Company No. 04948659

# Barnet Homes Limited Annual Report and Financial Statements Year ended 31 March 2021

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# 1. Company Information

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#### 2. Report of the Directors

The Board of Directors is pleased to present the financial statements of Barnet Homes Limited for the year ended 31 March 2021.

## Principal activities

Barnet Homes Limited (the 'Company') is an Arms Length Management Organisation (ALMO) owned indirectly by the London Borough of Barnet (the 'Council') via TheBarnetGroup Limited, which commenced its operations on 1 April 2004. The Council has delegated the management of its housing stock to the Company under Section 27 of the Housing Act 1985 (as amended by the Housing and Urban Development Act 1993). Under that delegation the Company is responsible for the following functions:

- Maintenance of the Council's residential stock including stock investment decisions and procurement, planned maintenance and responsive repairs;
- Housing management of the Council's residential stock, including rent collection, leasehold management, enforcement of tenancy and lease conditions, managing voids and estate management;
- Homelessness assessments, acceptances and procurement of property;
- Home ownership services;
- Calculation and collection of leasehold charges;
- Financial management of some aspects of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA);
- Tenant involvement and resident participation.

The original ten year management agreement expired on 31 March 2014 and continuation of the services was agreed via a one year delivery plan for the year 2015/16. In June 2015, the London Borough of Barnet's Housing Committee approved the Heads of Terms for a new 10 year management agreement which came into effect on 1 April 2016.

Barnet Homes Limited is a subsidiary of TheBarnetGroup Limited, a wholly owned local authority trading Company of London Borough of Barnet. Barnet Homes Limited became part of TheBarnetGroup Limited on 1 February 2012. TheBarnetGroup Limited acts as an agent for Barnet Homes Limited in transacting with the Council. In substance, the Company operates as an ALMO in line with its original structure on 1 April 2004, but is under the direct ownership of TheBarnetGroup Limited. The London Borough of Barnet is the ultimate controlling party.

#### Results for the year

The Company recorded a deficit of £2.462m (2020: £3.221m deficit) before the actuarial loss on the pension scheme of £13.048m (2020: £4.879m actuarial gain).

The reserves of the Company are:

Reserves £000	31 March 2021	31 March 2020
Pension fund	(50,330)	(35,049)
Revenue reserve (excluding IAS 19 provisions)	1,333	1,562
Retained earnings	(48,997)	(33,487)

# **Directors**

The names of the Directors who served during the year can be found on page 2.

#### Stakeholder engagement

Engaging with our stakeholders is key to our success and delivering our strategy. We have various mechanisms that enable the Board and management to understand and consider stakeholder views as part of their decision-making process. The key stakeholder groups and the ways in which we engage with then are set out below:

Customers- Barnet Homes has had a Performance Advisory Group for many years. During the year this was transitioned to a Resident Board, the Chair of this group is a member of the Barnet Homes and TheBarnetGroup Board ensuring a 'seamless' line of communication from residents and customers up to the Board. Residents were involved in this transition process at all times.

Suppliers- we work with suppliers that support us to deliver safe and high-quality products and services to our customers. We aim to have an open, constructive and effective relationship with all suppliers, including site visits by our staff.

Shareholder- regular meetings with London Borough of Barnet (the ultimate shareholder) take place with Executives and the Chair of the Board. Officers of the Council also attend all Group Board meetings in addition to the nominated Board members.

Employees- the Company recognises the need for effective communications with employees to encourage involvement in the Company's performance and achieve common awareness of any factors affecting performance. Appropriate policies and procedures have been developed for the Company. We involve and listen to employees to maintain strong employee engagement and retain talented people. We consult staff and their Trade Union representatives on significant issues, an example this year was the restructure of some services such that all customer interactions would be via a 'single point of contact'. The Chief Executive hosts virtual meetings for all staff to attend and can ask questions. These meetings are recorded and available for all staff to access at a later date.

# 3<sup>rd</sup> party indemnity provision for Directors

Directors are provided with indemnity insurance procured through TheBarnetGroup Limited for Personal Accident, and Directors' and Officers' indemnity.

#### Disabled persons

Barnet Homes Limited is committed to equality and diversity and our goal is to embed it into our practices and everything we do. We want to ensure that all of the people we support receive the best possible service and that everyone is supported to develop and achieve to the best of their abilities.

Our objective is to ensure that services are provided fairly to all the people we support and that all of the people we support have equal opportunities.

For the people we support, we:

- Treat all of the people we support with dignity and respect;
- Consult and involve the people we support in planning the delivery of services;
- Engage with hard to reach groups to get their views;
- Target our services in a person centred way to ensure our service reflect the needs of the people we support.

# **Employee information**

We aim to achieve and promote equality of opportunity in all aspects of our recruitment, training, policies and practice and to facilitate a working environment where employees feel safe, supported, able to challenge, feel engaged with the organisation and where any discrimination is dealt with effectively.

As an employer we:

- Take positive action to develop a workforce that reflects the people we support;
- Ensure that all employees are supported to develop and grow to the best of their ability;
- Value the contribution our employees make toward achieving our objectives;
- Ensure that all our existing and future employees have equal opportunities.

#### Charitable donations

No charitable donations were made by the Company for the year ended 31 March 2021 (2020: £nil).

# **EU Political donations and expenditure**

No political donations or expenditure were made for the year ended 31 March 2021 (2020: £nil).

# Donations to non-EU political parties

No political donations or expenditure were made for the year ended 31 March 2021 (2020: £nil).

# Payment policy

The Company pays suppliers where possible within suppliers' credit terms. Payments to suppliers were made on average within 26 days of receipt of the invoice (2020: 30 days).

# **Directors' Remuneration Report**

The Directors are defined as being the Board members of Barnet Homes Limited. The Independent Directors receive emoluments and are entitled to reimbursement of incidental expenses incurred when attending board meetings and other formal events in their capacity as board members. The Independent Directors are not entitled to pension benefits. These are the only transactions with the Independent Directors of the Company. Executive Directors, who are fully employed as officers of the Company, receive pension benefits. Executive Directors' remuneration is disclosed in notes 14.1.1 and 19.2.2 of the financial statements.

#### **Code of Governance**

The Company has adopted the National Housing Federation's 'Code of Governance: Promoting Board Excellence for Housing Associations (2015 edition)' and confirm that the Company complies fully with the Code. The Board has elected to adopt the National Housing Federations Code of Governance 2020 version with effect from 1 April 2021.

# Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Report of the Directors, the Strategic Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law, including FRS 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework'. Under Company law the Directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs and profit or loss of the Company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The Directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

#### The Directors confirm that:

- so far as each Director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware; and
- the Directors have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to
  make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's
  auditor is aware of that information.

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

# Section 172 (1) statement

From the perspective of the Board, as a result of the Group governance structure (whereby the Company Board is embedded within the Group Board), the matters that it is responsible for considering under Section 172 (1) of the Companies Act 2006 ('s172') have been considered to an appropriate extent by the Group Board in relation to the Group and to this Company. The Board has also considered relevant matters where appropriate. To the extent necessary for an understanding of the development, performance and position of the Company, an explanation of how the Group Board has considered the matters set out in s172 (for the Group and for the Company) is set out on page 7 of the Group's annual report, which does not form part of this report.

# Streamline Energy & Carbon Reporting (SECR)

Barnet Homes Limited meets the criteria whereby it is required to comply with SECR. Barnet Homes qualifies as a 'low energy user' as it consumes less than 40MwH per annum of energy and so is not required to make the detailed disclosures required by the legislation.

# **Going Concern**

The Company's business activities, its current financial position and factors likely to affect its future development are set out in the strategic report. In preparing the financial statements on the going concern basis, the Board considered the following:

- Management has prepared forecasts (including monthly cash flows) of expected results (including pension obligations) for the 21 months to March 2023. These demonstrate that the Group has sufficient resources to meet all liabilities as they fall due for the foreseeable future and for at least for the 12 months following the approval of these accounts.
- The key risk to these forecasts are significant increases to costs such as repairs or void costs that have to be met under a fixed value management fee. The other risk is a suspension or termination of the development management or acquisition services Barnet Homes provides to London Borough of Barnet and other Group companies. If the provision of these services is retained, but over a longer period of time (such as the acquisition program), this can be done, within reason.
- That in the event of the implementation of controls and other legislation following the end of the Brexit transition period, the Company has sufficient liquid resources and suitable mitigating actions available in the short, medium and long-term to manage the possible impact of increased inflation and potential increased operating costs.
- That in the event the Covid-19 pandemic results in further 'lockdowns' or other financial or operational issues, Government support and legislation that has been in place to date would continue; but if not, then the Company has sufficient liquid resources and suitable mitigating actions available in the short, medium and long-term to manage the impact on operational and financing activities.
- In line with International Accounting Standard 19, the Company's pension deficit is recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Position and this is stated at £50.330m at 31 March 2021 (2020: £35.049m). However, the London Borough of Barnet has fully guaranteed the Company's pension deficit at the point of its incorporation (on 1 April 2004). International Accounting Standard 19 relates to the assessment of the employer's liability in respect of the pension scheme, which has the impact of increasing or reducing the pension deficit on the Statement of Financial Position. This is an accounting rule which shows the current estimate of future pension costs and has no impact on the Company's current liquidity.
- The London Borough of Barnet has confirmed its intention to offer support to TheBarnetGroup Limited if this is required; such support would then allow TheBarnet Group

to support Barnet Homes Limited to meet its liabilities as they fall due in a scenario where forecasts are materially inaccurate.

The Directors have reviewed the Company's forecasts as described above and on this basis, as well as the London Borough of Barnet's stated intention to support TheBarnetGroup, the Board consider preparation of the Financial Statements on a going concern basis to be appropriate.

#### **Auditor**

Grant Thornton UK LLP has expressed their willingness to remain in office. A resolution to reappoint Grant Thornton UK LLP as auditor will be proposed at the June 2021 Board meeting.

#### Other information

The strategic report below and the remainder of these financial statements, includes important information regarding events after the year-end, Covid-19 and other relevant matter pertinent to the Company and understanding the operations and financial position of the Company. As such the entire Annual report and financial statements document should be read, not only the Report of the Directors.

# Approval and signature

The report of the Directors was approved by the Board on 24 June 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

Eamon McGoldrick, Chair

#### 3. Strategic Report

#### **Principal Risks and Uncertainties**

#### COVID-19

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank all our staff and partners for the huge efforts they have made over the last 12 months to mitigate the negative impacts of the pandemic. Vital services such as repairs and adult social care have been delivered in very difficult circumstances. Despite lockdowns, we have supported rough sleepers and worked hard to keep all our service users safe

The impact on the Group's finances has been minimal, partly due to the support we have received from London Borough of Barnet and the Covid funding they have been able to access. We will work closely with our partners in the coming year to restore full service provision to all the Barnet residents that we serve and continue to maintain financial stability

Some our services require close 'in-person' contact with service users and residents; this has meant risk to our staff. We have followed Public Health Guidance as regards Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) at all times and have benefitted from free PPE via the Government portal. Barnet Homes has also benefitted in the amount of £89,109 from the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (furlough) as administered by HMRC. This has only been done for staff who met the Public Health England criteria to be 'shielding', generally those classified as Clinically Extremely Vulnerable. The Company has 'topped' up all salaries to normal levels and not reduced pay in line with the level of support the furlough scheme offered.

The financial impact on the core property management contract, of the virus in the March 2021 financial year has not been particularly significant as the services Barnet Homes provide have generally continued to be offered, even during lockdown. Some additional costs have been incurred, but have generally been recovered from the Council. Some levels of service have been impacted, primarily due to residents and customers not wanting to grant access to their homes to Barnet Homes staff or partners; generally because these customers were 'shielding'. This has meant 100% compliance at all times has not been achieved and some performance measure targets not being achieved.

The financial impact of the other services Barnet Homes provides such as development services and also managing housing acquisition programs for 3<sup>rd</sup> parties has been affected and financial performance of these services is lower than budgeted. This has though been offset by improved financial performance in other parts of the business, generally from lower levels of property turnover with less residents moving than would typically occur.

# **Operations**

The Company's principal source of income is a fixed management fee from the London Borough of Barnet, which is paid monthly in advance in accordance with the Agreement. The fee is set in advance, and the main risk to the Company is that it is not able to deal with inflationary pressures and the contractual efficiencies in the management fee.

The collection of rents and service charge income does not affect the Company directly, as such payments are made to the Council's Housing Revenue Account (HRA), but it is a key performance measure for the Company.

The number of homes managed under the Agreement continues to reduce. The Council's regeneration programme progressed with 150 properties decanted for regeneration purposes in the year (2020: 50). Right to Buy (RTB) sales amounted to 25 units (2020: 37 units), the reduction compared to prior year was mainly due to Covid.

The continuing high level of demand for housing and the lack of availability of affordable accommodation results in additional General Fund expenditure for temporary accommodation and resource pressures on the Company's services.

The HRA Business Plan has been significantly impacted by the Government Policy of a 1% rent cut each year in the period up to March 2020. The April 2020 and April 2021 rent increases have been as permitted in the Rent Standard, i.e. CPI + 1%.

The Company has a Registered Provider (RP) subsidiary to deliver the first phase of 341 new homes in the borough. The first 199 properties have been completed with the remaining 142 on site and due to be completed in the next couple of years. The business plan for the RP has identified risks associated with property development, construction costs, managing a debt facility, inflation and rent increase assumptions.

The health and safety of the council's residents is of prime importance to the Company. The risks of non-compliance and thus a potential impact on the safety of residents is a significant risk for the Council and thus the Company. Board receives updates on compliance at each Board meeting and management monitor performance on a monthly basis.

During the year, the repairs service and gas services that used to be provided by third parties were transferred to an internal department, this was achieved via a TUPE transfer of staff from contractors plus the recruitment of staff with the appropriate skills to operate a Direct Labour Organisation (DLO). This transfer created a lot of unexpected issues related to the pandemic, such as inductions and training having to be conducted whilst maintaining social distancing, logistical challenges of receiving vehicles for the team there to use and any spare parts and materials. Despite all this, the team has been providing those services that can be delivered, whilst remaining compliant with Government guidance on social distancing and what services are essential.

Despite the UK having left the EU and all transitional arrangements having ended; there is still uncertainty as to what the impact this will have on the business. Covid has meant that a new 'normal' has not been achieved. It is not currently possible to accurately evaluate all the potential impacts on Barnet Homes, its customers, suppliers or the wider economy. Utilising guidance published by the Regulator of Social Housing and other sources, the main areas of risk assessed are supply of materials both for large maintenance works (replacement kitchesns, bathrooms and roofing works as examples) to be done to properties but also day to day repairs. Suppliers and contractors have all provided assurance that they have appropriate supply chain mitigations. Review of these supply chains and their mitigations are reviewed on an ongoing basis and reflected in the Company's risk register.

These risks have been reported to and reviewed by TheBarnetGroup Limited's Audit and Risk Committee during the year.

# **Key financial performance indicators**

#### Overview

The deficit for the year was £2,462,000 (2020: £3,221,000 deficit).

# **Annual Housemark Benchmarking Exercise**

The most recent annual Housemark benchmarking exercise is based on 2019/20 data and compares performance against our peers, including 19 London Councils and Arm's Length Management Organisations (ALMOs). The benchmarking exercise focuses on service area costs, performance and customer satisfaction relating to core housing management functions and does not include aspects of housing options or homelessness or functions considered to be non-core.

# **Cost Per Property Summary**

2019/20 (latest data)	2019/20 Result	2019/20 Rank	2019/20 Quartile	2018/19
Housing management cost per property	£346	1	Q1	£364 (Q1)
Repairs and voids cost per property	£615	1	Q1	£616 (Q1)
Estate services cost per property	£248	2	Q1	£261 (Q1)
Leasehold cost per property	£264	1	Q1	£325 (Q1)

The good results on cost, have not been to the detriment of quality or customer satisfaction. The table below shows the strong performance in various quality performance indicators, which include a few customer satisfaction measures.

# **Quality and Performance**

2019/20 (2018/19)	Upper Quartile	2nd Quartile	Median	3rd Quartile	4th Quartile
Number of	12	8	1	3	2
performance	(10)	(8)	(2)	(4)	(2)
indicators					
% of total	46%	31%	4%	11%	8%
	(38%)	(31%)	(8%)	(15%)	(8%)
	Above Average			Below Av	verage
	77%		4%	19%	0
	(69%)		(8%)	(23%	6)

# Key non-financial performance indicators

The key performance indicators (KPIs) used to monitor achievement of the Company's main objectives are set out on the following pages. The Board and London Borough of Barnet agree targets each year that are designed to manage and deliver continuous improvement as outlined in the management agreement. Not all the key performance indicators impact on the Company's financial results, as they are delivered by the Company for the Council and are mostly accounted for in the HRA. They are however, the key indicators in determining the Company's performance acting in its role as a provider of services for homelessness and housing management on behalf of the Council. Where targets are agreed, these have been shown.

# Allocations and Lettings

Average re-let times in days	2020/21	2019/20
Routine lettings (2020/21 target 20 days)	43.8	15.5
Major works lettings (2020/21 target 56 days)	119.0	78.7

The above table shows the average re-let times performance for the year 2020/21 compared to performance from the previous year.

Performance for the year on both routine lettings and major works lettings was significantly above target due to Covd-19 and the effect this had on staff and contractors being able to carry out works as well as viewings for prospective residents being impacted by national lockdowns and also social distancing requirements.

## **Households in Temporary Accommodation**

	2020/21	2019/20
Number of households in Emergency Temporary Accommodation (ETA) (2020/21 target 225)	229	253
Number of Households in Temporary Accommodation (TA) (2020/21 target 2,250)	2,399	2,467

The number of households in emergency temporary accommodation is obviously not where the Council would like it to be, the numbers continue to reduce compared to last year, but this may be related to the ban on evictions from rented properties. The reduction in the total number of households in all forms of temporary accommodation continued, despite not reaching the target, and this reflects the dedicated work that has been done with rough sleepers as part the 'Everyone In' directive of the Government published during the pandemic.

# Lettings

	2020/21	2019/20
Number of lettings to Barnet Homes managed properties	253	354
Number of regeneration property lettings	35	66
Number of private sector lettings (2020/21 target 615)	647	676

Lettings in general were lower due to the pandemic and generally less customer moves and the Government ban on evictions meant less turnover of residents.

## **Homelessness Preventions**

	2020/21	2019/20
Number of homelessness preventions (2020/21 target 1,250)	1,264	1,221
Number of regeneration decants	150	50

The 1,264 homelessness preventions achieved in the year, despite Covid, is a fantastic achievement, it is an increase on the prior year and ahead of the target. It reflects the hard work of the dedicated teams who worked tirelessly to find solutions to prevent homelessness during the most challenging social environment, with lockdowns and the pandemic, in nearly 100 years.

In 2020/21 BOOST; our team that provides employment and benefit advice in Barnet, moved face to face services and training and support services online. In the year, the team made more than 26,000 personal contacts with clients about employment or benefit support. 487 new clients signed up and 148 clients were helped into employment including 31 under 25s and 2 rough sleepers.

Our Welfare Benefit Advisers delivered 1,469 benefit appointments and worked closely with Barnet Council on support for COVID 19 financial support initiatives including a new pathway for Council Tax support referrals. The team assisted 51 households with COVID 19 Winter Grant and supported the Council's Discretionary Housing Payment team to award more than 1,037 DHP payments

The team signed up 94 residents onto the Make it Click digital support programme and hosted fortnightly webinars that were attended by more than 250 people.

In October 2020 BOOST began working with Shaw Trust to provide training and support service for the JETS programme in Barnet. By March 2021 more than 760 workshops and webinars were delivered with 90% of delegates expressing satisfaction with the quality. BOOST also led the Group's apprenticeship programme and successfully recruited seven local residents into a variety of roles within the Company and have recently worked with service managers to create eight new Kickstart roles supporting the government's youth-focused COVID recovery initiative.

#### **Rent Collection and Arrears**

	31 March 21	31 March 20
Number of tenants in arrears	2,964	3,553
Average arrears	£739	£576
Number of tenants more than 7 weeks in arrears	727	654
Arrears as a percentage of the debit (2020/21 target 3.3%)	3.96%	3.72%

Year-end performance was behind target by an equivalent of £325k on an annual rent roll of £49m, but was only 0.24% off from last years achievement, despite the pandemic. Performance during the year has fluctuated, but the team did fantastic work throughout the year to achieve this result. The most pleasing aspect is that the number of customers in arrears has reduced by nearly 600; though those who are in arrears are not always engaging as we would hope and so average arrears is up. There has also been an increase in tenants more than 7 weeks in arrears, the ban on evictions for most of the last year has meant that some residents are taking advantage of this. Whilst eviction is always the 'last resort', without that ability it can be harder to engage with residents in substantial arrears.

Performance for 2021/22 will be hard to assess until operations return to a more 'normal' way, including legal proceedings where necessary.

# Repairs and Gas servicing

Responsive repairs satisfaction was 84.7% (2020: 84.3%) against a target of 88%. This is arrived at from surveys done for repairs carried out by contractors as well as repairs done by the 'in-house' repairs team. Repairs "first time fix" levels were 81.8%. No target was set for this KPI, as the repairs service TUPE transferred 'in-house' in July 2020 and this metric was being monitored. Whilst the repairs satisfaction score is only marginally better than last year, the pandemic has meant that 2020/21 has been much more challenging to transfer the services than in 'normal' circumstances. Performance and satisfaction levels are all expected to improve in the coming year.

Gas servicing achieved 99.93% compliance in 2020/21, the first time it has not achieved 100% in 4 years. The 6 properties where gas services could not be carried out were all residents who were 'shielding' under Government advice. These properties had their services carried out in April 2021 and as at April 2021 compliance was back to 100%.

# **Major Works Capital Investment Programme**

A total of £27.5m (2020: £30.6m) worth of capital investment works were delivered throughout the year, including £15m (2020: £10m) of fire safety improvement works. This was less than was originally planned for the year, but the types and volume of work undertaken had to be adjusted due to the impacts of Covid.

# Resident Safety (Fire Safety)

	2020/21	2019/20
Scheduled fire risk assessments completed (council housing) on time	92.8%	100%
Percentage of priority 1 and 2 FRA actions completed in period	99.9%	100%

The above two resident safety related indicators were introduced to measure the progress and efficiency of ongoing fire safety measures following the Grenfell Tower fire. Both indicators have a target of 100% though this was not achieved this year due to Covid; though where works were done, this was prioritised based on risk and so works not done were of limited risk.

Good progress was made throughout the year on delivering the £52m fire safety stock improvement programme, with a total of £34.5m being spent by the end of 2020/21. Despite Covid, delivery of the high priority (category one and two) works programme was good throughout the year.

# Approval and signature

The strategic report was approved by the Board on 24 June 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

Eamon McGoldrick, Chair

#### Independent auditor's report to the members of Barnet Homes Limited

# Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Barnet Homes Limited (the 'Company') for the year ended 31 March 2021, which comprise the Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Changes in Equity 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, including Financial Reporting Standard 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 March 2021 and of its loss 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 'Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements' section of our report. We are independent of the 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

We are responsible for concluding on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify the auditor's opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.

In our evaluation of the directors' conclusions, we considered the inherent risks associated with the Company's business model including effects arising from macro-economic uncertainties such as Brexit and Covid-19, we assessed and challenged the reasonableness of estimates made by the directors and the related disclosures and analysed how those risks might affect the Company's financial resources or ability to continue operations over the going concern period.

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 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.

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

The responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the 'Responsibilities of directors for the financial statements' section of this report.

# Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report 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 there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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 strategic report and the report of the directors for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the strategic report and the report of the directorshave been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

# Matter on which we are required to report under the Companies Act 2006

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report or the report of the directors.

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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which 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 directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

# Responsibilities of directors for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement, the directors 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 directors 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 directors are responsible for assessing the 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 directors either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

# Auditor's 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 an auditor's report 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.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <a href="www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities">www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities</a>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

# Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that material misstatements in the financial statements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with the ISAs (UK).

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

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the company, and the industry in which it operates. We determined that the following laws and regulations were most significant; financial reporting legislation (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice including Financial Reporting Standard 101 and the Companies Act 2006), and the NHF Code of Governance 2015. The engagement team remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.
- We understood how the Company is complying with these legal and regulatory frameworks by making inquiries of management, internal audit, and those charged with governance. We enquired of management and those charged with governance whether there were any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations, or whether they had any knowledge of actual or suspected fraud. We corroborated the results of our enquiries through our review of board minutes and papers provided to the Audit and risk committee, and through our legal and professional expenses review.
- To assess the potential risks of material misstatement, including how a fraud might occur, we obtained an understanding of:
  - The Company's operations, including the nature of its sources of income, expected financial statement disclosures and risks that may result in risk of material misstatement; and
  - The Company's control environment including the adequacy of procedures for authorisation of transactions.
- Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:
  - Evaluating the processes and controls established to address the risks related to irregularities and fraud;
  - Testing manual journal entries, in particular journal entries relating to management estimates and entries determined to be large or relating to unusual transactions;
  - Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in its significant accounting estimates;
  - Identifying and testing related party transactions; and
  - Completion of audit procedures to conclude on the compliance of disclosures in the financial statements with applicable financial reporting requirements.
- We communicated relevant laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members, and remained alert to any indications of fraud, or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.
- We assessed the appropriateness of the collective competence and capabilities of the engagement team, including consideration of the engagement team's knowledge and understanding of the sector in which the Company operates in and their practical experience through training and participation with audit engagements of a similar nature. All team members are qualified accountants or working towards that qualification and are considered to have sufficient knowledge and experience of companies of a similar size and complexity, appropriate to their role within the team.
- From the procedures performed we did not identify any material matters relating to noncompliance with laws and regulation or matters in relation to fraud.

# Use of our report

This report is made solely to the 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 Company'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 Company and the Company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Victoria McLoughlin BA FCA Senior Statutory Auditor for and on behalf of Grant Thornton UK LLP Statutory Auditor, Chartered Accountants Leeds 1/7/2021

# BARNET HOMES LIMITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

# STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	Notes	<b>2021</b> £'000	<b>2020</b> £'000
Revenue	3	68,589	67,834
Expenses Employee benefits Depreciation and amortisation Net impairment losses on financial assets	13.1 4	(19,752) (1,598)	(18,892) (1,413)
and contract assets Other expenses	-	(167) (48,667)	(44) (49,740)
Operating loss	4	(1,595)	(2,225)
Finance income Finance costs	5 5	1,276 (2,143)	1,627 (2,546)
Loss before tax		(2,462)	(3,174)
Income tax expense	16	-	(47)
Loss after tax		(2,462)	(3,221)
Other comprehensive income Actuarial (loss)/gain on defined benefit pension scheme	13.3	(13,048)	4,879
Total comprehensive income for the year	=	(15,510)	1,658
Total comprehensive (loss)/profit is attrib	utable to:		
TheBarnetGroup Limited		(15,510)	1,658
Reconciliation of total loss for the year af	ter tax		
Operational loss for the period Loss from IAS19 pension fund accounting er	ntries	<b>2021</b> £'000 (229) (2,233)	<b>2020</b> £'000 (479) (2,742)
Total loss for the year after tax		(2,462)	(3,221)

The accompanying accounting policies and notes form part of the financial statements.

The above results are derived from continuing operations.

# BARNET HOMES LIMITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS	AI 31 MARCH 202		
	Note	2021	2020
		£'000	£'000
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Loan to associated Company	8	947	2,052
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Tangible Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	6	19	34
Right of use assets	6.1	4,311	4,311
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Intangible Assets			
Computer software and development	7	1,932	1,803
Computer software and development	-	7,209	8,200
Current assets	-	7,209	0,200
	8	150	200
Loan to associated Company Trade and other receivables			
	9	10,211	22,704
Cash and cash equivalents	10	3,945	1,072
	-	14,306	23,976
Total assets	- -	21,515	32,176
EQUITY and LIABILITIES			
EQUITY			
Revenue reserve (excluding IAS 19 provision	s)	1,333	1,562
Pension fund		(50,330)	(35,049)
Retained earnings		(48,997)	(33,487)
Total Equity		(49.007)	(22.407)
Total Equity	-	(48,997)	(33,487)
LIABILITIES			
Non-current liabilities			
Pension and other employee obligations	13.3	50,330	35,049
Lease liabilities	11	3,513	3,732
Provisions	14	38	44
	-	53,881	38,825
Current liabilities	-	00,001	00,020
Trade and other payables	15	15,577	25,999
Lease liabilities	11	1,007	792
Current tax liabilities	16	47	47
Current tax habilities	10 _		
	-	16,631	26,838
Total liabilities	-	70,512	65,663
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Total equity and liabilities	=	21,515	32,176

The financial statements were authorised and approved by the Board on 24 June 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

Eamon McGoldrick, Chair Company Number: 04948659

The accompanying accounting policies and notes form part of the financial statements

# BARNET HOMES LIMITED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	Revenue Reserve	Pension Reserve	Total retained earnings and equity
	0003	£000	£'000
Balance as at 1 April 2019	2,263	(37,186)	(34,923)
Adjustment from the adoption of IFRS 16	(222)	-	(222)
Adjusted balance as at 1 April 2020	2,041	(37,186)	(35,145)
Loss after tax	(479)	(2,742)	(3,221)
Other comprehensive income	-	4,879	4,879
Total comprehensive income for the year	(479)	2,137	1,625
Balance as at 31 March 2020	1,562	(35,049)	(33,487)
Balance as at 1 April 2020	1,562	(35,049)	(33,487)
Loss after tax	(229)	(2,233)	(2,462)
Other comprehensive losses:	-	(13,048)	(13,048)
Total comprehensive income for the year	(229)	(15,281)	(15,510)
Balance as at 31 March 2021	1,333	(50,330)	(48,997)

The accompanying accounting policies and notes form part of the financial statements.

# BARNET HOMES LIMITED ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND EXPLANATORY NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

# 1. GENERAL INFORMATION AND STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

Barnet Homes Limited is a Company established with no share capital and limited by guarantee. The Company is incorporated and domiciled in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, London N9 4EW. The Company's registration number is 04948659.

Barnet Homes Limited is a subsidiary of TheBarnetGroup Limited. TheBarnetGroup Limited is a local authority trading Company, wholly controlled by London Borough of Barnet. Barnet Homes Limited will continue to operate in the same way as under its previous structure ALMO management agreement with the London Borough of Barnet, albeit under TheBarnetGroup Limited structure.

# 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

# **Basis of preparation**

These financial statements are for the year ended 31 March 2021 and are presented in British Pounds Sterling rounded to the nearest thousand. The functional currency is also British Pounds Sterling.

In accordance with s401 of the Companies Act 2006, the Company has taken exemption from preparing consolidated financial statements on the basis that the Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of TheBarnetGroup Limited, registered at 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, London, NW9 4EW.

The financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 101, 'Reduced Disclosure Framework' (FRS 101) and on a historical cost basis unless otherwise stated in the accounting policies, and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

The Company has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework":

- the requirements of paragraph 52 the second sentence of paragraph 89, and paragraphs 90, 91 and 93 of IFRS 16 Leases; the requirements of paragraph 58 of IFRS 16;
- the requirements of the second sentence of paragraph 110 and paragraphs 113(a), 114, 115, 118, 119(a) to (c), 120 to 127 and 129 of IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers;
- the requirement in paragraph 38 of IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements to present comparative information in respect of:
- paragraph 79(a)(iv) of IAS 1; and
- paragraph 73(e) of IAS 16 Property, Plant and Equipment;
- the requirements of paragraphs 10(d), 10)(f), 16, 38A, 38B, 38C, 38D, 40A, 40B, 40C, 40D and 111 of IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements;
- IFRS 7, 'Financial instruments: Disclosures'
- the requirements of paragraphs 134 to 136 of IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements;
- the requirements of IAS 7 Statement of Cash Flows;
- the requirements of paragraphs 30 and 31 of IAS 8 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors:
- the requirements of paragraphs 17 and 18A of IAS 24 Related Party Disclosures:
- the requirements in IAS 24 Related Party Disclosures to disclose related party transactions entered into between two or more members of a Group.

New standards, amendments, IFRIC interpretations and new relevant disclosure requirements. There are no amendments to accounting standards, or IFRIC interpretations that are effective for the year ended 31 March 2021 that have a material impact on the Company's financial statements.

The principal accounting policies of the Company are set out below and have been consistently applied to all years presented in these financial statements.

The principal accounting policies have remained unchanged from prior year except where stated.

#### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES CONTINUED

#### Going concern

The Company's business activities, its current financial position and factors likely to affect its future development are set out in the strategic report. In preparing the financial statements on the going concern basis, the Board considered the following:

- Management has prepared forecasts (including monthly cash flows) of expected results (including pension obligations) for the 21 months to March 2023. These demonstrate that the Group has sufficient resources to meet all liabilities as they fall due for the foreseeable future and for at least for the 12 months following the approval of these accounts
- The key risk to these forecasts are significant increases to costs such as repairs or void costs that have to be met under a fixed value management fee. The other risk is a suspension or termination of the development management or acquisition services Barnet Homes provides to London Borough of Barnet and other Group companies. If the provision of these services is retained, but over a longer period of time (such as the acquisition program), this can be done, within reason.
- That in the event of the implementation of controls and other legislation following the end of the Brexit transition period, the Group has sufficient liquid resources and suitable mitigating actions available in the short, medium and long-term to manage the possible impact of increased inflation and potential increased operating costs.
- That in the event the Covid-19 pandemic results in further 'lockdowns' or other financial or operational issues, Government support and legislation that has been in place to date would continue; but if not, then the Company has sufficient liquid resources and suitable mitigating actions available in the short, medium and long-term to manage the impact on operational and financing activities.
- In line with International Accounting Standard 19, the Company's pension deficit is recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Position and this is stated at £50.330m at 31 March 2021 (2020: £35.049m). However, the London Borough of Barnet has fully guaranteed the Company's pension deficit at the point of its incorporation (on 1 April 2004). International Accounting Standard 19 relates to the assessment of the employer's liability in respect of the pension scheme, which has the impact of increasing or reducing the pension deficit on the Statement of Financial Position. This is an accounting rule which shows the current estimate of future pension costs and has no impact on the Company's current liquidity.
- The London Borough of Barnet has confirmed its intention to offer support to TheBarnetGroup Limited if this is required; such support would then allow TheBarnetGroup to support Barnet Homes Limited to meet its liabilities as they fall due in a scenario where forecasts are materially inaccurate.

The Directors have reviewed the Company's forecasts as described above and on this basis, as well as the London Borough of Barnet's stated intention to support TheBarnetGroup, the Board consider preparation of the Financial Statements on a going concern basis to be appropriate.

# 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES CONTINUED

#### Revenue

# **Housing Management**

The Company's main source of income is the housing management fee received from London Borough of Barnet in line with the approved management agreement. The Company provides certain housing management services to the public, including housing options, tenancy management, repairs and maintenance, on behalf of the Barnet Council. The agreement has a duration of ten years commencing in April 2016 and ending in March 2026. The housing management fee has been agreed with the Council on a fixed basis for the first 5-year period ending in Year 2020/21, subject to annual reviews taking into account factors including five-year business plan, any changes in government policy affecting delivery of the services, and the prevailing rate of CPI inflation. The Company satisfies its performance obligations as the housing management services are provided, and charges the Council on a monthly basis. As the monthly invoices reflect the services performed during a particular month, the Company recognises its revenue over time when the invoices are raised.

#### **Adult social services**

The Company's adult social services arm has an agreement with the Council to provide supported living services, day services and respite support services to the public.

The agreement has a duration of five years, commencing in February 2017 and can be extended for a further two years in April 2022. The Company satisfies its performance obligations as the adult social services are provided. The Company recognises its revenue over time using the input method, on the basis of hours incurred in the delivery of services and charging rates as set out in the agreement. The Company determines that the input method is the best method in measuring progress, because there is a direct relationship between the time incurred and the transfer of service to the end customer.

In addition, the Company has a stand-ready obligation to provide rehabilitation services to the public, and charges the Council on a monthly basis. The Company satisfies its performance obligations during the period in which it is standing ready to provide the services, even if those services have not been requested from the Council and provided. On the basis that the Council is obtaining the benefit of the Group standing ready as this stand-ready service is provided, the Group has determined that the revenue arising from providing this stand-ready service should be recognised over time, based on the time spent standing ready.

# Property, plant and equipment and depreciation

Property, plant and equipment are stated at historic cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided on all property, plant and equipment at rates calculated to write off the costs on a straight-line basis over their expected useful lives (with no charge in the year of acquisition) as follows:

Vehicles, plant & equipment:5yearsFurniture, fixtures & fittings:5yearsMobile devices:5yearsComputer equipment:5years

Right of Use assets are depreciated over the life of the lease.

The profit or loss arising on the disposal or retirement of an asset is determined as the difference between the sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

## 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES CONTINUED

#### Intangible assets - computer software

Acquired computer software is capitalised on the basis of the costs incurred to acquire and to bring into use the specific software. Computer software is depreciated over 5 years (with no charge in the year of acquisition), being the useful economic life of the software. Costs associated with maintaining computer software programs are recognised as an expense as incurred. Costs that are directly associated with the production of identifiable and unique software products controlled by the Company, and that will probably generate economic benefits exceeding costs beyond one year, are recognised as intangible assets and amortised as described above.

Computer software and development is amortised over a 5 year period.

#### Leases

For any new contracts entered into on or after 1 April 2019, the Company considers whether a contract is, or contains a lease. A lease is defined as 'a contract or part of a contract, that conveys a right to use an asset (the underlying asset) for a period of time in exchange for consideration'. To apply this definition the Company assesses whether the contract meets three key evaluations which are whether:

- the contract contains an identified asset, which is explicitly identified in the contract or implicitly specified by being identified at the time the asset is made available to the Company;
- the Company has the right to obtain substantially all of the economic benefits from use of the identified asset throughout the period of use, considering its rights within the defined scope of the contract:
- the Company has the right to direct the use of the identified asset throughout the period of use. The Company assess whether it has the right to direct 'how and for what purpose' the asset is used throughout the period of use.

## Measurement and recognition of leases as a lessee

At lease commencement date, the Company recognises a right of use asset and a lease liability on the Statement of Financial Position. The right of use asset is measured at cost, which is made up of the initial measurement of the lease liability, any initial direct costs incurred by the Company, an estimate of any costs to dismantle and remove the asset at the end of the lease, and any lease payments made in advance of the lease commencement date (net of any incentives received).

The Company depreciates the right of use assets on a straight-line basis from the lease commencement date to the earlier of the end of the useful life of the right of use asset or the end of the lease term. The Company also assesses the right of use asset for impairment when such indicators exist.

At the commencement date, the Company measures the lease liability at the present value of the lease payments unpaid at that date, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease if that is readily available or the Company's incremental borrowing rate.

Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability are made up of fixed payments (including in substance fixed), variable payments based on an index or rate, amounts expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee and payments arising from options reasonably certain to be exercised.

Subsequent to initial measurement, the liability will be reduced for payments made and increased for interest. It is remeasured to reflect any reassessment or modification, or if there are any changes in in-substance lease payments. When the lease liability is re-measured, the corresponding adjustment is reflected in the right of use asset, or profit and loss if the right of use asset is already reduced to zero.

The Company has elected to account for short-term leases and leases of low-value assets using the practical expedients. Instead of recognising a right of use asset and lease liability, the payment sin relation to these are recognised as an expense in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

On the Statement of Financial Position, right of use assets and lease liabilities have been separately identified.

# 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES CONTINUED Financial assets

Financial assets can be classified in the following categories: at amortised cost, at fair value through other comprehensive income, and at fair value through profit or loss. The classification depends on the business model within which the financial asset is held and contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial asset. Management determines the classification of its financial assets at initial recognition.

All income and expenses relating to financial assets are recognised in profit and loss and are presented within 'finance cost', 'finance income' or 'other financial items', except for impairment of trade receivables which is presented within 'other expenses'.

## Financial assets at amortised cost

A financial asset is measured at amortised cost if it meets both of the following conditions, and is not designated as at fair value through profit or loss:

- it is held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows: and
- its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

The Company holds trade and other receivables at amortised cost.

The Company recognises impairment losses for most financial assets (except for purchased or originated credit-impaired financial assets) on initial recognition at an amount equal to 12-month expected credit losses, which reflect the portion of lifetime cash shortfalls resulting from possible default events within 12 months after the reporting date. However, if there is a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, the impairment loss is measured at an amount equal to full lifetime expected credit losses, which reflect the lifetime cash shortfalls resulting from all possible default events over the life of the financial asset.

When determining whether the credit risk of a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition and when estimating expected credit losses, the Company considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis, based on the Company's historical experience and informed credit assessment and including forward-looking information.

Loss allowances for trade receivables and contract assets are always measured at an amount equal to lifetime expected credit losses.

Loss allowances for the loan to associated Company are initially measured at an amount equal to 12-month expected credit losses. If there is a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, the impairment loss will be measured at an amount equal to full lifetime expected credit losses.

# 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES CONTINUED

#### **Financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities include borrowings and trade and other payables

Financial liabilities are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into.

An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the entity after deducting all of its financial liabilities.

Financial liabilities are contractual obligations to pay cash or other financial assets and are recognised when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. All financial liabilities are recorded initially at fair value, net of direct issue costs.

Financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, with interest related charges recognised as an expense in finance cost in profit or loss. Finance charges, including premiums payable on settlement or redemption and direct issue costs, are charged to profit or loss on an accruals basis using the effective interest method, and are added to the carrying amount of the instrument to the extent that they are not settled in the period in which they arise.

#### **Contract assets**

If the Company performs by transferring goods or services to a customer before the customer pays consideration or before payment is due, a contract asset is recognised when the Company satisfies a performance obligation but does not have an unconditional right to consideration. Contract assets are in contrast to receivables, which represent the Company's unconditional right to an amount of consideration (i.e. only the passage of time is required before payment of the consideration is due).

Contract assets are subject to the impairment requirements under IFRS 9. Consistent with trade and other receivables, the Company measures lifetime expected credit losses for contract assets.

# **Contract liabilities**

A contract liability is the obligation to transfer goods or services to a customer for which the Company has received consideration (or when consideration is due) from the customer. If a customer pays consideration before the Company transfers goods or services to the customer, a contract liability is recognised when the payment is made or when the payment is due (whichever is earlier). Contract liabilities are recognised as revenue when the Company satisfies the performance obligation.

# Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently carried at amortised cost. Generally, this results in their recognition at their nominal value.

#### Income tax

The relationship between the Company, TheBarnetGroup and the London Borough of Barnet has been recognised as one of mutual trading. Consequently, any activities between the Company, its parent Company and the London Borough of Barnet are not liable to corporation tax. Albeit not under a direct ALMO structure, HM Revenue and Customs states that in substance the Company's trading activities are that of an ALMO, therefore profits and losses incurred as a result, fall outside the scope of Corporation Tax. Income tax expense represents the sum of tax currently payable and deferred tax where applicable. The corporation tax currently payable is based on the taxable profit for the year from taxable ordinary activities, which have been generated from trading with third parties and investment income (interest received).

Deferred tax is provided on timing differences that have arisen but not reversed by the statement of financial position date, where the timing differences result in an obligation to pay more tax, or a right to pay less tax, in the future. Timing differences arise because of differences between the treatment of certain items for accounting and taxation purposes. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is regarded as more likely than not that they will be recovered. Deferred tax is measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods when the timing differences are expected to reverse, based on tax rates and law enacted or substantively enacted at the statement of financial position date. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

#### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES CONTINUED

#### VAT

A proportion of the Company's revenue is subject to VAT and gives rise to a partial exemption claim. The financial statements include VAT to the extent that it is suffered by the Group and not recoverable from HM Revenue and Customs. The amount of VAT payable or recoverable at the year-end is included as a current liability or asset.

# Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash in hand, deposits repayable on demand and other short term liquid resources. Deposits are repayable on demand if they are in practice available within 24 hours without penalty. Short term liquid resources are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value. They comprise term deposits with financial institutions.

#### Short term investments

Cash invested in fixed deposit accounts to obtain a higher rate of interest, with a notice period, which are not readily convertible to cash and with no maturity date are classified as short term investments.

# **Equity and reserves**

Retained earnings include all current and prior period retained profits.

# Post employment benefits and short term employee benefits

During the year the Company participated in a contributory defined benefit statutory pension scheme covering its present and past employees. The scheme is administered in accordance with the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013, is contracted out of State Second Pension and currently provides benefits based on final salary and length of service on retirement. International Accounting Standard 19 (IAS19) requires the net pension asset or liability of a Company's pension scheme to be recognised in full on the statement of financial position. Accordingly, the full net pension liability has been recorded in the statement of financial position of Barnet Homes Limited, but the Company's pension deficit at the point of incorporation (1 April 2014) has been guaranteed by London Borough of Barnet.

The regular service cost of providing pension benefits to employees during the year, the costs or gain of any benefits relating to past service, together with the loss on settlements and curtailments is charged to "Employee salaries and benefits" in the statement of comprehensive income in the year. Past service costs or gains arise when the Company awards additional discretionary benefits. A change in benefits may result in either a past service cost or a past service gain. Loss on settlements and curtailments arise as a result of some members transferring from another employer over the year, and as a result of the early payment of accrued pensions on retirement on the grounds of redundancy or early retirement.

Interest on the pension scheme liabilities is charged to "Finance costs" in the statement of comprehensive income in the year.

The expected return on the assets of the pension scheme during the year is based on the bid value of the assets at the start of the financial year and is recognised within "Finance income" in the statement of comprehensive income in the year.

# Provisions, contingent liabilities and contingent assets

Provisions and contingent liabilities are recognised when the Company has a present obligation as a result of a past event, and it is probable that the Company will be required to settle that obligation. Provisions are measured at the Directors' best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the obligation at the statement of financial position date, and are discounted to present value where the effect is material. The Company has no contingent assets.

# 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES CONTINUED

# **Government grants**

The Company has utilised the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (furlough) as administered by HMRC. Any funds received have been accounted for as a cost recovery and not revenue, reflecting that these funds were a 'contribution' by Government towards the cost of employees unable to carry out their duties as they were 'shielding', not funds received for services rendered.

# Significant management judgements in applying accounting policies

When preparing the financial statements, management undertakes a number of judgements, estimates and assumptions about recognition and measurement of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. The actual results are likely to differ from the judgements, estimates and assumptions made by management, and will seldom equal estimated results. Information about the significant judgments, estimates and assumptions that have the most significant effect on the recognition and measurement of assets, liabilities, income and expenses is provided below:

# Determining the timing of revenue recognition

Please refer to the paragraphs under the heading "Revenue from contracts with customers" for the significant judgements applied in determining:

- Whether to recognise revenue over time or at a point in time; and
- The method used for measuring revenue over time arising from various service contracts.

Capitalisation and amortisation of contract costs arising from revenue contracts

# **Defined benefit liability**

Management estimates the defined benefit liability annually with the assistance of independent actuaries; however, the actual outcome may vary due to estimation uncertainties. The defined benefit liability of £50,330,000 (2020: £35,049,000) is based on standard rates of inflation and mortality. It also takes into account the Company's specific anticipation of future salary increases. The actuarial approach applies a roll forward methodology from the previous triennial review.

Assumptions are set with reference to market conditions at the year end. The discount rate has been set whereby a 'Hymans Robertson' corporate bond yield curve is constructed based on the constituents of the iBoxx AA corporate bond index. This basis has been chosen to meet the requirements of IAS19 and with consideration of the duration of the Employer's liabilities. Further details of the assumptions used can be found in note 13. Estimation uncertainties exist as the anticipated assumptions could vary.

#### **Provisions**

Provisions are mainly in relation to insurance excess on public liability claims, staff redundancy and pension strain costs and disrepair claims.

The disrepair provision is based on Management's estimate of all potential outstanding claims at the year-end (many of which originated in prior years). The estimate includes potential legal and compensation costs. It is possible that some of the claims may take several years to process through the legal system. Estimation uncertainties exist particularly with regard to the timing and amount of expenditure.

# Useful lives of depreciable assets

Management reviews the useful lives of depreciable assets at each reporting date based on the expected utility of the assets to the Company. The carrying amounts are analysed in note 6. Actual results, however, may vary due to technical obsolescence, particularly for software and IT equipment.

# **Extension options for leases**

All leases can be extended with both lessee and lessor agreement. Management has not assumed any leases will be extended beyond their contract period.

# Lease borrowing rate

Management has used the Company's incremental borrowing rate when calculating the Right of use asset value and corresponding lease liability.

#### 3. REVENUE

Revenue is attributable to the principal activities of the Company and arises solely within the United Kingdom.

	<b>2021</b> £'000	<b>2020</b> £'000
Management fee paid by The Barnet Group in respect of:	2000	2000
Barnet Homes housing management and support services	56,119	53,917
Repairs and maintenance	6,942	7,550
Property development	1,255	1,233
Total income from The Barnet Group	64,316	62,700
Capital works carried out directly by Barnet Homes	1,100	1,100
Total income from The Barnet Group	65,416	63,800
Other operating income	3,173	4,034
Total revenue	68,589	67,834

The management fee income received from TheBarnetGroup relate to the following services: (i) homelessness, (ii) housing management and support services, (iii) repairs and maintenance, (iv) capital works, all provided to The London Borough of Barnet. TheBarnetGroup invoices London Borough of Barnet on behalf of Barnet Homes Limited and the management fee income is payable to Barnet Homes Limited on receipt of invoices.

# Assets and liabilities related to contracts with customers

The Company has recognised the following assets and liabilities related to contracts with customers:

customers.	2021	2020
	£'000	£'000
Contract assets	11,160	22,837
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Loss allowance	(300)	(133)
Total Contract assets	10,860	22,704
Contract liabilities	-	7,156

Contract assets have decreased due to London Borough of Barnet agreeing to additional advance billing over the year end.

Contract liabilities have decreased as management fees were invoiced only one month in advance against three months in advance in the prior year.

The other operating income includes £923,394 (2020: £1,144,023) of income from other TheBarnetGroup entities.

# 4. OPERATING LOSS

The loss for the year (before pension accounting entries) has been arrived at after charging the following,

	2021	2020
	£'000	£'000
Depreciation and amortisation	1,598	1,413
Employee salaries and benefits	19,752	18,892
Auditor's remuneration		
<ul> <li>Fees payable to the Company's auditors for</li> </ul>		
the audit of the financial statements	90	43
<ul> <li>Fees payable to the Company's auditors for</li> </ul>		
other services (i)	11	12

<sup>(</sup>i) The other services provided by the auditors relate to corporation tax compliance and online services to file the statutory accounts with HMRC.

# 5. FINANCE INCOME AND FINANCE COST

	2021	2020
	£'000	£'000
Finance income: - bank deposit and short term		
investment interest	2	4
- interest & charges on loan to Group		
companies	135	159
- return on retirement benefit scheme		
assets	1,139	1,464
	1,276	1,627
Finance cost:		
Lease finance costs Interest on retirement benefit	(182)	(171)
obligation	(1,961)	(2,375)
	(2,143)	(2,546)

The interest and charges income relate to interest on the loan, and the arrangement fee on the loan to Your Choice (Barnet) and Bumblebee Lettings.

# BARNET HOMES LIMITED 6. TANGIBLE ASSETS

Property, plant and equipment		Vehicles, plant & equipment £'000	Computer equipment £'000	Total £'000
Gross carrying amount				
Balance 1 April 2020 Additions		144 -	1,585 -	1,729 -
Balance 31 March 2021	_	144	1,585	1,729
Depreciation and impairment Balance 1 April 2020 Charge for year	_	142	1,553 15	1,695 15
Balance 31 March 2021		142	1,568	1,710
Carrying amount 1 April 2020		2	32	34
Carrying amount 31 March 2021	_	2	17	19
6.1 Right of Use assets				
	Vehicles £'000	Leasehold Offices £'000	Office equipment £'000	Total £'000
Gross carrying amount	2000	2000	2 000	2000
Balance 1 April 2020 Additions	217 969	4,419 -	408 -	5,044 969
Balance 31 March 2021	1,186	4.419	408	6,013
<b>Depreciation</b> Balance 1 April 2020 Charge for year	- 202	631 631	102 136	733 969
Balance 31 March 2021	202	1,262	238	1,702
Carrying amount 1 April 2020	217	3,788	306	4,311
Carrying amount 31 March 2021	984	3,157	170	4,311

# **Capital Commitments**

At the Statement of Financial position date, the Company has no capital commitments (2020: £698,089).

# BARNET HOMES LIMITED 7. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

# Computer software and development

		Total
One as a summing a summer of		£'000
Gross carrying amount Balance 1 April 2020		2 702
Additions		3,703 743
	_	
Balance 31 March 2021	_	4,446
Amortisation		
Balance 1 April 2020		1,900
Charge for year		614
Balance 31 March 2021		2,514
Carrying amount 1 April 2020	_	1,803
Carrying amount 31 March 2021		1,932
The remaining useful lives vary between 6 months and 5 years.	<del>=</del>	
Summary of depreciation and amortisation	2021	2020
•	£'000	£'000
Depreciation	984	813
Amortisation	614	600
	1,598	1,413
8. LOAN TO ASSOCIATED COMPANY		
	2021	2020
	£'000	£'000
8 year unsecured loan to Your Choice (Barnet) Limited	820	970
2 year revolving unsecured loan to TBG Open Door Limited	-	1,000
5 year unsecured loan to Bumblebee Lettings Limited	290	290
Deferred arrangement fee	(6)	(8)
	1,104	2,252
Less Amount repayable within 12 months (classified as current		
asset)	(157)	(200)
Long Term Loan receivable	947	2,052

The Your Choice (Barnet) loan and arrangement fee are subject to an interest rate of 6% per annum payable monthly in arrears. In the case of default, the interest rate shall be 8% per annum payable in arrears from the due date for such payment until actual payment is received. The loan agreement includes annual bullet loan repayments from Your Choice (Barnet) Limited which is payable to the Company.

The revolving loan facility to TBG Open Door Limited is subject to an interest rate of 4% per annum payable monthly in arrears.

The five year, £0.29 million loan to Bumblebee Lettings Limited is subject to an interest rate of 6% per annum payable monthly in arrears.

# 9. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	<b>2021</b> £000	<b>2020</b> £000
Amounts receivable within one year:	2000	2000
Trade receivables, gross	567	275
Provision for doubtful debt	(401)	(245)
Trade receivables	166	30
Amounts due from ultimate parent undertaking	6	-
Amounts due from parent undertaking Amounts due from fellow Group	7,000	17,245
undertakings	1,950	3,383
Financial assets	9,122	20,658
Other debtors	1,047	1,032
Contract assets (note 3)	(300)	(133)
Prepayments and unbilled income	342	1,147
Non-financial assets	1,089	2,046
Trade and other receivables	10,211	22,704

The ultimate parent undertaking is London Borough of Barnet.

The parent undertaking is TheBarnetGroup Limited.

The fellow Group undertakings are Your Choice (Barnet) Limited, TBG Flex Limited and Bumblebee Lettings Limited as well as the Barnet Homes Limited subsidiary, TBG Open Door Limited.

# 10. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	3,945	1,072
Short term deposit	-	1
Cash in hand	3	3
Bank accounts	3,942	1,068
	<b>2021</b> £'000	<b>2020</b> £'000

Short term deposit represents cash held in a 95 Days Corporate Notice fixed deposit account.

# BARNET HOMES LIMITED 11. LEASE LIABILITIES

	2021	2020
	£'000	£'000
Opening Balance	4,524	-
IFRS 16 opening balance adjustment	-	4,641
New finance leases	969	625
Less: Net Present Value of lease payments	(973)	(742)
Total finance lease liability	4,520	4,524
Finance leases payable in less than one year Finance leases payable in more than one	1,007	792
year	3,513	3,732
_	4,520	4,524

Minimum lease payments £000					
31 March 2021	Less than 1 year	1-2 years	2-3 years	More than 3 years	Total
Lease Payments	1,156	1,049	1,013	1,725	4,943
Finance charges	149	115	83	76	423
Net Present Value	1,007	934	930	1,649	4,520

Minimum lease payments £000					
31 March 2020	Less than 1 year	1-2 years	2-3 years	More than 3 years	Total
Lease Payments	948	948	841	2,324	5,061
Finance charges	156	128	101	152	537
Net Present Value	792	820	740	2,172	4,524

# 12. EQUITY

# **12.1 SHARE CAPITAL**

Barnet Homes Limited became a subsidiary of TheBarnetGroup Limited on 1 February 2012. It is a Company established with no share capital and is limited by guarantee. From 1 February 2012, TheBarnetGroup Limited is the sole member of the Company.

TheBarnetGroup Limited is a Company limited by shares wholly owned by The London Borough of Barnet.

Barnet Homes Limited continues to operate in the same way as under its original ALMO management agreement with London Borough of Barnet, albeit under a Group structure.

TheBarnetGroup Limited is a local authority controlled trading Company under the control of London Borough of Barnet.

# BARNET HOMES LIMITED 13. EMPLOYEE REMUNERATION 13.1. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS EXPENSE

	19,752	18,892
Pensions costs	4,061	4,208
Social security costs	1,564	1,368
Wages and salaries	14,127	13,316
	£'000	£'000
	2021	2020

In addition to the above, a further £743k of wages and salaries have been capitalised as part of intangible assets development.

Wages and salary costs in this financial year include redundancy costs of £120,343 (2020: £293,500).

# 13.1.1 DIRECTOR'S REMUNERATION

	2021	2020
	£'000	£'000
Eamon McGoldrick	4	3
Terry Rogers	-	1
Washington Ainabe	2	2
Jeffrey Baker	-	1
Aruna Bhatt	1	-
Tim Mulvenna	202	195
Angel Purcell	2	3
John Stephen	-	1
Robert Webber	2	3
	213	220

Apart from the Chief Executive Officer none of the other Executive Officers were Directors of the Company. The non-executive directors are not entitled to any pension benefits.

Emoluments of the highest paid Director was £ 201,781 (2020: £ 194,590)

Directors' salary costs are included in Employee benefits expense above (13.1).

# 13.2. EMPLOYEES

The average number of permanent employees (excluding agency staff) employed by the Company during the year was:

Service	2021	2020
Growth & Development	39	39
Care and Support	45	<i>4</i> 5
Operations Directorate	169	155
Non-Executive Directors	7	7
	260	246

# BARNET HOMES LIMITED 13.3. PENSION AND OTHER EMPLOYEE OBLIGATIONS

The Company participates in a local government pension defined benefit statutory scheme, administered by London Borough of Barnet in accordance with the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013, as amended. It is contracted out of the State Second Pension. The basis on which the net pension liability is recognised in the financial statements is set out in the accounting policies (Note 2).

A full actuarial funding valuation was carried out at 31 March 2019 and updated to 31 March 2021 by a qualified independent actuary. The actuarial report states that it was prepared in accordance with the International Accounting Standard 19 (IAS 19). This forms the basis of the balance sheet and funding status disclosures to be made in respect of its pension obligations under the Local Government Pension Scheme.

For the year ending 31 March 2021 and 31 March 2020, the Company contributed to the Scheme at a rate of 24.3% of pensionable salaries.

The financial assumptions used by the actuary were:

	31 March 2021	31 March 2020	
	% p.a.	% p.a.	
Salary Increases	3.55	2.6	
Pension Increases	2.85	1.9	
Discount Rate	2.00	2.3	

The pension increase assumption is set in line with the default Consumer Prices Index (CPI) assumption. As a market in CPI linked bonds does not exist, the actuaries estimate the long-term gap between RPI and CPI in order to derive a CPI assumption for accounting purposes. The default assumed RPI-CPI gap will reduce to 0.1% per annum, the assumption in prior years was the gap would be 0.9%.

Life expectancy from age 65 (years)		31 March 2021	31 March 2020	
Current Pensioners	Males	21.9	21.7	
	Females	24.4	24.0	
Future Pensioners	Males	23.3	22.9	
	Females	26.4	25.7	

# Commutation

An allowance is included for future retirements to elect to take 50% of the maximum additional tax-free cash up to HMRC Limits for pre-April 2008 service and 50% of the maximum tax-free cash for post-April 2008 service.

# 13.3. PENSION AND OTHER EMPLOYEE OBLIGATIONS CONTINUED

Net pension liability as at	31 March 2021	31 March 2020
	£'000	£'000
Present Value of Funded Obligation	(112,930)	(83,597)
Fair Value of Scheme Assets (bid value)	63,252	49,109
Net liability	(49,678)	(34,488)
Present Value of Unfunded Obligation	(652)	(561)
Net liability in statement of financial position	(50,330)	(35,049)

# The amounts recognised in the statement of comprehensive Income are as follows:

	<b>31 March 2021</b> £'000	<b>31 March 2020</b> £'000
Service cost Net interest on the net defined liability	3,430 822	3,333 911
Past service costs	170	462
Total	4,422	4,706
Actual return on scheme assets	13,237	(12,122)
Reconciliation of opening and closing balances of the present value of the defined benefit obligation	31 March 2021 £'000	31 March 2020 £'000
Opening Defined Benefit Obligation	84,158	97,688
Current service cost	3,430	3,333
Interest cost Change in financial assumptions	1,961 24,829	2,375 (7,674)
Change in demographic assumptions	1,181	(7,074) (2,973)
Experience loss/(gain) on defined benefit obligation	(864)	(7,818)
Estimated benefits paid (net of transfers in)	(1,763)	(1,710)
Past service cost, including curtailments	170	462
Contributions by scheme participants	506	500
Estimated unfunded benefits paid	(26)	(25)
Closing Defined Benefit Obligation	113,582	84,158

# 13.3. PENSION AND OTHER EMPLOYEE OBLIGATIONS CONTINUED

# Reconciliation of opening and closing balances of the fair value of scheme assets

	<b>31 March</b> <b>2021</b> £'000	<b>31 March 2020</b> £'000
Opening fair value of scheme assets	49,109	60,502
Expected return on scheme assets	-	-
Interest on assets	1,139	1,464
Return on assets less interest	12,098	(13,586)
Administration expenses	26	25
Contributions by employer including unfunded benefits	2,163	1,939
Contributions by scheme participants	506	500
Estimated benefits paid plus	(1,763)	(1,710)
Estimated unfunded benefits paid	(26)	(25)
Fair value of scheme assets at end of period	63,252	49,109

# Sensitivity analysis

IAS 19 requires disclosure of the sensitivity of the results to the methods and assumptions used.

The sensitivities regarding the principal assumptions used to measure the scheme liabilities are set out below:

Change in assumptions at 31 March 2021:	Approximate % Increase to Employer Liability	Approximate Monetary Amount (£000)
0.5% decrease in Real Discount Rate 0.5% increase in Salary Increase Rate	11% 1%	12,159 1,528
0.5% increase in the Pension Increase Rate	9%	10,361

The approach taken is consistent with that adopted to derive the IAS19 figures provided in this report.

The principal demographic assumption is the longevity assumption (i.e. member life expectancy). For sensitivity purposes, it has been estimated that a one-year life expectancy would increase the Employer's Defined Benefit Obligations by around 3-5%.

# Re-measurements and Other Comprehensive Income

•	31 March 2021	31 March 2020
	£'000	£'000
Return on plan assets in excess of interest	12,098	(13,586)
Change in financial assumptions	(24,829)	7,674
Change in demographic assumptions	(1,181)	2,973
Experience gain on defined benefit obligation	864	7,818
	(13,048)	4,879

# BARNET HOMES LIMITED 13.3. PENSION AND OTHER EMPLOYEE OBLIGATIONS CONTINUED

Projections for year to 31 March 2022	Year to 31 March 2022
	£'000
Service Cost	(5,086)
Net interest on the defined liability	(1,032)
Return on assets	
Total	(6,118)
Employer's contributions for the period to 31 March 2022	£2,543

#### **Assets**

The estimated asset allocation for Barnet Homes Limited as at 31 March 2020 is as follows;

	31 Ma	arch 2021	31 Ma	rch 2020
Employer Asset Share - Bid Value	£'000	%	£'000	%
Equities	409	1%	99	0%
Bonds and Gilts	6,321	10%	5,841	12%
Real Estate	2,518	4%	2,404	5%
Other Funds and Unit Trusts	51,828	82%	40,365	82%
Cash	2,176	3%	400	1%
Total	63,252	100%	49,109	100%

The breakdown of assets in monetary terms in the table shown to the nearest £1,000.

The Company will be working with the pension actuaries to determine the impact of the Guaranteed Minimum Pension (GMP) legal decisions of recent years. The Board do not believe this to be material as the applicable period cannot be earlier than 2004 when staff transferred and the pension deficit at that time (after adjusting for GMP) is guaranteed by the London Borough of Barnet.

# 14. PROVISIONS

	Insurance claims £'000	Other provision £'000	Total provisions £'000
Carrying amount at 1 April 2020	44	-	44
Utilised	-	-	-
Released from provisions	(6)	-	(6)
Carrying amount at 31 March 2021	38	-	38_

Insurance claims are provisions in respect of public liability claims which are outstanding at 31 March 2020. Barnet Homes Limited's liability is restricted to the amount of the claim or the policy excess, whichever is the lesser. The policy excess is currently £2,500. Disrepair claims are estimates relating to outstanding disrepair cases. The Company has provided for any such challenges where at the end of the year it is more likely than not that there is an obligation to be settled.

# BARNET HOMES LIMITED 15. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	<b>2021</b> £'000	<b>2020</b> £'000
Current:		
Trade payables	3,730	6,179
Amounts due to ultimate parent undertaking	-	139
Amounts due to parent undertaking Amounts due to fellow Group undertakings	2,280	10,196 -
Financial liabilities	6,010	16,514
Other payables	138	68
Other taxation and social security	56	337
Contract liabilities (note 3)	-	7,156
Accruals	9,373	1,924
_	15,577	25,999

The Company aims to pay all suppliers within the contract or invoice payment terms and within the limits set by the late payment legislation.

The fellow Group undertakings are Your Choice (Barnet) Limited, TBG Flex Limited and Bumblebee Lettings Limited as well as the Barnet Homes Limited subsidiary, TBG Open Door Limited.

# **16. INCOME TAX EXPENSE**

Tax charge per accounts				
	Current period		Prior period	
	Derived	Accounts	Derived	Accounts
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
	£	£	£	£
Analysis of tax charge/(credit) for the period				
Current tax UK corporation tax at 19.00% (PY:				
19.00%)	_	-	_	47
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	(47)	(47)	-	-
	(47)	(47)	-	47
<b>Deferred tax</b> Origination and reversal of				
temporary differences		-	-	-
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	(47)	(47)	-	47
		•		•

# BARNET HOMES LIMITED 16. INCOME TAX EXPENSE CONTINUED

## Provision for deferred tax

Movement in Provision: Provision at start of period	-	-		
Deferred tax charged in the income statement				
for the period	-	-		
Provision at end of the period	-	-		
Deferred tax (asset)/liability not recognised		-		<u>-</u>
Reconciliation of tax charge				
Loss on ordinary activities before tax	(2,462)	(2,462)	(3,174)	(3,174)
Tax on loss on ordinary activities at standard CT rate of 19.00% (PY: 19.00%)	(468)	(468)	(603)	(603)
Effects of:				
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	384	384	568	650
Group relief surrendered	10	10		
Adjustment for tax charge in respect of previous periods	(47)	(47)	_	_
Deferred tax not recognised	74	74	35	-
Tax charge for the period	47	47	-	47

# 17. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS 17.1 TRANSACTION WITH CONTROLLING PARTY/RELATED PARTIES

	2021	2020
	£'000	£'000
Payments to LBB Pensions	3,242	3,053

Barnet Homes Limited is a local authority controlled Company of the London Borough of Barnet established with no share capital and limited by guarantee. The Council has delegated responsibility for overseeing homelessness and allocations, as well as the management and maintenance of its residential stock to Barnet Homes Limited in accordance with the ten-year management agreement effective from 1 April 2004. There is a new 10 year agreement in place from 2016-17. Housing Options, the homelessness and allocations service area for the Council, was transferred into Barnet Homes on 01 April 2012. Barnet Homes Limited became part of the local authority trading Company, TheBarnetGroup Limited, from 1 February 2012.

The Council has delegated the responsibility of homelessness, management and maintenance of its residential stock to Barnet Homes through TheBarnetGroup Limited.

TheBarnetGroup is a local authority trading Company (LATC) limited by shares, which is 100% owned by London Borough of Barnet.

# 17.1 TRANSACTION WITH CONTROLLING PARTY/RELATED PARTIES CONTINUED

Your Choice (Barnet) Limited is also a subsidiary of TheBarnetGroup Limited.

Barnet Homes Limited continues to operate in the same way as under its original ALMO management agreement with the Council, albeit under a Group structure.

From 1 February 2012, the Council pays the management fee, in accordance with that management agreement and any variations approved, to TheBarnetGroup, who passes the whole management fee to Barnet Homes Limited. TheBarnetGroup Limited acts as an agent of Barnet Homes Limited in transacting with the Council.

Barnet Homes Limited has invoiced a total of £131,368,000 to TheBarnetGroup which mainly relates to its management fee income received from London Borough of Barnet via the LATC, as well as funding for the homelessness service third party costs for temporary accommodation and private sector lease rentals.

# 17.2. KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

#### 17.2.1 NON- EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

The Non-Executive Directors are defined as being the members of Barnet Homes Limited's Board who are not executive officers of Barnet Homes Limited. The Non-Executive Directors received emoluments for the financial year and were entitled to reimbursement of incidental expenses incurred when attending board meetings and other formal events in their capacity as board members. The Non-Executive Directors are not entitled to pension benefits.

These are the only transactions with the Non-Executive Directors of the Company.

	<b>2021</b> £'000	<b>2020</b> £'000
Salaries	11	14
17.2.2 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS		
	2021	2020
	£'000	£'000
Salaries	548	601
Performance Bonus	24	65
Social security costs	71	92
Pensions costs	48	68
Other	6	-
	697	826

# 18. Controlling parties

The ultimate parent entity is London Borough of Barnet by virtue of its controlling interest in TheBarnetGroup Limited, which in turn owns the entire issued share capital of Barnet Homes Limited.

The smallest Group to consolidate these financial statements is TheBarnetGroup Limited. The largest Group to consolidate these financial statements is London Borough of Barnet. Copies of TheBarnetGroup Limited and London Borough of Barnet accounts can be obtained from 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, London NW9 4EW.