# CITY BUILDING (GLASGOW) LLP

Members' report and financial statements Registered number SO300990 For the year ended 31 March 2017

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## Members' report

The members present their report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2017

## **Principal Activity**

The principal activities of City Building (Glasgow) LLP are Repairs and Maintenance operations, Construction, and Manufacturing.

City Building (Glasgow) LLP had two members during the period, Glasgow City Council and GCC Investments Ltd., both of whom were designated members.

## Members' Drawings and Capital

No distribution was made to the members for the year.

There was no movement on members' capital within the year. Current policy is not to make repayment of members' capital. No additional members' contributions to capital were made and no cash drawings were made against members' capital.

#### **Business Review**

City Building (Glasgow) LLP entered into various agreements with Glasgow City Council, GCC LLP Investments Ltd and Wheatley Housing Group Ltd ("Wheatley") to the effect that GCC LLP Investments Ltd ceased to be a member of the LLP and Wheatley became a new member, forming a 30 year 50/50 joint venture with Glasgow City Council, with effect from 1 April 2017.

As a result, the repairs and investment work for Wheatley previously undertaken by City Building (Contracts) LLP will now be undertaken by City Building (Glasgow) LLP. Glasgow City Council repairs work will continue to be carried out by the LLP but capital work will now be carried out by City Building (Contracts) LLP. Our manufacturing division and training of apprentices will also be part of the joint venture with agreed funding in place. Both members of the joint venture have agreed to use all reasonable endeavours to fulfil their obligations to provide work to the joint venture. Those employees engaged in non-JV work were transferred under TUPE to City Building (Contracts) LLP on 1 April 2017.

#### Financial Results for the Year

It is highly rewarding to report that the company delivered strong results and significantly increased the amount it returned to Glasgow City Council, despite adverse economic pressures in certain elements of the market in which City Building operates. Indeed, with an increase in turnover to £219.0m (2016 - £208.0m), we have achieved a healthy £9.07m return to Glasgow City Council, representing 4.1% of turnover - a marked increase from the previous year's figure £5.29m, which constituted 2.5% of turnover. The undernoted table shows the comparison with 2016:

Departed Lags	<b>2017</b> £000	<b>2016</b> £000
Reported Loss for the year	(5,640)	(11,223)
Transfer of provisions to Glasgow City Council	(925)	0
Additional pensions costs- IAS19	4,699	11,311
Discount to Glasgow City Council Transferred to City Building	9,066	5,285
(Contracts)	50	50
Underlying profit	7,250	5,423

The underlying profit increased by £1.8 million over 2016 (34%) as a result of increased turnover and operational efficiencies. This along with transfer of provisions and reserves to the Council allowed the LLP to make a return of discount of over £9 million

These results include services provided by our sister company, City Building (Contracts) LLP, to allow it to deliver its contracts in accordance with a call off agreement. It is also agreed that the LLP can charge City Building (Contracts) a Management Fee. For 2016-17 this Management Fee was a charge of £1,297k (2016 – credit £574K).

The net liabilities of City Building at 31 March 2017 were (£51.3m) (2016 - (£16.1m). This is primarily a result of the net pension deficit of (£51.3m) (2016 - (£17.0m) in the Strathclyde Pension Fund (Local Government Pension Scheme). An actuarial loss of £30.0m (2016 – gain £148.3m) was experienced during the year as a result of a changes in accounting assumptions

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as, despite there being a substantial negative net worth as a result of the pension position, any shortfall within that area is guaranteed by Glasgow City Council and therefore the company has sufficient net current assets to meet its future liabilities as they fall due.

It is important to note that, whilst the net pension liability remains an identified risk for management, the net liability does not fall due in any one year. As stated above, any shortfall is itself guaranteed by Glasgow City Council, and the members believe the LLP exposure is limited to annual contributions. The company currently meets all current annual contributions determined by the Scheme Trustees as requiring to be made to the pension fund.

The Strathclyde Pension Fund was subject to a triennial valuation as at 31 March 2014 which was to determine employer contribution levels from 1 April 2016. Currently these levels remain the same and while management acknowledge that the current pension liability could result in increased contribution levels at some time in the future, they do not consider that there is any major impact on the on-going business trading position.

## **Administrative Expenses**

These reduced to £13.2m (2016 - £18.5m), down by £5.3m, primarily due to IAS19 costs.

## **Our Credentials in the Marketplace**

We continue to develop City Building's brand in our chosen markets. Since 2006 we have won, in competition, over £1.3 billion worth of new business, sustaining employment for our workforce. The company has delivered 70 new apprenticeships during this financial year, and 86% of our apprentices retained in jobs with us on completion of their qualifications.

In October 2016, we celebrated our 10 year corporate anniversary. To mark a decade of success and innovation in Glasgow we commissioned an independent academic study of our economic and social impact in Glasgow, which was undertaken by the Fraser of Allander Institute.

The aim of the study was to assess the scale of our contribution to the Glasgow economy as well as the general impact our socially responsible training and employment practices, community work and charity activities, have on the city.

Some of the findings included:

- City Building, through its economic impact, supports a total of 3,877 jobs in Glasgow.
- For every two City Building jobs, a further 1.44 are created.
- For every £1 paid to employees, an additional £0.71 in wages is generated across Glasgow.
- By employing 2,250 people, one in eight Glasgow construction jobs is provided by City Building.
- City Building employs 1 in every 120 people in the city.
- 73.5% of supplier expenditure is with Glasgow's SMEs.
- Employees contributed voluntary work valued at £2 million 2015/16.

Underlining the unique social ethos at the heart of City Building, we have been judged one of the top businesses in Scotland for people development by the Glasgow Business Awards. We have also increased our market positioning within the top 100 construction companies in the UK, rising from number 53 to 47, according to industry data collated by the journal Construction News.

External, independent validation of our performance is central to a culture of continuous improvement across the board.

In the past 12 months, we have received specific recognition from a range of industry and business organisations, gaining over a dozen major plaudits, including:

- The Queen's Award for Enterprise: Sustainable Development
- Quality, Health & Safety and Environmental accreditation ISO 9001, ISO 14001, and ISO 18001
- EFQM Recognised for Excellence 4 Star Accreditation
- Quality Scotland Creating a Sustainable Future.
- Investors in Young People Gold Award.
- Trades House Apprentice of the Year Award
- Scottish Apprenticeship Awards SDS Employer of the Year
- The Herald and GenAnalytics Diversity Social Enterprise of the Year
- Glasgow Business Awards Innovation in Youth Employment Finalist
- Glasgow Business Awards Sustainable Development Finalist
- Glasgow Business Awards Excellence in Customer Service Finalist
- Vibes 2016 Management Awards Finalist
- Scottish Apprenticeship Awards SDS Promoting Diversity Finalist
- The Herald and GenAnalytics Star Performer Finalist
- Scottish Business Awards Large Company Finalist
- Reserve Forces Employer Silver Award winner
- Carer Positive Employer Award winner
- Commonwealth Construction Apprentice of the Year

#### **Construction Division**

Market conditions continued to be challenging for the construction sector as a whole. However, being awarded the £250m works from Glasgow City Council Education Services to rebuild or refurbish many educational facilities across the city has provided a significant boost to revenues, as well as delivering a wide range of economic and community benefits across the whole city.

This programme of work is being delivered in partnership with Glasgow City Council Education Services in a sympathetic manner in order to minimise classroom downtime and general disruption to pupils. Our team has excelled across the year, meeting and exceeding timescale constraints and we look forward to the continuing delivery of this contract through the coming year. In addition, new construction and major refurbishments across the Council's estate provision has continued with large scale new build and refurbishment including Avenue End Primary, Broomhill Primary School, Clyde Campus School, Glendale Primary School, Gowanbank Campus School, Silverdale Nursery, St. Rose of Lima Primary and Tower View Nursery.

These projects, like others, including new build housing in North Glasgow, the refurbishments of Pollok House, the Scotstoun Arena and Tollcross Leisure Centre have allowed us to future proof the skills of our workforce as part of our succession planning strategy and to build an in-depth knowledge of the specific requirements of designing various social care facilities.

The turnover within the Construction Division for 2017 was £64.2m (2015 - £59.0m).

Together with our sister organisation City Building (Contracts) LLP, the Construction Division continues to be a market leader in providing opportunities which are of significant community and local economic benefit. We are still involved in rolling out various award winning equality initiatives under our "Construction for All" programme which helps more women and members of the black and minority ethnic community develop their careers in construction. A stark illustration of our commitment to diversity is that City Building now employs one-in-four female craft apprentices in Scotland.

## **Repairs and Maintenance Division**

Following a strong year for the Repairs and Maintenance Division, where turnover has increased from £117m to £121.6m, Glasgow City Council and the Wheatley Group entered into a working 50/50 joint venture effective from 1 April 2017 which will provide improved services to tens of thousands of householders across the city for the next three decades.

The stability this ground-breaking model will deliver also enables both organisations to invest for the long-term benefit of customers and employees, securing the future of 2,000 skilled workers and the creation of a further 2,000 apprenticeships in the decades ahead.

In financial terms, a guaranteed 30 years of secured works worth £3.7 billion will generate a further £225 million for the city's wider economy every year.

At the forefront of everything we do is a clear responsibility to set new standards of efficiency and accountability. That's why we've been working hard to align services, processes and standards with internal Glasgow City Council departments. We're also working much closer with our ALEO (arm's length organisation) colleagues at City Property LLP and Glasgow Life to ensure we help deliver significant on-going savings and service improvements to Glasgow City Council.

As well as providing day-to-day maintenance, City Building also provides a facility management service including lift and alarm maintenance and installation services, asbestos and legionella identification and removal services.

These vital and specialist services are now increasingly being delivered with the help of mobile technology. This focus on improving efficiency and service has resulted in customer satisfaction levels of 97%.

We have the necessary skills and knowledge to undertake traditional stonemasonry building conservation projects and are well placed to build on the success of previous projects undertaken on prestigious high profile landmark buildings in Glasgow.

In addition, we lead by example in terms of our environmental strategy and addressing our own carbon footprint. Our strategy is annually reviewed and ensures our legal compliance, particularly with SEPA regulated Pollution Prevention and Control permits and waste management licences. Our Environmental Management System is accredited to ISO 14001:2004 and audited by British Standards Institution.

## Manufacturing Division - RSBi

RSBi is one of the most forward-thinking social enterprises in the UK, combining commercial success with socially inclusive practices. It employs 260 people, 50% of whom have a disability, including HM Forces veterans from recent conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq.

RSBi experienced an increase in turnover to £27.2m (2016 - £25.0m), an 8.8% increase, mainly due to reaching new clients requiring furniture manufacturing and installations. Our continuing strategy of investing in people, plant and equipment enables us to supply an enormous range of quality products at a competitive price, underpinning the success of the business as a whole.

As well as manufacturing high quality kitchens, school and office furniture, windows and curtain walling, the timber kits manufactured by RSBi are integral to the construction of new houses, schools, care units and offices built by the Construction Division.

New projects secured in the past year include several commissions within the student accommodation market, furniture supply to the NHS including new Health Centres, Scottish Enterprise, Scottish Prison Service and Scottish Fire & Rescue.

As the new Scottish Welfare Fund arrangements are now managed by Glasgow City Council, RSBi is pleased to have been chosen as a major supplier under this contract, providing furniture and white goods to some of the most vulnerable people in Scottish society.

The Scottish Government established a national framework for supported factories and businesses to provide products and services to the Scottish public sector and RSBi was successful in two Lots. This framework has already opened up new markets for RSBi and activity levels have increased.

It's a reflection of the scale of our commitment to this important sector that RSBi employs 32% of all 16–24 year-olds working for supported businesses in Scotland.

RSBi was the first supported business in Scotland to secure the Scottish Government's Scottish Business Pledge accreditation recognising fair working practices.

### **Corporate Services Division**

The 324 apprentices employed at our SQA-accredited training centre at Queenslie underpin much of the work carried out by our Construction and Repair & Maintenance Divisions, and the outstanding quality of the training they receive enhances their career prospects for decades to come.

With an apprentice "pass out rate" of 94% in the past year, almost a third above the national sector average, our apprenticeship programme is one of the most highly rated in the country. However, it is only one element of the investment we make in our people, which also covers degree and post-graduate qualifications.

In the past year alone, we have carried out 50,000 hours of training across a myriad of disciplines, from construction, health & safety and manual handling to scaffold inspections, asbestos awareness and first aid and fire wardens.

Our inclusive approach to community engagement is not just the 'right' thing to do, but also makes business sense. In all major projects, we actively involve local people in our decision-making processes – after all, they are the ones who will be benefitting from these projects for years to come. Not only do we provide local employment, apprenticeships and sponsorship of local projects and events but we also undertake community-based apprenticeship projects, further strengthening the links between our workforce and our customers.

This year, 73 communities, charities and third sector organisations benefitted from our work, including numerous community apprentice projects undertaken for local charities, projects and community organisations and 100 school pupils gaining work experience in construction and manufacturing. In addition, we have contributed £30,000 to corporate charities and our employee-led charity fundraising raised £14,657.70 which included "Pay for a Day" running costs at Marie Curie Hospice, Glasgow as part of our 10-year corporate anniversary as well as helping to support 19 individual charities.

## Risk Management

City Building applies a significant level of corporate governance to the management of business risk and has in place a formal structured risk review process. The risk register is a live document and quarterly reviews are reported to Glasgow City Council and through our own Audit Committee, which is chaired by an elected Board member.

The stability of the UK construction market appears to have improved over the year and our previous concerns with regard to the viability of sub-contractors has diminished. We have recently established a new framework to supply more than 70 construction and trades services involving 136 Glasgow-based companies, with 82.5% of the successful businesses described as SMEs (small-medium sized businesses).

The Repairs and Maintenance sectors will continue to be driven in part by efforts to reduce energy costs by the installation of energy efficient measures and/or renewable energy generation technologies and City Building is well placed to take advantage of any opportunities in this area.

In addition, we are continually engaged in seeking out new business development opportunities to bolster current contracts.

City Building has worked hard to ensure our cash management procedures are rigorous enough to enable us to manage this resource effectively and we are pleased to report that financial projections forecast a further cash positive position for the forthcoming financial year.

Regular reviews of our business operations and procedures are undertaken by our own Internal Audit Team and those of Glasgow City Council, the results of which are reported to the Audit Committee and subsequently to the Board.

### Our Values

City Building is committed to "Building a Sustainable Future" for our clients, partners and employees.

Our mission is to contribute excellence in construction, repairs, maintenance, manufacturing and training to customers, our employees, suppliers and the local communities in which we work.

Our unique social ethos will continue to underpin everything we do and will drive the creation of training and employment opportunities for a diverse range of people, including minority and other under-represented groups across Glasgow and beyond.

We will continue to contribute to build a better society by using socially inclusive practices, and delivering effective, accountable products and services which offer value for money and enhance the quality of life, safety and wellbeing of our stakeholders.

Our values, which are embraced by all employees, are:

Excellence: to deliver quality in everything we do.

Honesty: to promote, at all times, honesty in our communication with all

stakeholders, promoting partnerships and sustainability.

Ambition: to do more for our clients and partners and provide more

opportunities for our employees and stakeholders as part of our change and growth strategies, succession planning and sustainability.

Trust: to be trusted by our employees, clients and partners.

Community: to build more sustainable communities through social, economic and

community engagement.

### **Corporate Social Responsibility**

"Building a Sustainable Future" is more than a trite slogan for us. We are acutely aware that we're providing valuable skills to the workforce of tomorrow and generating sustainable economic and social benefits in our local communities and beyond. Our strong focus on continuous training for all employees, including apprentices and tradespeople, will help us to develop responsible citizens for the future.

City Building is committed to:

- Delivering lasting employment opportunities to local people, including those with a disability and / or from minority groups.
- Engaging directly with local community groups, housing associations and other agencies to ensure we maximise opportunities to improve local areas and overall wellbeing.

- Continuing our work on youth citizenship programmes to deliver positive communities.
- Investing in green technologies to ensure the future of both our workforce and the environment.
- Increasing the number of apprentices and tradespeople trained in renewable technologies to ensure we have a multi-skilled workforce for the future.
- Combining commercial success with socially and environmentally responsible practices to give life changing opportunities to those far removed from the labour market.
- Working in partnership with a range of organisations including RNIB, Glasgow's Helping Heroes and the Ministry of Defence to ensure that people of all abilities are encouraged to reach their full potential.

Our strong commitment to sustainable development will ensure that we continue to leave positive and lasting legacies for future generations in local communities across the city.

## **Investment for New Business Development**

City Building is committed to investing in the business to support its development and growth. In line with other construction companies, we ensure our marketing budget is directed towards increasing new business opportunities.

#### Outlook 2017/18

The Members are of the considered opinion that the core business operations continue to be in a position to deliver a profitable outcome for the forthcoming financial year. The joint venture with the Wheatley Group will in particular bring new opportunities.

With both a highly skilled workforce and a strong, experienced management team, City Building (Glasgow) is confident it will continue to secure work through the 2017/18 financial year and that it will continue to deliver operational and financial success for both itself and its clients. This will in turn result in a further increased return of profits to Glasgow City Council and Wheatley Housing Group Limited.

#### **Transactions with members**

No remuneration of members occurred during the period. The members' share in the profit or loss for the period is accounted for as an allocation of profits, with unallocated profits and losses included within Other Reserves. City Building transacts with one of its members, Glasgow City Council, through its Construction and Repair and Maintenance Divisions.

In accordance with the Operating Agreement between the LLP and Glasgow City Council, and in line with previous years, the annual discount to Glasgow City Council, £9.07m (2016 - £5.29m), was provided for within these accounts in respect of the profits made on contracts and services provided during the year.

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### Disclosure of information to Auditor

The Members who held office at the date of approval of this Members report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Partnership's auditor are unaware, and each Member has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a Member to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

#### **Auditor**

Pursuant to Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, the auditor will be deemed to be reappointed and KPMG LLP will therefore continue in office.

The financial statements were authorised for issue on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

Approved by the members and signed by

Morag Johnston

For and on behalf of

Glasgow City Council Designated member

31st August, 2017

Registered number: SO300990

# Statement of members' responsibilities in respect of the Members' Report and the financial statements

The members are responsible for preparing the Members' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The Limited Liability Partnerships (Accounts and Audit) (Application of Companies Act 2006) Regulations 2008 require the members to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the members have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

Under Regulation 8 of the Limited Liability Partnerships (Accounts and Audit) (Application of Companies Act 2006) Regulations 2008 the members must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the LLP and of the profit or loss of the LLP for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the members are required to:

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

Under Regulation 6 of the Limited Liability Partnerships (Accounts and Audit) (Application of Companies Act 2006) Regulations 2008, the members are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the LLP's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the LLP and enable them to ensure that its financial statements comply with those regulations. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the LLP and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The members are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the LLP's website. Legislation in the UK governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

## Independent auditor's report to the members of City Building (Glasgow) LLP

We have audited the financial statements of City Building (Glasgow) LLP for the year ended 31 March 2017 set out on pages 14 to 31. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and UK Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

This report is made solely to the members of the limited liability partnership (LLP), as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006, as required by Regulation 39 of the Limited Liability Partnerships (Accounts and Audit) (Application of Companies Act 2006) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the LLP's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the LLP and the LLP's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

## Respective responsibilities of members and auditor

As explained more fully in the Members' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 11, the members are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit, and express an opinion on, the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

## Scope of the audit of the financial statements

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the Financial Reporting Council's website at <a href="https://www.frc.org.uk/auditscopeukprivate">www.frc.org.uk/auditscopeukprivate</a>.

### **Opinion on financial statements**

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view, of the state of affairs of the LLP as at 31 March 2017 and of its loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 as applied to limited liability partnerships by the Limited Liability Partnerships (Accounts and Audit) (Application of Companies Act 2006) Regulations 2008.

## Independent auditor's report to the members of City Building (Glasgow) LLP

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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 as applied to limited liability partnerships 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
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Andrew Shaw (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants
319 St Vincent Street
Glasgow
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1 September 2017

# Profit and Loss Account and other comprehensive income for the year ended 31 March 2017

•	Note		
		31 March 2017 £000	31 March 2016 £000
Turnover Cost of sales	2	219,231 (211,027)	208,440 (195,999)
Gross profit Administrative expenses	3	8,204 (13,154)	12,441 (18,471)
Operating (loss) Other interest receivable and similar income Interest payable and similar charges	<i>4</i> 6	(4,950) 16 (706)	(6,030) 18 (5,211)
(Loss) on ordinary activities before and after taxation being profit for the financial year before members' remuneration and profit shares		(5,640)	(11,223)
Members' remuneration charged as an expense	8	-	-
(Loss) for the financial year available for discretionary division among members		(5,640)	(11,223)
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# Other Comprehensive Income for year ended 31 March 2017

	2017 £000	2016 £000
(Loss) for the year	(5.040)	(44.000)
Other comprehensive income	<u>(5,640)</u>	<u>(11,223)</u>
Re-measurement of the net defined benefit liability (asset)	(29,565)	148,327
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of income tax	(29,565)	148,327
Total comprehensive income for the year	(35,205)	137,104

All of the LLP's operations are classed as continuing.

There is no difference between the (loss) on ordinary activities before taxation and the retained loss for the period stated above and their historical cost equivalents.

Balance Sheet at 31 March 2017			
at 31 Watch 2017	Note	2017	2016
		£000	£000
Fixed assets	9	1,982	2,443
Current assets			
Stock and work in process	10	1,876	2,673
Debtors Cash in hand and in bank	11	34,093 6,890	39,105 4,226
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		42,859	46,004
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(44,061)	(45,011)
Net current (liabilities)/ assets		(1,202)	993
Total assets less current liabilities		780	3,436
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	13	(44)	(346)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	14	(735)	(2,149)
Net assets before pension fund (deficit)		1	941
Pension fund (deficit)	16	(51,271)	(17,006)
Net (liabilities)		(51,270)	(16,065)
Members' interest			
Members' capital		1	1
Other reserves		(51,271)	(16,066)
Members' deficit		(51,270)	(16,065)

These financial statements were approved by the members on  $30^{\text{th}}$  August 2017 and were signed on their behalf by:

Morag Johnston
For and on behalf of

Glasgow City Council
Designated member

Registered number:

SO300990

31st August 2017

# **Statement of Changes in Equity**

	Members capital £000	Pension reserves £000	Other reserves £000	Total equity £000
Balance at 1 April 2015	1	(149,067)	(4,103)	(153,169)
Total comprehensive income for the period Profit or (Loss)	-	-	(11,223)	(11,223)
Other comprehensive income	-	148,327	-	148,327
Total comprehensive income for the period		148,327	(11,223)	137,104
Balance at 31 March 2016	1	(740)	(15,326)	(16,065)
	Members capital £000	Pension reserves £000	Other reserves £000	Total equity £000
Balance at 1 April 2016	capital	reserves	reserves	£000
Balance at 1 April 2016  Total comprehensive income for the period Profit or (Loss)	capital £000	reserves £000	reserves £000	£000
Total comprehensive income for the period	capital £000	reserves £000	reserves £000 (15,326)	<b>£000</b> (16,065)
Total comprehensive income for the period Profit or (Loss)	capital £000	(740)	reserves £000 (15,326)	£000 (16,065) (5,640)

#### **Notes**

## (forming part of the financial statements)

## 1 Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the Limited Liability Partnership's financial statements.

## Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards under the historical cost accounting rules and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'accounting by limited liability partnerships' ("LLP SORP").

These financial statements were prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard* applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102") as issued in August 2014. The amendments to FRS 102 issued in July 2015 and effective immediately have been applied.

The LLP's financial statements are fully consolidated into the group financial statements prepared and published by Glasgow City Council. This entitles the LLP to use the exemption from the preparation of a cashflow statement and related noted, and key management personnel compensation as stated in FRS 102.

As the LLP is a wholly owned subsidiary of Glasgow City Council, the LLP has taken advantage of the exemption contained in FRS 102 and has therefore not disclosed transactions or balances with entities which form part of the group as related parties.

The LLP has taken advantage of the exemption allowed in s400 of the Companies Act 2006 to prepare group accounts incorporating the results of its subsidiary undertaking City Building (Glasgow) LLP, as the results of the LLP and its subsidiary are consolidated into its ultimate parent undertaking, Glasgow City Council, details of which are provided in note 18.

The accounting policies set out below have, unless otherwise stated, been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements.

#### Measurement convention

The financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis.

## Going concern

The LLP has net liabilities of £51.3 million at the balance sheet date. These arise from its obligations in respect of the inclusion of Strathclyde Pension Fund liabilities of £51.3 million which fall due in future years in accordance with the accounting treatment required by IAS19 `retirement benefits'. The net pension fund liability is dependent on market economic conditions and represents the specific circumstances as at the balance sheet date.

The LLP is, required to service the annual cash contributions payable to the pension scheme. These are determined every three years as a result of the formal triennial actuarial valuation. The next formal valuation is due as at 31 March 2017. Based on the LLP's business plan for the short to medium term, management are of the view that the trading performance of the LLP will be such as to enable the LLP to continue to meet the annual contributions to the pension fund as they fall due. In the longer term, beyond the scope of the next triennial actuarial valuation, as the LLP participates in a multi-employer local government pension scheme, any actions to address the longer term funding position in respect of the LLP will necessarily be undertaken in conjunction with the parent members, Glasgow City Council and Wheatley Housing Group Ltd, who are also a participant members in the Strathclyde Pension Fund.

Accordingly, it has been considered appropriate to continue to adopt a going concern basis for the preparation of these financial statements because the members believe that the LLP will generate sufficient profits and maintain net current assets to meet its ongoing trading requirements.

## 1. Accounting policies

#### **Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the LLP has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

## Members' remuneration and allocation of profits

Members are not remunerated by the LLP. A member's share in the profit or loss for the accounting period if accounted for as an allocation of profits. Unallocated profits and losses are included within 'other reserves'.

## Members' capital

The capital requirements of the LLP are determined from time to time by the members. No interest is paid on capital.

#### Value added tax

The LLP is registered for VAT purposes. Irrecoverable VAT is charged to the relevant expenditure category or included in the capitalised purchase cost of fixed assets. Where output tax is charged or input VAT is recoverable, the amounts are stated net of VAT.

#### Leases

Assets acquired under finance leases are capitalised and the outstanding future lease obligations are shown in creditors. Operating lease rentals are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

#### Fixed Assets

In accordance with parent company guidelines, tangible assets purchased in excess of the de-minimus level of £6,000 are included in the balance sheet as fixed assets and held at cost less depreciation.

### Depreciation

In line with the accounting policies of the parent organisation, depreciation is applied in the year from 1 April based on asset based on cost valuations as at 31 March of the previous financial year. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis and the useful life of an asset is deemed to be:

I.T. Systems	5 years
Plant and Equipment	10 years
Fixtures and Fittings	10 years
Buildings	10 years

Assets disposed of, or taken out of use, will be fully written off in year of disposal or removal from use.

#### **Taxation**

Taxation on all partnership profits is solely the personal liability of individual members. Consequently neither taxation nor related deferred taxation arising in the LLP are accounted for in these financial statements.

## Turnover recognition

Turnover from contracts and other services rendered is included to the extent of the completion of the contract or service concerned. Income received in advance is included in the balance sheet within creditors: amounts falling due within one year. Turnover includes services provided to the LLP's sister company, City Building (Contracts) LLP, in accordance with a call-off agreement.

## Long-term contracts

The amount of profit attributable to the stage of completion of a long term contract is recognised when the outcome of the contract can be foreseen with reasonable certainty. Turnover for such contracts is stated at the cost appropriate to their stage of completion plus attributable profits, less amounts recognised in previous accounting periods. Provision is made for any losses as soon as they are foreseen.

Contract work in progress is stated as costs incurred, less those transferred to the profit and loss account, after deducting reasonable losses and payments on account not matched with turnover.

Amounts recoverable on contracts are included in debtors and represent turnover recognised in excess of payments on account.

#### Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value in line with the requirements of FRS102.

#### Retirement benefits

All existing and new members of staff have the option of joining the defined benefit pension scheme; Strathclyde Pension Fund ("the Fund"). A defined benefit plan is a

post-employment benefit plan other than a defined contribution plan. The LLP's net obligation in respect of defined benefit plans is calculated by estimating the amount of future benefit that employees have earned in return for their service in the current and prior periods; that benefit is discounted to determine its present value. The fair value of any plan assets is deducted. The LLP determines the net interest expense/ (income) on the net defined benefit liability/ (asset) for the period by applying the discount rate as determined at the beginning of the annual period to the net defined benefit liability/ (asset) taking account of changes arising as a result of contributions and benefit payments. Assets and liabilities of the Fund are held separately from those of the LLP. The discount rate is the yield at the balance sheet date on AA credit rated bonds denominated in the currency of, and having maturity dates approximating to the terms of the Fund's obligations. A valuation is performed annually by a qualified actuary using the projected unit credit method. The LLP recognises net defined benefit plan assets to the extent that it is able to recover the surplus either through reduced contributions in the future or through refunds from the plan.

Changes in the net defined benefit liability arising from employee service rendered during the period, net interest on net defined benefit liability, and the cost of plan introductions, benefit changes, curtailments and settlements during the period are recognised in profit or loss.

Remeasurement of the net defined benefit liability/asset is recognised in other comprehensive income in the period in which it occurs.

#### 2. Turnover

Turnover which is net of VAT, is included to the extent of the completion of the contract or service supplied under the principal activities of the LLP. It is stated after inclusion, in accordance with the Operating Agreement between the LLP and Glasgow City Council, of an annual discount to Glasgow City Council which amounted to £9,066,000 (2015-: £5,285,000). The annual discount on turnover flows through to gross profit.

# 3 Gross profit

The activities of the LLP are broken down as follows:

	Construction Activities	Repairs & Maintenance Activities	Other Activities	Manufacturing	Total
Year ended 31 March 2017	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Turnover Total Sales Inter segment sales	69,016 (4,784)	124,026 (2,423)	6,247 (7)	27,726 (570)	227,015 (7,784)
Sales to third parties	64,232	121,603	6,240	27,156	219,231
Gross profit Segment profit Common administrative costs  Operating (loss) Net interest (Loss) before taxation	2,293	5,300	36	<b>575</b>	8,204 (13,154) (4,950) (690) (5,640)
Total Assets Segment assets Unallocated assets Unallocated liabilities Total net liabilities	15,555	15,480	1,300	2,303	34,638 10,139 (96,047) (51,270)

Assets attributed to the business segments comprise fixed assets, stock, trade receivables and unbilled amounts for work done. Cash is controlled centrally and is not allocated across functions. There is no internal reporting or liabilities by business segment; hence no segmental disclosures are given.

Year ended 31 March 2016	Construction Activities £000	Repairs & Maintenance Activities £000	Other Activities £000	Manufacturing £000	Total £000
Turnover Total Sales Inter segment sales	61,214 (2,235)	119,068 (2,040)	7,354 (12)	26,494 (1,403)	214,130 (5,690)
Sales to third parties	58,979	117,028	7,342	25,091	208,440
Gross profit Segment profit / (loss) Common administrative costs  Operating profit / (loss) Net interest (Loss) before taxation	3,694	7,492	18	1,237 - -	12,441 (18,471) (6,030) (5,193) (11,223)
Total Assets Segment assets Unallocated assets Unallocated liabilities Total net liabilities	9,040	25,573	1,624	3,999	40,236 8,211 (64,512) (16,065)

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# Notes (continued)

4	Operating loss		
		2017	2016
		£000	£000
Opera	ting (loss) is stated after charging:		

Operating lease payments - Depreciation and other amounts written off fixed assets	1,109	1,150
·	618	478
Auditor's remuneration -	40	40
- tax services		

## 5 Staff numbers and cost

The average number of persons employed by the LLP during the year, analysed by category, was as follows:

	2017 Number	2016 Number
Direct operatives Administration	2,057 174 2,231	2,076 193 2,269
	2017 £000	2016 £000
Staff costs for the above persons were:		
Wages and salaries Social security costs Pension costs	62,682 5,811 13,743 82,236	63,168 4,481 15,671 83,320
6 Other interest receivable and similar income		
	2017 £000	2016 £000
Other interest receivable	<u>16</u> 16	<u>18</u>

7	Other	interest	payable	and	similar	charges
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	2017 £000	2016 £000
Finance leases Interest on defined benefit scheme obligation Expected return on pension assets	23 13,231 (12,548)	28 16,279 (11,096)
	706	5,211

#### 8 Particulars of members

Raw materials and consumables

The number of members of the LLP for the year was two. No remuneration was paid to either member.

## 9 Fixed assets

9 Fixed assets	Land & Buildings £000	Plant & Equipment £000	Total £000
Cost At 1 April 2016 Additions	450	4,193 156	4,643 156
At 31 March 2017	450	4,349	4,799
<b>Depreciation</b> At 1 April 2016 Charge for the year	360 90	1,840 527	2,200 617
At 31 March 2017	450	2,367	2,817
Net book value At 31 March 2017		1,982	1,982
At 31 March 2016	90	2,353	2,443
Finance Lease Fixed assets stated above include assets held under finance leases as	s follows:		
	2017 £000		2016 £000
At Cost Depreciation	1,097 (702)	· –	1,097 (588)
	395		509
10 Stock and work in progress			
	2017 £000		2016 £000

2,673

1,876

11	Debtors		
		2017	2016
		£000	£000
Trade o	lebtors	498	724
	ts owed by parent	19,590	11,407
	ts owed by other group undertakings	10,756	22,989
	idded tax	2,273	2,476
Prepay	ments and accrued income	976	1,509
	<u>-</u>	34,093	39,105
12	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2017	2016
		£000	£000
Trade o	creditors	13,968	21,022
	ts owed to parent	11,663	7,088
	ts owed to other group undertakings	180	157
	axation and social security	1,597	1,239
	reditors	1,433	1,435
	s and deferred income	15,220	14,070
	-	44,061	45,011
13 year	Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one		
		2017	2016
		£000	£000
Obligat	ions under finance leases	-	241
Loan	-	44	105
	=	44	346
The ma	aturity of obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contra	acts is as	
l ess th	an one year	346	278
1-2 yea	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	<del>-</del>	241
2-5 yea		_	Z-71 -
Over 5			
		346	519
	<u>-</u>	340	313

## 14 Provisions for liabilities and charges

	Total £000
Balance at beginning of period Utilised during the period Released to profit and loss account	2,149 - (1,414)
Additions in provision during the period	735

Provisions relate to warranty on certain works and estimates for potential holiday obligations arising from changes to the Employment Rights Act 1996.

## 15 Operating lease commitments

At 31 March 2017, the LLP has annual commitments under operating leases as follows:

	2017 £000	2016 £000
For leases expiring:		
Within one year Within two to five years Over five years	185 91 806	650 371 39
	1,082	1,060

## 16. Pension costs

The information disclosed below is in respect of the LLP's share of assets and liabilities within the Strathclyde Pension Fund, in which it is a participating employer. The latest full actuarial valuation was carried out as at 31 March 2014.

	2017 £000	2016 £000
Present value of funded defined benefit obligations Fair value of plan assets	(476,230) 431,888	(357,614) 346,703
Present value of unfunded defined benefit obligations	(44,342) (6,928)	(10,911) (6,095)
Net (liability)	(51,270)	(17,006)
Movements in present value of defined benefit obligation	2017 £000	2016 £000
At 1 April Current service cost Interest cost Contributions by scheme participants Actuarial losses/ (gains) arising from changes in financial assumptions Actuarial losses/ (gains) arising from changes in demographic assumptions	363,709 13,542 13,231 3,062 97,871	488,580 14,732 16,279 2,686 (148,373)
Other Past service cost (including curtailments) Estimated benefits paid	119 30 (8,406)	(2,302) - (7,893)
At 31 March	483,158	363,709

## 16 Pension costs (continued)

Movements in fair value of plan assets were as follows:

Movements in fair value of plan assets were as follows:		
·	2017 £000	2016 £000
At 1 April	346,703	334,558
Interest Income	12,548	11,096
Re-measurement: return on plan assets less interest income	68,425	(2,348)
Contributions by employer	9,556	8,604
Contributions by members	3,062	2,686
Benefits paid	(8,406)	(7,893)
Deficite paid		
At 31 March	431,888	346,703
Expenses recognised in the profit and loss account:	2017	2016
	£000	£000
Current service cost	13,572	14,732
Past service cost	· -	-
Net interest on defined benefit pension plan obligation	683	5,183
At 31 March	14,255	19,915
At 91 March		
The expense is recognised in the following line items in the profit and loss a		
	2017	2016
	£000	£000
Administrative expenses	13,572	14,732
Other interest payable and similar charges	683	5,183
	14,255	19,915

The total amount recognised in Other Comprehensive Income in respect of actuarial gains and (losses) is (£29,565) (2016- £148,327).

### 16 Pension costs (continued)

The fair value of the plan assets and the return on those assets were as follows:

·	Fair value	
	2017	2016
	£000	£000
Equities	339,263	255,195
Corporate bonds	24,253	42,315
Property	52,102	37,246
Other	16,270	11,947
	431,888	346,703
Actual return on plan assets	68,425	(2,348)
Actual return on plan assets	00,423	(2,340)

Principal actuarial assumptions (expressed as weighted averages) at the year-end were as follows:

	<b>2017</b> %	2016 <b>%</b>
Discount rate	2.7	3.6
Expected rate of return on plan assets	2.7	3.2
Future salary increases	2.1	2.4
Inflation/pension increase rate	2.4	2.4

In valuing the liabilities of the pension fund at 31 March 2017, mortality assumptions have been made as indicated below.

Last full actuarial valuation was performed on 31 March 2014

The assumptions relating to longevity underlying the pension liabilities at the balance sheet date are based on standard actuarial mortality tables and include an allowance for future improvements in longevity. The assumptions are equivalent to expecting a 65 year old to live for a number of years as follows:

- Salary increases are expected to be 1% p.a. up to and including 2021/22 and 2.7% p.a. thereafter
- Current pensioner aged 65: 22.1 years (male), 23.6 years (female)
- Future retiree upon reaching 65: 24.8 years (male), 26.2 years (female)

## 16 Pension costs (continued)

## History of plans

The history of the plans for the current and prior periods is as follows:

The history of the plans for the current and pr	2017	2016	2015	2014
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Present value of scheme liabilities	(483,158)	(363,709)	(488,580)	(391,246)
Fair value of scheme assets	431,888	346,703	334,588	288,258
Netseet	(54.070)	(47,000)	(450,000)	(400,000)
Net asset	(51,270)	(17,006)	(153,992)	(102,988)

The LLP expects to contribute approximately £9,268,000 to its defined benefit plan in the next financial year.

#### 17. Post balance sheet events

On 31 March 2017, the LLP entered into various agreements with Glasgow City Council, GCC LLP Investments Ltd and Wheatley Housing Group Ltd to the effect that GCC LLP Investments Ltd ceased to be a member of the LLP and Wheatley Housing Group Ltd became a new member forming a 30 year 50/50 joint venture with Glasgow City Council, effective from 1 April 2017.

## 18 Ultimate parent organisation

The LLP's ultimate parent undertaking during the financial year was Glasgow City Council, one of its designated members, as this is the largest group into which the results of the LLP are consolidated. The consolidated group financial statements of Glasgow City Council may be obtained from its registered office at the City Chambers, Glasgow, G2 1DU.

## 19 Accounting estimates and judgements

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

The LLP believes that there is estimation uncertainty within the defined benefit pension liability which may materially affect the financial results.

Critical accounting judgements in applying the LLP's accounting policies

The LLP uses an expert to be able to make critical accounting judgements to aid the estimation of the pension liability.