

**Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023
for
Community Lives Consortium**

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Community Lives Consortium

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

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**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

Incorporation

The charitable company was incorporated on 16th February 2015.

Objectives and activities

Purposes and aims

The aim of the Consortium is to provide support for people who want to live successful lives in their communities. The Consortium provides services under contract with either City and County of Swansea or NeathPort Talbot County Borough Council.

Public benefit

We review our aims, objectives and activities each year. This review looks at what we achieved and the outcomes of our work in the previous twelve months. The review also helps us ensure our aims, objectives and activities remained focused on our stated objectives. We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities thus ensuring that it continues in its purpose of supporting disabled people to live successful lives in their communities.

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Strategic report

Achievement and performance

Charitable activities

The Consortium is a non-profit making organisation, we support people who need extra support and social care to live successful lives in the communities of Swansea and Neath Port Talbot.

Our shared purpose is to support people to live the life they choose.

The people it supports, their families, and the staff employed to support them are encouraged to work together so that the things that matter to these people occur reliably and safely in their lives.

Our year between April 2022 and March 2023 - Main areas of activities

Views of people we support and family members about our performance over the past year

How do we understand what tenants think is good about their lives and what will make them better?

We have three sources of information:

- 1) Information that we gather while supporting tenants to review their personal plan. As part of this process Personal Support Managers discuss with people we support and the people close to them, what is working well, and what is not working well, and what we can do to make things better. This information is personal to every tenant.
- 2) Information from our What we think survey - this survey for tenants and family members gathers useful information about what people think and what would make things better. We are very pleased that 95% of tenants think their support is good or excellent.
- 3) We have discussions at our Monthly Change team meetings. Localities all have monthly meetings where the people we support meet with other people they choose to invite. In these meetings we talk about the best thing that has happened in the last month and the things they want to make their lives better. - Reported best things: I have started back to the day centre. I am seeing more of my family and friends. I have been on holiday. I have bought a new car. I am planning my next holiday. I had a good birthday with a party and lots of presents. I enjoy working and getting paid for it. I am helping to plan the AGM. I am glad Covid has gone. - Reported things that can make lives better: I would like an extra day in the day centre. We want more activities where we can all get together as a locality. We need more staff to help us to be able to go out more. We want to try new things. We want to meet more people who live in our locality and perhaps meet up with them for lunch or a picnic. We want more things like parties, BBQs, picnics and day trips. I want a job. I want to get healthier.

Feedback from Family members,

Feedback gathered by the Responsible individual as part of her visiting process was very good.

- Excellent support they provide especially during the past two years during Covid
- My son is very happy and has a good relationship with staff and his fellow tenants
- Confident in the manager and staff who were very proactive in relation to individuals changing health needs

Concerns were:

- Following COVID some properties require decorating
- Although communication is good between the staff and relatives, sometimes there is a delay in passing on information
- We must continue to focus on recruitment

Our Localities and Networks

The Consortium believes a Locality is a user-led association of people who need social care support and who live in a small local area. These people are supported to make sure that their support maximises:

- Their individual and collective independence and wellbeing.
- The support that they can give each other so they can do things that matter to them.
- Their involvement with their family and their chosen social networks.
- Their engagement with individuals and groups local to them that will help them meet their needs and further their ambitions
- Their use of technology to maximise their independence and control
- Their use of paid staff that they have strong relationships with, this staff time is used as effectively as possible.

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We now have 4 new Locality services in Swansea, 2 Neath Port Talbot Networks, and one Direct Payment cooperative in total supporting 183 people.

These are networks of people who receive support and live close to each other, and manage their support together.

This means that people, their family members and the staff that support them should:

- Know and trust each other well so that we can flexibly help everyone to live good lives.
- Organise activities and events that improve their lives
- Make links with groups in the community that share their interests and ambitions
- Meet monthly to look at what is working, not working and decide how to make things better.

The Direct Payment Cooperative 'Friends United Together' manage their own Company to arrange their support.

Localities 'what is working' in the last year

- The most important positive thing is that our recruitment levels have improved since April 22. We have received rate uplifts that have helped us stay ahead of Real Living Wage, this is really good.
- We have also had 26 people return to us who left us through the retendering.
- This means that our support is now more consistent for the people that we support and so they are building up strong relationships with the staff who support them.
- This means we have more capacity to support more people in the communities that we support.
- Our Managers have all received training from Helen Sanderson Associates in creating high quality outcomes, and we have now changed our planning system to build on these new skills.
- The people we support have really enjoyed coming together for the Change team and have organised a wide range of events as a result.

Localities 'what is not working' in the last year

- Recruiting more staff is very positive, however we need to make sure that all of these staff have received all of the training tenants need them to have. There is a large amount of face to face training that staff teams are catching up with that was not possible to complete during the period of COVID restrictions.
- This has been a major programme of work for us in the period from April 2022.
- We are working with tenant's Landlords to ensure that people's homes are being properly maintained and a number of routine jobs were delayed due to COVID.
- We redesigned the tools to support staff to manage tenants money where they need help to do so. These new online tools help us to share and monitor people's money where they have an appointee or deputy.
- We are concerned that for a small number of tenants, we do not have enough staff at night, or their homes are not properly adapted to support their safe evacuation in the case of fire.
- We are working with service commissioners and Housing Associations to put this right.

Employing suitable numbers of support managers and support staff

What our staff said about our employment

In our most recent staff survey conducted in January to March 2023:

- 33% of staff agreed that 'My pay and benefits reflect the work I do' - like all social care organisations we must do everything we can to increase pay and conditions for staff.
- 97% of staff agreed 'I have the training to do my job well'
- 79% of staff agreed 'I feel positive about my future with Community Lives Consortium'
- 79% of staff agreed 'I would recommend working at Community Lives Consortium to a friend.'
- 94% of staff agreed 'My manager manages me effectively'

However we also asked 7 questions based on Joseph Roundtree Foundation survey work on the cost of living crisis; from this we were told:

- 14% of us have gone without essentials or needed to use food banks in the last 30 days
- 17% of us are in arrears with at least one bill or repayment arrangement
- 8% of us have taken out a high cost credit loan in the last 3 months
- 34% of us have taken on borrowing or used a credit card to pay bills over the last 3 months

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- 38% needed to work additional hours in the last 30 days that have impacted on my personal life, or resulted in excessive tiredness to cover daily living costs
- 43% of us have experienced anxiety, distress or recurrent low mood due to the financial pressure that we are experiencing over the last 30 days

We are very pleased that we have been able to pay beyond the Real Living Wage however we are committed to doing more as our organisational finances allow.

Improving our Employment

Since April 2022 our recruitment levels have improved significantly.

Between April 2022 and September 2023 our recruitment levels have gone up from 90% to 99% and when all staff absent long term is taken out, the effective level of recruitment has gone from 84% to 89%. Although it doesn't always feel like this, this reduced the pressure on our managers and staff teams trying to cover all the support to tenants.

We have agreed a framework to improve our employment with our Staff and Managers Forum. This includes:

- A new Lead Support Worker Grade that will be available to staff who are Working on their Health and Social Care Level 3 qualification.
- A new framework for management development for staff who want to move into Support Management
- A new system for payments and incentives to encourage staff to work in services that are under greater pressure, our hope is that this will enable our own staff to take up shifts that we currently have to give to Agency staff.
- The introduction of the Wagestream App to help staff get better access to 0% interest borrowing, financial support and training to help them manage their money more effectively.

This new framework will be agreed and implemented over the coming year.

Being safe and well

Our Annual Health & Safety report suggests due to the hard work of managers and staff that we are becoming an ever more safety conscious organisation.

It reports:

- In the last year there were 240 accidents, incidents & near misses, this is a 18% reduction from the previous year.
- There was a decline in injuries to staff.
- As a result there were 493 hours of lost staff time, due to injuries at work, this is an increase from the previous year.
- There were 17 medication errors in this year, we continue to work to keep this figure at a minimum.

A well managed organisation

Developing our finance processes

- In September 22 we employed a new part time Financial Accountant David Liddiard who developed an action plan to develop our company finance processes. This was necessary because our office building has decreased in value
- and there have been a number of long term debts that have needed to have been written off.

Carbon reduction

- This year we have started the process of decarbonisation of the Consortium's work. In the year from April 22 to March 23 the Consortium produced 61.4 tonnes of Carbon.
- This does not include the carbon emissions from the homes and lives of the people that we support.
- Most of the company emissions come from the transport we provide and the mileage that we ask staff to undertake as part of their lives. In the coming year we are working on ways to reduce our carbon footprint and to help us all to adapt to the climate emergency.

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Financial review

Financial position

The operating surplus for the period ended 31st March 2023 amounted to £183,791. The overall level of funds carried forward into 2022/23 amounted to £541,780 of which £166,880 is restricted.

Funding continued to be received from those local authorities with whom the Consortium has a service level agreement. This income is treated as restricted based on geographical grounds. In addition the Consortium received Supporting People Grant from those local authorities as well as contributions from the people we support in the form of housing benefit and other contributions.

The principal cost for the period was staff salaries and related costs, the staff provides the level of support required to meet the Consortium's obligations under the service level agreements.

In addition, the Consortium meets the cost of accommodation on behalf of the people we support, including rent, housing associations management charges and other housekeeping costs.

Reserves policy

The reserves policy of the Consortium recognises the need to hold reserves to ensure funds are available to provide continuing support to people with disabilities should the income levels fall. A minimum level of reserves needs to be retained to ensure the trustees can operate if individual projects are lost to ensure the remaining projects can support indirect overheads. In addition, reserves are required to meet legal and other statutory commitments should the Consortium be unable to continue due to a lack of a sustainable income stream.

Reserves are also required to meet the future maintenance programme for the accommodation provided for the people we support. The trustees have set a target of establishing and maintaining the charity's reserves at a level which is at least equivalent to three months' operational expenditure and will do so having regard to the manner of operation of its funding streams.

The Consortium is dependent upon receipt of Local Authority Grants, Supporting People Grants and other income. The current economic climate is uncertain and the threat of Central Government cuts may have a negative impact on future income streams. A reduction in local government funding may lead to a review of current grant levels.

The Consortium recorded a decrease in its unrestricted funds of £154,502, with overall total funds showing a net asset position of £541,780 at the year end. This reflects the operational activities for the year which saw a surplus of £183,791 offset by a reduction in the value of our Head Office building in line with the post pandemic fall in the value of city centre office buildings. SHPS are now able to provide CLC with the actual cost of the past service deficit debt under FRS102 in relation to the closed Defined Benefit scheme that operated in the past. The inclusion of this liability has a negative impact of £488,000 on the reserves.

The trustees are committed to maintaining current service levels for as long as the funding permits, and will review the levels of reserves required regularly on a quarterly basis, when the quarterly management accounts are presented.

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Plans for future periods

The things that have happened over the last year, the information we have about our performance and what we have been told by people involved with the service suggests that there are important things we need to focus on, these are:

Developing our Locality Model

Building Strong groups of people - We are developing localities as strong groups of people who develop skills in managing their support and working together.

The members of the Direct Payment Cooperative 'Friends United Together' are showing us how people using support can become Directors of their own Care Company. This is challenging us to make all of our management systems simpler so that people can become full partners in the management of their support.

At the moment the locality approach is being explored supporting disabled people who currently live in supported living services. However, we believe these localities could be really useful as alternatives to care homes and traditional home care.

Creating a user led organisation - We committed ourselves to being formally user-led by December 2024, this means that 75% of our legal members and board members must be people we support or their family members.

We are changing our engagement processes to support this, this will include:

- A new survey that tenants and relatives will be encouraged to complete to give us better information at Personal Plan reviews as well as information about satisfaction, and changes in their lives.
- Support for all tenants representatives from Localities to take part in the company wide Tenants Lives Group.
- Monthly bulletins for relatives of tenants to keep them up to date with Locality news and encouragement to get involved in Change Meetings and our company wide Relatives Forum.

Improving our Localities in the next 12 months

Building on information from Change meetings we have:

- Developed a new Supervision and appraisal Process which is easier to complete and agrees with each Staff member how we will help them to make the most of their skills.
- Based on outcome training we have redeveloped our Personal Planning process, we will provide regular Coaching for managers to ensure that tenants are experiencing the outcomes that they want.
- We are introducing New Service Development plans to ensure all services have a clear plan to be assessed as excellent using the Care Standard Expectorate's rating scale.
- We are improving the monitoring and coaching processes around Medication and Tenant Finance to ensure these processes are always effective for people.
- We will be introducing Web apps for both recording and rostering in the next year.

Lower Carbon, Sustainable Lives

Our Board has agreed a strategy for the Consortium to help manage the Climate Crisis, this has three parts:

- Reducing the Carbon impact of the organisation - In the year between April 2022 & March 2023 the Consortium produced about 62 tonnes of carbon, between April and September 2023 we have produced about 30 tonnes of carbon. Over half of our carbon emissions come from fuel used in vehicles owned by the Consortium and mileage done by staff paid by the Consortium. We will work on this first and will be working with the commissioners to relook at the transport that we provide, and find lower carbon alternatives. We will also be working with staff who do paid mileage to find lower carbon transport options. We have joined the Swansea Bay Healthy Travel Charter to help us do this? In line with Welsh Government Public sector targets we will work to be carbon neutral by 2030.
- Supporting the people we support and our staff in understanding how they live their lives in ways that impact least on the climate and the natural world - We are currently talking to the Swansea Environment centre about offering a training program called Coolblock. Coolblock is a program through which people can work together to live the most sustainable life they can but to also reach out to people in their communities to live greener and more sustainable lives.

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- Rethinking our business continuity policy (in partnership with our commissioners and community partners) to develop community climate adaptation plans intended to respond to the increased risks that the people we support and people in their neighbourhoods will face over the coming years as a result of climate change - We have started
- 3 having conversations with commissioners and community partners and we feel these community planning networks
- . will be really important in helping us to manage climate threats together.

Staying a Real Living Wage Employer

Our intention is to continue to pay at least Real Living Wage, and to implement other enhancements to make our employment more attractive that we have discussed with our staff and managers forum. We are pleased that the Welsh Government has committed to providing funding so that social care organisations can pay at least the Real Living Wage.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee, registration number 09442336 and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. It is also registered with the Charity Commission, number 1161709. The Trustees are also the Board of Management (Directors) of the Charity. The trustees nominate prospective trustees who are officially accepted at the Annual General Meeting.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The Trustees are appointed by the members at the AGM. They are not only drawn from the business community in the locality in which the Consortium operates, but also include representatives from managing partners and other organisations working with the Consortium. In addition, the people we support are encouraged to become board members as part of the Consortium's philosophy of improving and developing their lives.

Most of the trustees are already familiar with the practical work of the Consortium. New trustees are invited and encouraged to attend a series of short training sessions to familiarise themselves with the Consortium and the context within which it operates. An induction pack has been prepared drawing information from the various Charity Commission publications signposted through the Commission's guide "The Essential Trustee" as a follow up to these sessions.

Organisational structure

The trustees are responsible for formulating policies and procedures and for ensuring the correct level of internal control. The day to day running of the Consortium is the responsibility of the Chief Executive and the Management Team, who report to the trustees at their regular meetings. There are no volunteers.

The Board of Management have overall responsibility for the governance of CLC.

Financial controls

Controls over the client affairs are affected by an inspection by both the Trustees and the external auditors. Internal controls are subject to regular inspections from the contract managers and the local authorities.

Employment policies

The charity's policy is to give full and fair consideration to applications for employment made by disabled persons, having regard to their particular aptitudes and abilities.

Disabled employees receive appropriate training to promote their career development within the charity. Employees who become disabled are retained in their existing posts where possible or retrained for suitable alternative posts. Regular meetings are held between senior management and employee representatives to discuss matters of concern.

Employees are kept well-informed about the progress and position of the charity by means of regular departmental meetings.

Related parties

The trustees include service users and relatives for which they receive no special rights or privileges.

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Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The Trustees have recognised the loss of grant funding and a failure of its duty of care to the beneficiaries of the Consortium as its major risks. To mitigate the loss of funding a reserve policy has been created to enable the principal objects to be met and to meet any statutory redundancy costs which may arise as a result of the loss. Suitable levels of supervision, training and procedures have been put into place to ensure the standard of care is of the highest level. Internal controls have also been implemented to safeguard the people we support money.

Reference and administrative details

Registered Company number

09442336 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1161709

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Funds held as custodian for others

The Consortium manages money on behalf of its services users. This service includes paying expenditure on their behalf. Detailed records are kept to ensure that the Consortium is able to identify amounts owed to/by each individual.

Key management

Rick Wilson - Chief Executive
Lynda Rosselli - Responsible Individual
David Liddiard - Part Time Financial Controller

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Community Lives Consortium for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the 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 those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company 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 charitable company and hence for 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 charitable 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.

Auditors

The auditors, Haines Watts Wales LLP, Statutory Auditors, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 12 December 2023 and signed on the board's behalf by:

Mr S H Harper - Trustee

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of Community Lives Consortium

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Community Lives Consortium (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2023 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 March 2023 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.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

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

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

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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.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue 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:

Our planning procedures identify the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the operations and financial statements of the group. These are reviewed internally with the audit team including relevant industry experience and expectations as well as externally with the client management. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context were the UK Companies ACT 2006, Charities Act 2011 and relevant tax legislation.

Once identified, we assess the risks of material misstatements in relation to the laws and regulations, irregularities, including fraud and adjust our testing accordingly. Our audit procedures include:

- Discussing with Trustees and management which areas of the business they believe to be more susceptible to fraud, and whether they have any knowledge or suspicion of fraudulent activities;
- Obtaining an understanding of the key controls put in place by the group to address risks identified, assessing the effectiveness of those and discussing how these are maintained and monitored internally;
- Assessing the risk of management override and review and testing of journal entries made into the accounting system;
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by the group in relation to the significant accounting estimates employed in the preparation of the financial statements;
- Discussions with Trustees and management the legal and regulatory obligations of the business and whether they have any knowledge or suspicion of non compliance.

Despite the audit being planned and conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) there remains an unavoidable risk that material misstatements in the financial statements may not be detected owing to inherent limitations of the audit, and that by their very nature, any such instances of fraud or irregularities likely involve collusion, forgery, intentional misrepresentation, or the override of internal controls.

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.

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Use of our report

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

Victoria Carter (Senior Statutory Auditor)
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18 December 2023

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Statement of Financial Activities
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Income and endowments from					
Charitable activities	2				
Supported living		<u>14,030,604</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,030,604</u>	<u>12,194,715</u>
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities	3				
Supported living		<u>13,846,813</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,846,813</u>	<u>11,949,080</u>
NET INCOME		183,791	-	183,791	245,635
Other recognised gains/(losses)					
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets		(131,293)	-	(131,293)	-
Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit schemes		<u>(207,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(207,000)</u>	<u>(50,000)</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>(154,502)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(154,502)</u>	<u>195,635</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		529,402	166,880	696,282	500,647
Total funds carried forward		<u>374,900</u>	<u>166,880</u>	<u>541,780</u>	<u>696,282</u>

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Balance Sheet
31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8	497,235	-	497,235	639,119
Current assets					
Debtors	9	648,001	-	648,001	1,040,438
Cash at bank		494,509	166,880	661,389	197,428
		<u>1,142,510</u>	<u>166,880</u>	<u>1,309,390</u>	<u>1,237,866</u>
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(745,437)	-	(745,437)	(668,708)
Net current assets		<u>397,073</u>	<u>166,880</u>	<u>563,953</u>	<u>569,158</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		894,308	166,880	1,061,188	1,208,277
Creditors					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	11	(31,408)	-	(31,408)	(52,995)
Provisions for liabilities	14	(488,000)	-	(488,000)	(459,000)
NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		<u>374,900</u>	<u>166,880</u>	<u>541,780</u>	<u>696,282</u>
Funds	15				
Unrestricted funds				374,900	529,402
Restricted funds				166,880	166,880
Total funds				<u>541,780</u>	<u>696,282</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 12 December 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

Mr S H Harper - Trustee

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**Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	500,580	46,162
Interest paid		<u>(6,692)</u>	<u>(4,376)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>493,888</u>	<u>41,786</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(5,495)	-
Sale of tangible fixed assets		<u>6,570</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities		<u>1,075</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Loan repayments in year		<u>(31,002)</u>	<u>(39,821)</u>
Net cash used in financing activities		<u>(31,002)</u>	<u>(39,821)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		<u>463,961</u>	<u>1,965</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>197,428</u>	<u>195,463</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u>661,389</u>	<u>197,428</u>

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**Notes to the Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

1. Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Net Income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	183,791	245,635
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	14,157	17,374
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	(4,643)	-
Interest paid	6,692	4,376
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	392,437	(150,911)
Increase in creditors	86,146	89,688
Difference between pension charge and cash contributions	(178,000)	(160,000)
Net cash provided by operations	<u>500,580</u>	<u>46,162</u>

2. Analysis of changes in net funds

	At 1.4.22	Cash flow	At 31.3.23
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank	197,428	463,961	661,389
	<u>197,428</u>	<u>463,961</u>	<u>661,389</u>
Debt			
Debts falling due within 1 year	(36,587)	9,417	(27,170)
Debts falling due after 1 year	(52,995)	21,587	(31,408)
	<u>(89,582)</u>	<u>31,004</u>	<u>(58,578)</u>
Total	<u>107,846</u>	<u>494,965</u>	<u>602,811</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Community Lives Consortium is a charitable company in the United Kingdom. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 5 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are the provision of or assistance with supported living.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Housing benefit claimed on behalf of all service users is accounted for on a receivable basis.

Grants and service level agreements to support the provision of care are accounted for in the financial year to which they relate. Grants received to finance the cost of fixed asset are recognised as restricted funds and used to finance the annual depreciation charge.

Investment income comprises bank deposit interest received.

Expenditure

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 a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

Governance costs

Governance costs include costs of the preparation and examination of the statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and the cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 1.5% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 15% on cost
Motor vehicles	- 20% on cost

Fixed assets with a value in excess of £1,000 are initially recorded at cost.

Freehold property is carried at a revalued amount, being its fair value at the date of latest revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses. Freehold property revaluations are detailed in note 9.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

1. Accounting policies - continued

Taxation

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contribution payable to the charities pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

The Charity also operates a defined benefit pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Charity. The provisions of FRS102 have been adopted. The contributions to the scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities so as to spread the cost of pensions over the service lives of employees.

Confirmed contributions towards past service deficits are recognised on the balance sheet as a creditor on notification with valuations and payments towards this balance adjusted annually and in line with tri-annual valuations.

Debtors

Debtors include amounts owed to the charity for the provision of goods and services or amounts the charity has paid in advance for the goods and services it will receive. Debtors are measured at their recoverable amounts.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand is held to meet short-term cash commitments as they fall due and includes all cash equivalents held in the form of short-term highly liquid investments. Cash equivalents are short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and that are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value. A cash equivalent will normally have a short maturity of, say, three months or less from the date of acquisition.

Liabilities

Liabilities are amounts due to creditors and any provision made as a result of an obligation to transfer economic benefits, usually in the form of a cash payment, to a third party. Liabilities are measured at their settlement amount and recognised for the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt.

Redundancy costs

Redundancy costs arising from periodic reviews of staff levels are charged against the statement of financial activity in which employees leave the charity.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

2. Income from charitable activities

		2023	2022
	Activity	£	£
SSDD charges	Supported living	619,161	562,573
ILF	Supported living	-	(4,380)
Housing benefit	Supported living	1,994,314	1,821,394
Swansea Community Care	Supported living	5,015,900	4,031,070
NPT Community Care	Supported living	4,224,230	3,772,781
Swansea Bay UHB	Supported living	1,375,403	1,117,564
Covid-19 grants and additional income	Supported living	613,851	784,548
Sundry income	Supported living	187,745	109,165
		<u>14,030,604</u>	<u>12,194,715</u>

3. Charitable activities costs

	Direct Costs	Support costs (see note 4)	Totals
	£	£	£
Supported living	<u>12,165,932</u>	<u>1,680,881</u>	<u>13,846,813</u>

4. Support costs

	Management	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Supported living	<u>1,645,358</u>	<u>35,523</u>	<u>1,680,881</u>

5. Net income/(expenditure)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023	2022
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	35,523	13,200
Depreciation - owned assets	14,159	17,374
Surplus on disposal of fixed assets	(4,643)	-
Loan interest	<u>-</u>	<u>4,376</u>

6. Trustees' remuneration and benefits

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

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7. Staff costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	10,407,585	8,955,402
Social security costs	865,573	666,323
Other pension costs	127,271	283,906
	<u>11,400,429</u>	<u>9,905,631</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
Operational staff	391	368
Administrative staff	13	34
	<u>404</u>	<u>402</u>

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	2023	2022
£60,001 - £70,000	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>

During the year, Community Lives Consortium paid key management gross salaries totalling £138,440 (2022: £131,586). Key management are considered to be 2 individuals during the year (2 in prior year) who directly impact upon the strategic direction of the charity.

8. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 April 2022	708,607	9,398	43,671	761,676
Additions	-	-	5,495	5,495
Disposals	-	-	(35,147)	(35,147)
Revaluations	(186,228)	-	-	(186,228)
At 31 March 2023	<u>522,379</u>	<u>9,398</u>	<u>14,019</u>	<u>545,796</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2022	76,101	9,398	37,058	122,557
Charge for year	10,721	-	3,438	14,159
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	(33,220)	(33,220)
Revaluation adjustments	(54,935)	-	-	(54,935)
At 31 March 2023	<u>31,887</u>	<u>9,398</u>	<u>7,276</u>	<u>48,561</u>
Net book value				
At 31 March 2023	<u>490,492</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,743</u>	<u>497,235</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>632,506</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,613</u>	<u>639,119</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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8. Tangible fixed assets - continued

Cost or valuation at 31 March 2023 is represented by:

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
Valuation in 2022	708,607	9,398	14,019	732,024
Valuation in 2023	(186,228)	-	-	(186,228)
	<u>522,379</u>	<u>9,398</u>	<u>14,019</u>	<u>545,796</u>

9. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	326,007	969,445
Other debtors	321,994	70,993
	<u>648,001</u>	<u>1,040,438</u>

10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 12)	27,170	36,587
Trade creditors	83,506	51,133
Social security and other taxes	219,773	218,936
Other creditors	311,231	342,018
Accrued expenses	103,757	20,034
	<u>745,437</u>	<u>668,708</u>
Deferred income brought forward	259,976	249,255
Amounts released to incoming resources	(259,976)	(249,255)
Amounts deferred in year	229,188	259,796
Deferred income carried forward	<u>229,188</u>	<u>259,976</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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11. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank loans (see note 12)	<u>31,408</u>	<u>52,995</u>

12. Loans

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank loans	<u>27,170</u>	<u>36,587</u>
Amounts falling between one and two years:		
Bank loans - 1-2 years	<u>13,987</u>	<u>24,433</u>
Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
Bank loans - 2-5 years	<u>17,421</u>	<u>28,562</u>

13. Secured debts

The following secured debts are included within creditors:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank loans	<u>58,578</u>	<u>89,582</u>

The bank loans are secured on the assets of Community Lives Consortium.

14. Provisions for liabilities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Pension Deficit Liability	<u>488,000</u>	<u>459,000</u>
	2023	2022
£		
Balance brought forward	459,000	569,000
Amounts provided in the year	29,000	-
Amounts released in the year	-	(101,000)
Balance carried forward	<u>488,000</u>	<u>459,000</u>

During the year the Charity has been provided with its calculated share of the net liability position for its participation in SHPS. Full details of the pension scheme are shown in note 19.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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15. Movement In funds

	At 1.4.22	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.23
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	(322,982)	(23,209)	(346,191)
Self Assurance	99,964	-	99,964
CLC Assistive Technology	734,664	-	734,664
R&R Reserve	17,756	-	17,756
Revaluation Reserve	-	(131,293)	(131,293)
	<u>529,402</u>	<u>(154,502)</u>	<u>374,900</u>
Restricted funds			
Intensive Support	101,863	-	101,863
Local Authority	32,642	-	32,642
Ysgol Street Development	32,375	-	32,375
	<u>166,880</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>166,880</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>696,282</u>	<u>(154,502)</u>	<u>541,780</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	Movement in funds
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	14,030,604	(13,846,813)	(207,000)	(23,209)
Revaluation Reserve	-	-	(131,293)	(131,293)
	<u>14,030,604</u>	<u>(13,846,813)</u>	<u>(338,293)</u>	<u>(154,502)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>14,030,604</u>	<u>(13,846,813)</u>	<u>(338,293)</u>	<u>(154,502)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.21	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.22
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	(518,617)	195,635	(322,982)
Self Assurance	99,964	-	99,964
CLC Assistive Technology	734,664	-	734,664
R&R Reserve	17,756	-	17,756
	<u>333,767</u>	<u>195,635</u>	<u>529,402</u>
Restricted funds			
Intensive Support	101,863	-	101,863
Local Authority	32,642	-	32,642
Ysgol Street Development	32,375	-	32,375
	<u>166,880</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>166,880</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>500,647</u>	<u>195,635</u>	<u>696,282</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

15. Movement in funds - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	12,194,715	(11,949,080)	(50,000)	195,635
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>12,194,715</u>	<u>(11,949,080)</u>	<u>(50,000)</u>	<u>195,635</u>

General funds - are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the Consortium.

Self Assurance - this is a long term reserve designed to cover the Contents Insurance element of services

CLC Assistive Technology - this reserve has been created to fund technology to assist service users to be more independent.

R&R Reserve - this reserve related to monies set aside to fund major cyclical repairs and maintenance within CLC services

Intensive Support Reserve - this reserve has been created to provide the funding to expand the respite care service.

Local Authority - this reserve has been created to fund the development in partnership with CCS supported housing services in Swansea.

Ysgol Street Development - this reserve has been created to fund the support of the effective set up of new schemes agreed by Swansea.

16. Employee benefit obligations

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension costs charged for the period in relation to this scheme amounted to £307,271 (2022: £283,906).

17. Related party disclosures

The trustees include service users and relatives for which they receive no special rights or privileges.

18. Members liability

The charity is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the members is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

19. Social housing pension scheme

Community Lives Consortium participates in the Social Housing Pension Scheme (the Scheme). The Scheme is funded and is contracted-out of the State Pension scheme.

SHPS is a multi-employer defined benefit scheme. Employer participation in the Scheme is subject to adherence with the employer responsibilities and obligations as set out in the 'SHPS House Policies and Rules Employer Guide'.

An employer can elect to operate different benefit structures for their active members and their new entrants. An employer can only operate one open defined benefit structure at any one time. An open benefit structure is one which new entrants are able to join.

Community Lives Consortium currently operates final salary with a 1/60th accrual rate, final salary with a 1/70th accrual rate and final salary with a 1/80th accrual rate benefit structure for active members.

The Trustee commissions an actuarial valuation of the Scheme every three years. The main purpose of the valuation is to determine the financial position of the Scheme in order to determine the level of future contributions required, in respect of each benefit structure, so that the Scheme can meet its pension obligations as they fall due. From April 2007 the split of the total contribution rate between member and employer is set at individual employer level, subject to the employer paying no less than 50% of the total contribution rate. From 1 April 2010 the requirement for employers to pay at least 50% of the total contribution rate no longer applies.

The actuarial valuation assesses whether the Scheme's assets at the valuation date are likely to be sufficient to pay the pension benefits accrued by members as at the valuation date. Asset values are calculated by reference to market levels. Accrued pension benefits are valued by discounting expected future benefit payments using a discount rate calculated by reference to the expected future investment returns.

During the accounting period Community Lives Consortium paid contributions at the rate of 7.25% to 11.5% member contributions varied between 6.75% and 7.9% .

The charity made an annual contribution of £194,000 towards the past service deficit during the year.

In accordance with FRS102 reporting requirements the Charity is required to disclose certain information concerning assets, liabilities, income and expenditure in relation to the pension scheme.

Presentation values of Defined Benefit Obligation, fair value of assets and Defined Benefit Asset (liability)

	31 March 2023	31 March 2022
	£ s	£ s
Fair value of plan assets	3,686	5,262
Present value of defined benefit obligation	4,174	5,721
Surplus/(Deficit) in plan	(488)	(459)
Unrecognised surplus	-	-
Defined benefit asset (liability) to be recognised	(488)	(459)

Reconciliation of the Impact of the asset ceiling

	31 March 2023
	£ s
Impact of asset ceiling at start of year	-
Effect of the asset ceiling included in net interest cost	-
Actuarial losses (gains) on asset ceiling	-
Impact of asset ceiling at end of period	-

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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19. Social housing pension scheme - continued

Reconciliation of opening and closing balances of the defined benefit obligation

	31 March 2023
	£ s
Defined benefit obligation at start of period	5,721
Current service cost	-
Expenses	6
Interest Expense	157
Contributions by plan participants	-
Actuarial losses (gains) due to scheme experience	276
Actuarial losses (gains) due to changes in demographic assumptions	(10)
Actuarial losses (gains) due to changes in financial assumptions	(1,769)
Benefits paid and expenses	(207)
Liabilities acquired in a business combination	-
Liabilities extinguished on settlements	-
Losses (gains) on curtailments	-
Losses (gains) due to benefit changes	-
Exchange rate differences	-
Defined benefit obligation at end of period	4,174

Reconciliation of opening and closing balances of the fair value of plan assets

	31 March 2023
	£ s
Fair value of plan assets at start of period	5,262
Interest income	147
Experience on plan assets (excluding amounts included in interest income) - gain (loss)	(1,710)
Contributions by the employer	194
Contributions by plan participants	-
Benefits paid and expenses	(207)
Assets acquired in a business combination	-
Assets distributed on settlements	-
Exchange rate changes	-
Fair value of plan assets at end of period	3,686

The actual return on the plan assets (including any changes in share of assets) over the period ended 31 March 2023 was (£1,563,000).

Defined benefit costs recognised in statement of financial activities - Net income and expenditure

	31 March 2023
	£ s
Current service cost	-
Expenses	6
Net interest Expense	10
Losses (gains) on business combinations	-
Losses (gains) on settlements	-
Losses (gains) on curtailments	-
Losses (gains) due to benefit changes	-
Defined benefit costs recognised in statement of financial activities	16

Defined benefit costs recognised in statement of financial activities - Actuarial Gains/(losses)

	31 March 2023
	£ s
Experience on plan assets (excluding amounts included in net interest cost) - gain (loss)	(1,710)
Experience gains and losses arising on the plan liabilities - gain (loss)	(276)

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

19. Social housing pension scheme - continued

Effects of changes in the demographic assumptions underlying the present value of the defined benefit obligation - gain (loss)	10
Effects of changes in the financial assumptions underlying the present value of the defined benefit obligation - gain (loss)	1,769
Total actuarial gains and losses (before restriction due to some of the surplus not being recognisable) - gain (loss)	(207)
Effects of changes in the amount of surplus that is not recoverable (excluding amounts included in net interest cost) - gain (loss)	-
Total amount recognised in Actuarial gains/(losses)	(207)

Assets

	31 March 2023	31 March 2022
	£ s	£ s
Global Equity	69	1,010
Absolute Return	40	211
Distressed Opportunities	112	188
Credit Relative Value	139	175
Alternative Risk Premia	7	174
Fund of Hedge Funds	-	-
Emerging Markets Debt	20	153
Risk Sharing	271	173
Insurance Linked Securities	93	123
Property	159	142
Infrastructure	421	375
Private Debt	164	135
Opportunistic liquid Credit	158	177
High Yield	13	45
Opportunistic Credit	-	19
Cash	27	18
Corporate Bond Fund	-	351
Liquid Credit	-	-
Long Lease Property	111	135
Secured Income	169	196
Liability Driven Investment	1,697	1,468
Currency Hedging	7	(21)
Net Current Assets	9	15
Total assets	3,686	5,262

None of the fair values of the assets shown above include any direct investments in the employer's own financial instruments or any property occupied by, or other assets used by, the employer.

Key Assumptions

	31 March 2023 % per annum	31 March 2022 % per annum
Discount rate	5.18	2.79
Inflation (RPI)	2.80	3.26
Inflation (CPI)	2.34	2.74
Salary Growth	3.00	2.00
	75% of maximum allowance	75% of maximum allowance
Allowance for commutation of pension for cash at retirement		

The mortality assumptions adopted at 31 March 2023 imply the following life expectancies:

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19. Social housing pension scheme - continued

	Life expectancy at age 65 Years
Male retiring in 2023	21.0
Female retiring in 2023	23.7
Male retiring in 2043	22.2
Female retiring in 2043	24.9

Community Lives Consortium also participates in the Pensions Trust's Growth Plan

The Growth Plan is a multi-employer pension Plan which is in most respects a money purchase arrangement but it has some guarantees. Contributions paid into the Growth Plan up to and including September 2001 were converted to defined amounts of pension payable from Normal Retirement Date. From October 2001 contributions were invested in personal funds which have a Capital guarantee and which are converted to pension on retirement, either within the Growth Plan or by the purchase of an annuity.

The Plan is funded and is not contracted out of the state scheme. The rules of the Growth Plan allow for the declaration of bonuses and / or investment credits if this is within the financial capacity of the Plan assessed on a prudent basis.

Bonuses / investment credits are not guaranteed and are declared at the discretion of the Plan Trustees. The Trustees commissions an actuarial valuation of the Growth Plan every 3 years. The main purpose of the valuation is to determine the financial position of the Plan and so determine the future prospects for discretionary bonuses and / or investment credits. The actuarial valuation assesses whether the Plan's assets at the valuation date are likely to be sufficient to pay the pension benefits accrued by members as at the valuation date. Asset values are calculated by reference to market levels. Accrued pension benefits are valued by discounting expected future benefit payments using a discount rate calculated by reference to the expected future investment returns.

Community Lives Consortium offers the Growth Plan as an AVC investment option for members of the Social Housing Pension Scheme. The members pay contributions at a rate of their choice. The organisation does not pay any contributions to the Growth Plan.

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