

BLUE PITS HOUSING ACTION

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

Registered Charity No. 1154280
Company Registration No. 07825886
RSL No. RP4719

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Report of the trustees for the year ended 31st October 2022

The trustees present their annual directors' report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st October 2022 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Housing SORP 2018, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and the 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The purposes of the charity are to provide an inclusive, tenant needs-led, high-quality accommodation and support service to adults at risk that enables them to achieve their full potential and promote social inclusion.

Our main activities are as a Registered Social Landlord (RSL) and Rochdale Adult Care accredited support provider. We provide specialist accommodation and a preventative/enabling support service to people with mental health conditions, learning disabilities and Autism, including those with a dual diagnosis which may include illicit substance use and alcohol dependence.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives, in planning future activities, and setting the policies for the year.

The charity furthers its charitable purposes for the public benefit through our charity's purposes as set out in the objects contained in the company's memorandum of association are to:

To carry on for the benefit of the community the business of providing social housing and any associated amenities, services, advice or assistance for persons:

~ in necessitous circumstances upon terms appropriate to their means.

~ for whom it would be charitable to provide housing.

To promote or carry out any other charitable purpose that can be carried out by a company registered as a social landlord with the Regulator of Social Housing or such similar authority from time to time.



The legislative provisions under which the PRP is established

The objects of Blue Pits Housing Action are specifically restricted to:

- 1) To carry on for the benefit of the community the business of providing social housing and any associated amenities, services, advice or assistance for persons:
 - in necessitous circumstances upon terms appropriate to their means.
 - for whom it would be charitable to provide housing
- 2) To promote or carry out any other charitable purpose that can be carried out by a company registered as a non-profit, private registered provider with the Regulator of Social Housing or such similar authority from time to time.

Blue Pits follows the 2020 Code of Governance and compliance with the Governance and Viability Standard and the NHF Code of Governance.

The aims of Blue Pits Housing Action are:

- To provide high quality accommodation which meets the needs of adults at risk
- To improve the overall health and wellbeing of adults at risk with complex mental health needs, including those with a dual diagnosis.
- To enable people to develop and maintain the skills and competencies they need to return to, or remain, living independently in their own home.
- To minimise the need for secondary health and social care provision.
- To promote integration and reintegration among socially excluded groups and those leaving institutions of confinement.

Blue Pits Housing Action meets these aims through the provision of supported living, home care and outreach services to 45 'Adults at Risk' across Rochdale, Heywood and Middleton.

A review of our achievements and performance

The continuing focus for the organisation over the last year has been on improving quality and reviewing all policies and procedures to ensure continuing compliance with the Care Quality Commission's fundamental standards and adherence to their Key Lines of Enquiry and new quality statements being introduced from July 2022.

Blue Pits Housing underwent its second and most recent 'face to face' CQC inspection on 11 March 2020, just prior to the pandemic restrictions and all of its inspection areas (key lines



of enquiry) were found to be 'Good' giving an overall 'Good' rating. The report was published on 10 April 2020 and can be found at: <https://www.cqc.org.uk/location/1-2693034270>.

CQC have had to change and review how they regulate and monitor services during the Covid -19 pandemic restrictions. At regular intervals, they have contacted Blue Pits to state they have carried out a review of the data available to them and have not found evidence that they need to carry out an inspection or reassess our rating at this time.

Mental Health Discharge Scheme Pilot

Following commendations by Rochdale Adult Care on the success of the services provided by Blue Pits under this initial pilot, it was confirmed that funding was in place to build on the work and continue to provide the service going forwards.

During the year we successfully supported four people under the scheme, one of whom has come into our service in the longer term as a fully funded homecare tenant.

RHS Britain in Bloom - (Rochdale in Bloom)

This year, our community garden at Dunsterville House was again nominated under these awards and achieved "It's Your Neighbourhood Level 4 -Thriving", the certificate being presented at the Britain in Bloom/It's Your Neighbourhood North West Awards Ceremony on 18th October 2022.

Tackling Minds Fishing Group

In this joint venture with Tackling Minds, we were pleased to continue to be able to offer opportunities for several of our tenants to participate in angling and engagement with the local environment.

Re-opening of Landings Wellbeing Hub

We were pleased to re-open the Landings Wellbeing Hub, as a joint collaboration with Newbarn Ltd who has funded the new post of Creative Lead. The hub had been closed since the onset of Covid-19 restrictions, but this allowed us time to consult with potential beneficiaries and redesign wellbeing sessions. Newbarn pays the salary of the post, and this salary is disclosed in Newbarn Ltd's Financial Statements.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Blue Pits' staff and tenants arranged and celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by holding a party on 06th June 2022. This was a hugely well attended and successful event and did much to boost morale.



Tenant training

During the year we focused on training for our tenants, and they received Home Fire Safety Training delivered by Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service (GMFRS) and also Safeguarding Adults training. All tenants commented that they had learned much and developed their knowledge and skills in these two important areas.

Compliments from stakeholders

Three, uninvited compliments came via stakeholders; Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust (two compliments) in regard to the quality of support which has improved and enhanced the lives of two service users and one from a member of the public who thanked a staff member for staying with her nephew who had suffered an epileptic seizure while on the street.

Invited Stakeholder feedback in July 2022 returned 7 compliments from Stakeholders which included the comments:

"I feel that Blue Pits provides a high-quality service particularly with service users who have complex needs..."

"[Named staff] have been proactive in sharing information and concerns promptly..."

"The service provided has been needs-led, courteous and professional".

The development and provision of social housing and social housing activities for the year

Blue Pits Housing Action (BPHA) provides social housing through leasing suitable accommodation from private landlords. This model has served the housing and community needs of our supported tenants during the period since BPHA was incorporated in October 2011 and it is becoming financially established.

BPHA is now in a strong position to begin to acquire property assets alongside this lease model and we continue to source suitable properties.

The acquisition of property assets will allow BPHA to increase its social housing stock and to ensure that this remains affordable in consideration of the national trend for rising rents in the private rented sector.

Our Projects

Dunsterville House

Dunsterville House provides self-contained one/two bed accommodation for people via nine self-contained flats with 24-hour overarching support.



Thornbush Way

Thornbush Way provides fully self-contained studio flats for eight people.

A community spirit has developed in both projects and the tenants have supported each other through and since the pandemic which has served to combat feelings of social isolation and loneliness which may otherwise have developed.

Supported tenancies

42 x 1 – 2-bedroom single tenancies comprising houses, flats and bungalows. These are occupied by people who live independently with support.

Our Framework contracts:

- GM Learning Disability and Autism Ethical Purchasing System
- Mental Health Approved Provider List - Rochdale
- Care At Home (Adults) - Flexible Purchasing System – Rochdale
- Provision of Residential and Nursing Care and Accommodation for Older People and People with Mental Health and Physical/Sensory Disabilities
- Contract for the Provision of Learning Disability and Autism services

Financial review

The accounts up to October 2022 showed a surplus of £16,307 compared with October 2021 when the accounts showed a surplus of £20,326.

Principal Funding Sources

- Rochdale Borough Council Adult Care and Support
- Rochdale Revenues and Benefits service for intensive housing management provision

Investment powers and policy

The trustees, having regard to the liquidity requirements of operating the charity, have kept a prudent amount available as reserve funds in an interest-bearing deposit account.

Reserves policy and going concern

The balance held in unrestricted reserves at 31st October 2022 was £289,951 of which £213,062 are free reserves after allowing for funds tied up in tangible fixed assets. The trustees aim to maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds at a level which equates to



approximately three months of unrestricted charitable expenditure. The trustees consider that this level will provide sufficient funds to respond to applications for grants and ensure that support and governance costs are covered.

The Charity's main source of income is housing benefit and adult care funding. The Trustees consider that it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis and, consequently, the accounts do not include any adjustments that would be necessary if these sources of income should cease.

Risk management

The Trustees identify the major risks to which the charity is exposed each financial year when preparing and updating the strategic plan, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity. The Trustees then review any major risks which have been identified and establish systems to mitigate those risks. The charity is satisfied that the systems are in place to mitigate their exposure to the major risks which have been so far identified and reviewed.

Safeguarding and wellbeing policy

Blue Pits Housing Action is committed to promoting the safety and wellbeing of the Adults at Risk who use our services. We have appropriate safeguarding policies and procedures in place that reflect this commitment. In addition, the welfare and wellbeing of the people we employ is a major underlying driver of the high-quality support we provide. As part of our undertaking to sustaining a healthy and resilient workforce, we offer opportunities for reflective supervision, accredited training and continuing professional development at all levels and for all roles.

Plans for Future Periods

As a Registered Provider of Social Housing, Blue Pits Housing Action has adopted a lease model for acquiring properties. However, in July 2020, we bought our first property – a one bedroomed bungalow in Rochdale.

Future plans will include buying further property suitable for supported living tenancies. The changing needs of our tenants and the national trend for rent increases has been taken into consideration on the choice of housing stock to invest in, this being local, single storey flat, and also small, terraced property and bungalow accommodation.

BPHA continues to provide placement opportunities for intermediate and final year social work students for both Uclan and Salford Universities. In addition, during 2022, we were pleased to be able to offer HEE/NHS nursing placements for students looking for careers within learning disability and autism services.

Compliments have been received from Uclan University on the “incredibly supportive learning environment the organisation provides for all our students”.



Our focus will continue to be on improving quality and reviewing all policies and procedures to ensure compliance with the Care Quality Commission's fundamental standards and adherence to their Key Lines of Enquiry and new Quality Statements.

As part of our commitment to the continuing professional development of our workforce, Staff have enrolled on level 3 health and social work qualification, and we are looking towards staff completing a Social Work degree course with Uclan.

Social Work qualified colleagues receive supervision from a Social Work qualified senior lecturer with Uclan (School of Social Work).

We are planning our first tenant holiday to Tenerife, the last holiday being March 2020 at the outset of Covid-19 restrictions.

Added Value projects

Community Garden

The community garden and food growing project at Dunsterville House continues to thrive despite the necessary suspension of activities at various periods of time due to restrictions imposed by Covid-19.

The post of Grounds and Gardens Project Coordinator was created in January 2021, funded by Newbarn Ltd. The Project Co-ordinator has brought the area up to a level that we were awarded a Level 4 – 'Thriving' Advancing Award by Britain in Bloom in October this year.

Unit 8, The Landings

This creative space at Unit 8, The Landings, 157 Oldham Rd, Rochdale has been leased from March 2019 and now that refurbishments have been completed, we have re-opened to our tenants and are in the process of planning the delivery of social, creative and learning opportunities. Our new Creative Lead is looking towards applying for grants to deliver bespoke projects. The Creative Lead post is paid by Newbarn Ltd and disclosed in their Financial Statements.

The activities will benefit the physical health and mental well-being of the people we support and will offer functional skills, arts, crafts, relaxation, therapies, staff meetings, donation of space for other groups in exchange for their specialist services (to benefit our tenants) etc.

Structure, governance and management

Blue Pits Housing Action is a company limited by guarantee, is registered in England and Wales, and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 27th October



2011. It is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission and is constituted under a trust deed dated 21st October 2013. Blue Pits Housing Action is registered as a Social Housing Provider.

Appointment of trustees

As set out in the Articles of Association trustees are elected annually by the members of the charitable company attending the Annual General meeting and serve for a period of one year.

At the October 2021 Annual General Meeting, Mr. Philip Traynor was re-elected for a fourth year as Chair.

Ms. Chrissie Ince was appointed as a Trustee and brings a wealth of experience of the social housing sector.

Trustee induction and training

Provided for all trustees as appropriate.

Organisation

The board of trustees administers the charity. The board normally meets four times a year.

Related parties and co-operation with other organisations

None of our trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity. Any connection between a trustee or senior manager with any service providers must be disclosed to the full board of trustees in the same way as any other contractual relationship with a related party. In the current year no such related party transactions were reported.

Reference and administrative information

Charity Name: Blue Pits Housing Action

Charity Number: 1154280

Company Registration Number: 07825886

Directors and trustees

The directors of the charitable company (the charity) are its trustees for the purpose of charity law. The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:



Key management personnel: Trustees and Directors

Peter Ruddy	Treasurer
Kathleen Ince	Secretary
Philip Traynor	Chair
Sarah-Jayne Randall	
Christina Ince	(appointed November 2022)

Senior managers

Dorothy Lynn Collins	Service Lead
Vicky Chanter	Registered Manager

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Trustees responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees (who are also the directors of Blue Pits Housing Action for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

- Select suitable accounting principles and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is appropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to 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 taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- There is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and
- The trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

By order of the board of trustees on 27 July 2023

Philip Traynor
Chair

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF BLUE PITS HOUSING ACTION

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Blue Pits Housing Action (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 October 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes 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 (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 October 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the 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 Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company 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 charitable company'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.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- the charitable company has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, 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 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 charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF BLUE PITS HOUSING ACTION

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditors under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

The extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities including fraud.

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;

- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the company through discussions with directors and other management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of charities;

- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the charity, including the Charities Act 2011 and Companies Act 2006 and

- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence where necessary,

- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud and

- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;

- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;

- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and

- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;

- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and

- reviewing correspondence with HMRC.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

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BLUE PITS HOUSING ACTION**


Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

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

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Wyatt Morris Golland Ltd
Statutory Auditors
Eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006
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Date: 27 July 2023

STATEMENT OF TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

		Year Ended 31 October 2022	Year Ended 31 October 2021
	Note	£	£
Turnover	1	1,026,093	1,004,469
Operating Costs	1	(1,009,788)	(984,149)
Operating Surplus		16,305	20,320
Interest Receivable	2		6
Interest Payable		-	-
Surplus for the year		16,307	20,326
Total comprehensive income for the year		16,307	20,326

The statement of total comprehensive income includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 18 to 24 form part of these accounts.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN RESERVES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

	Income and Expenditure Reserve	Restricted Reserve £	Total £
At 1st November 2020	253,336	-	253,336
Surplus from Statement of Comprehensive Income	18,014	2,312	20,326
At 31st October 2021 and 01 November 2021	271,350	2,312	273,662
Surplus from Statement of Comprehensive Income	18,601	(2,294)	16,307
At 31st October 2022	289,951	18	289,969

The notes on pages 18 to 24 form part of these accounts.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2022

Company Registration Number: 07825886

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets:			
Tangible assets - Housing Properties	8	70,453	71,952
Tangible assets - Other Fixed Assets	8	6,436	2,986
Total fixed assets		76,889	74,938
Current assets:			
Trade and Other Debtors	9	78,717	47,031
Cash at Bank & in Hand		168,671	174,143
Total current assets		247,388	221,174
Liabilities:			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	34,308	22,450
Net current assets or liabilities		213,080	198,724
Total assets less current liabilities		289,969	273,662
Total net assets		289,969	273,662
Reserves			
Restricted reserves	12	18	2,312
Income and Expenditure		289,951	271,350
Total Reserves		289,969	273,662

The accompanying notes form part of these Financial Statements.

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st October 2022.

The members have not deposited notice, pursuant to Section 476 of the Companies Act 2002 requiring an audit of these financial statements.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

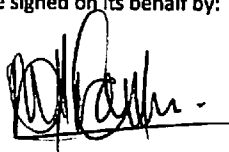
(a) Ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Section 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006, and

(b) Preparing the financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as is applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been audited under the requirements of Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The Financial Statements on pages 14 to 24 were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 27 July 2023 and are signed on its behalf by:



Philip Traynor
Acting Chair

Peter Ruddy
Treasurer

The notes on pages 18 to 24 form part of these accounts.

Statement of Cash Flows for the year ending 31 October 2022

	Year Ended 31 October 2022 £	Year Ended 31 October 2021 £
Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities		
Surplus for the year	16,307	20,326
Investment Income	(2)	(6)
Add back depreciation	5,165	3,552
Loss on disposal of other fixed assets	296	-
(Increase) in debtors	(31,686)	(9,407)
Increase in creditors	11,858	4,929
Net cash used in operating activities	1,938	19,394
Cash flows from other activities:		
Interest	2	6
Purchase of other fixed assets	(7,523)	(2,599)
Proceeds of disposal of other fixed assets	111	-
Net cash provided by other activities	(7,410)	(2,593)
Decrease/(Increase) in cash and cash equivalents during the year	(5,472)	16,801
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward	174,143	157,342
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward	168,671	174,143

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st October 2022**Legal Status**

Blue Pits Housing Association is a company limited by guarantee, registered under the Companies Act 2006, it is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission, and is registered as a Social Housing Provider with the Regulator of Social Housing in England. The address of the registered office is given on page 9 of these financial statements.

The principal activities of Blue Pits Housing Association are set out on page 1 of the financial statements. Blue Pits Housing Association is a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

Accounting policies**Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern**

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Housing SORP 2018: the Statement of Recommended Practice for Registered Social Housing Providers and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Turnover

Turnover represents rental and service charges income receivable, net of void losses in the year, and revenue grants receivable from local authorities. The rent and service charges are received through Housing Benefit revenues.

Government grants

Government grants include grants receivable from local authorities and other government bodies.

Government grants are recognised at the fair value of the asset received or receivable when there is reasonable assurance that the grants conditions will be met and the grants will be received.

Government grants relating to revenue are recognised in income over the same period as the expenditure to which they relate once reasonable assurance has been gained that Blue Pits Housing Association will comply with the conditions and that the funds will be received. Grants due from government organisations or received in advance are included as current assets or liabilities.

Expenditure Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings. For more information on this attribution refer to note (f) below.

Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

Taxation

Blue Pits Housing Association is a registered charity and is, therefore, exempt from paying corporation tax on charitable activities.

Leases

All leases are operating leases and the annual rentals are charged to income and expenditure on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Employee Benefits

The costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense.

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement at 31st October is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

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Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**Housing property**

The housing property is for the provision of social housing and is available to rent and, as such it is treated as a social investment. The social investment is treated similar to plant and equipment.

It is stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. The housing property is depreciated at the following rate:

Housing Property	2% on cost
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The housing property comprises one property purchased 21st July 2020 and costing £74,950. The property will be repaired before each new tenancy commences and the costs of the repairs will be treated as repair costs.

Other fixed assets

All assets costing more than £500 are capitalised and valued at historical cost. Depreciation is charged on the following basis:

Computers	33.33% on cost
Equipment	25% on cost
Motor Vehicles	25% on cost
Refurbishment of Leased Property	25% on cost

Impairment

Housing properties will be reviewed for impairment if there is an indication that impairment may have occurred. Where there is evidence of impairment, fixed assets are written down to the recoverable amount. Any such write down is charged to the operating surplus for the year.

In addition, revaluations of properties are undertaken on completion of developments and at regular intervals thereafter. If these valuations are less than the carrying value of the property, an impairment charge will result. The impairment charge is charged to operating surplus for the year, unless there has been a previous upward valuation of that property. In that case the impairment would be charged to revaluation reserves (to the extent of previous upward revaluations) with any balance then being charged to operating surplus.

Significant Judgements and Estimates

In the process of applying the entity's accounting policies, management have not made any judgements that would have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements. No estimations have been made that would have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

Pensions

The charity currently administers contributions to a pension scheme on behalf of individuals.

The charity has no liability beyond making its contributions and paying across the deductions for the employee's contributions.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

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.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st October 2022

1. Particulars of turnover, cost of sales, operating costs and operating surplus

		Turnover	Operating costs	Operating surplus	Operating surplus
	Note	Year Ended 31 October 2022	Year Ended 31 October 2022	Year Ended 31 October 2022	Year Ended 31 October 2021
		£	£	£	£
Social housing lettings	2	1,000,662	(996,178)	4,484	12,700
Other social housing income and expenditure					
Trip Income		468	-	468	20
Student Placement Fees		160	(2,368)	(2,208)	3,143
Miscellaneous Income		670	-	670	50
House Clearance Income		640	-	640	-
Mental Health Discharge Income		1,339	-	1,339	-
Insurance Claim		939	-	939	-
Tenant Care Income		8,238	(1,243)	6,995	3,698
Blue Pits Project		11,117	(9,999)	1,118	(1,151)
Donations		1,860	-	1,860	1,860
		<u>1,026,093</u>	<u>(1,009,788)</u>	<u>16,305</u>	<u>20,320</u>

Previous reporting period

	Turnover	Operating costs	Operating surplus
	Year Ended 31 October 2021	Year Ended 31 October 2021	Year Ended 31 October 2021
	£	£	£
Social housing lettings	993,356	(980,656)	12,700
Other social housing income and expenditure			
Trip Income	20	-	20
Student Placement Fees	4,900	(1,757)	3,143
Miscellaneous Income	50	-	50
Tenant Care Income	4,283	(585)	3,698
Blue Pits Project	-	(1,151)	(1,151)
Donations	1,860	-	1,860
	<u>1,004,469</u>	<u>(984,149)</u>	<u>20,320</u>

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st October 2022

2. Particulars of turnover, cost of sales, operating costs and operating surplus

	Total Funds 31 October 2022 £	Total Funds 31 October 2021 £
Government housing related grants:		
Housing Benefit	507,931	503,095
Adult Care Grants	480,447	434,644
Making Space Income	-	48,502
Other grants:		
GMCVO	-	3,000
HMRC CVJRS/SSP	-	1,803
Omicron	2,161	-
Soil Association	150	-
RMBC Workforce Grant	9,973	2,312
	<u>1,000,662</u>	<u>993,356</u>

3. Operating costs

	Year Ended 31 October 2022 £	Year Ended 31 October 2021 £
Services		
Motor Expenses	1,538	2,540
Loss on Disposal of Vehicle	296	-
Project Costs	-	4,227
Property Rents	265,279	274,266
Subscriptions	366	460
Repairs and Maintenance	669	107
Quality Assurance	117	3,219
Delayed Transfer of Care Costs	1,135	-
Software and IT Costs	568	660
Minor Equipment	620	218
Telephone	12,119	9,103
Rent	37,030	25,922
Rates and Water	1,272	-
Bank Charges	36	-
Cleaning	39	-
Insurance	209	-
Governance Costs	9,876	13,780
Post, Printing & Stationery	619	148
Depreciation	3,666	2,053
Sundry	89	37
	<u>335,543</u>	<u>336,740</u>
Management		
Employment Costs	599,358	574,580
Recruitment	1,555	1,584
Training	4,879	1,850
DBS Fees	218	693
Staff Well-being	792	33
Travel Expenses	57	-
Refreshments	-	18
	<u>606,859</u>	<u>578,758</u>
Property Maintenance		
Housing Related Costs	<u>52,277</u>	<u>63,669</u>
Housing Property Depreciation	<u>1,499</u>	<u>1,499</u>
Total operating costs	<u>996,178</u>	<u>980,656</u>

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st October 2022

4. Allocation of governance and support costs

The breakdown of support costs and how these were allocated between governance and other support costs is shown below:

	General Support	Governance	Total 2022
Accountancy Fees	-	2,000	2,000
Auditors Remuneration	-	4,200	4,200
Board Meeting Expenses	-	83	83
HR Costs	648	-	648
Payroll Bureau Fees	2,897	-	2,897
Professional Fees	48	-	48
	<u>3,593</u>	<u>6,283</u>	<u>9,876</u>

Previous reporting period

	General Support	Governance	Total 2021
Accountancy Fees	-	1,305	1,305
Auditors remuneration	-	3,840	3,840
HR Costs	5,417	-	5,417
Payroll Bureau Fees	2,720	-	2,720
Professional Fees	498	-	498
	<u>8,635</u>	<u>5,145</u>	<u>13,780</u>

5. Employees

	Year Ended 31 October 2022	Year Ended 31 October 2021
	£	£
Wages and Salaries	546,920	526,153
Social Security Costs	42,847	39,126
Pension Costs	9,591	9,301
	<u>599,358</u>	<u>574,580</u>

The average number of employees during the year was 29, FTE 22.8 (previous year: 25, FTE 23.7). FTE is calculated based on the total number of hours worked divided by the number of staff.

The key management personnel comprises the trustees, service lead and registered manager. The total employment benefits, including employer pension contributions of the key management personnel were £90,743 (previous year: £98,577). No employee has benefits in excess of £60,000 (previous year: none).

6. Trustees Remuneration and benefits

None of the trustees were paid any remuneration, expenses or benefits in the year ended October 2022. (None - October 2021)

7. Operating surplus

The operating surplus is arrived at after charging:

	Year Ended 31 October 2022	Year Ended 31 October 2021
	£	£
Depreciation of housing properties	1,499	1,499
Property rents	265,279	274,266
Auditors remuneration	4,200	3,840
Independent examination fees	2,000	1,200
Other Accountancy services	<u>200</u>	<u>105</u>

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8. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Motor Vehicles	Equipment	Refurbishment of Leased Property	Computers	Housing Property	Total
Cost	£	£	£	£		£
At 1 November 2021	1,625	2,397	16,828	8,578	74,950	104,378
Additions	-	-	2,400	5,123	-	7,523
Disposals	(1,625)	-	-	-	-	(1,625)
At 31 October 2022	-	2,397	19,228	13,701	74,950	110,276
Depreciation						
At 1 November 2021	1,218	1,011	16,678	7,535	2,998	29,440
Charge for Year	-	597	750	2,319	1,499	5,165
Eliminated on Disposals	(1,218)	-	-	-	-	(1,218)
At 31 October 2022	-	1,608	17,428	9,854	4,497	33,387
NET BOOK VALUE						
At 31 October 2022	-	789	1,800	3,847	70,453	76,889
At 31 October 2021	407	1,386	150	1,043	71,952	74,938

9. Analysis of debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Debtors	64,179	30,798
Prepayments	14,538	16,233
	<u>78,717</u>	<u>47,031</u>

10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Creditors	1,872	4,218
Other creditors and accruals	19,794	5,107
Deferred income	-	497
Taxation and social security costs	12,642	12,628
	<u>34,308</u>	<u>22,450</u>

11. Deferred Income

Deferred income comprises adult care grants received in advance

Balance as at 1 November 2021

497

Amount released to income earned from charitable activities

(497)

Balance at 31 October 2022

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st October 2022

12. Restricted Reserves

Analysis of movements in restricted funds

	01 November 2021	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	31 October 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Soil Association	-	150	(132)	-	18
RMBC Workforce Grant	2,312	9,973	(12,285)	-	-
	2,312	10,123	(12,417)	-	18

Previous reporting period

	01 November 2020	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	31 October 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
GMCVO	-	3,000	(3,039)	39	-
RMBC Workforce Grant	-	2,312	-	-	2,312
	-	5,312	(3,039)	39	2,312

Name of restricted fund:

Soil Association

RMBC Workforce Grant

Description, nature and purpose of the fund

for gardening activities at Dunsterville House

for workforce capacity measures - to ensure staffing levels remain at a sustained level to cope with any Covid isolating issues

13. Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised on a transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the

14. Lease Commitments

The charity rents properties from commercial and private landlords in which to place tenants in receipt of housing benefit. These rents are ongoing and can be terminated at one month's notice should the properties no longer be required. Future lease payments within 1 year are calculated as £38,999 (2021: £64,030).

15. Related party transactions

Lynn Collins, senior manager, is a director of Newbarn Limited where some of the properties are leased from. Rental and insurance transactions are at a market value rate. Staff are also seconded out to Blue Pits Housing Association from Newbarn Limited.