognised in the other comprehensive income	7,452	540	(592)	(1,164)	1,257

17. Ultimate parent undertaking

The ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party is the University of South Wales, a Higher Education Corporation established under the Education Reform Act 1988. The results of the Company have been incorporated in the University of South Wales' consolidated financial statements, which forms the largest and smallest group for which the Company's financial statements are consolidated, copies of which are obtainable from the following address:

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