

WESSMAPS HOUSING TRUST
TRUSTEES REPORT
2021

1. The Structure, Governance and Management of the Charity

The Governance of management of the charity is as follows: Three Trustees and the Chief Executive officer who shall automatically ("ex officio") be a charity trustee, for as long as he or she holds that office.

Edwin Cooke – (Chairman)

Linda Cooke – (HR/Finance)

Diana Leahy – (Governance)

Mrs Jane Lockey – (Chief Executive Officer)

The Board appointed Rowles & Co as the Charities Accountants to oversee the Charities financial affairs during this accounting period:

1st April 2020 – 31st March 2021.

2. THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE:

Charitable activities

The principal objectives of the CIO are the relief of financial hardship amongst disadvantaged people for the public benefit by providing services to, in particular but not exclusively, disabled and vulnerable people living and working in Hampshire, Dorset, Wiltshire, The Isle of Wight, Berkshire, West Sussex, Southampton and Portsmouth through the provision of supported housing that enables disadvantaged people to live within the community; enabling them to financially meet housing costs; enabling fair access to private rental housing provisions; providing access to interest free loans to fund housing deposits and home set up costs; the provision of additional housing management services all of which such persons could not afford through lack of means.

3. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to guidance

published by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

4. ACHIEVMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

At the beginning of the financial year, Wessmaps Housing Trust maintained nine-three tenancies providing housing support to people across with the different local authorities. WHT has increased the tenancy portfolio to one hundred and eighteen tenancies, providing twenty-five new additional tenancies and additional support to new tenants. During the year, Wessmaps Housing Trust has maintained the existing service of providing affordable housing and support to vulnerable people within Hampshire. Whilst we have not extended working relationships with any new local authorities, we continue to develop our existing partnerships with Southampton City Council and Hampshire County Council on developing additional services to generate more affordable housing and greater choice for independent living throughout Hampshire.

5. FINANCIAL REVIEW

Incoming resources totalled £370,657 (Previously: £116,370) for the period and resources expended were £311,806 (Previously: £211,727) giving a surplus of £58,851 (Previously: deficit £95,357) for the period.

The finances of the Charity were reviewed by the Trustees during this period of accounting. No anomalies were brought to the attention of the Board or reported at this time.