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# CVCP PROPERTIES PLC REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2018

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# Officers and professional advisers

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## Strategic report for the year ended 31 July 2018

#### **Review of business**

The company owns the freehold of Woburn House, a building in Bloomsbury, Central London providing office accommodation and conference space to various tenants. It also owns a long lease on a nearby flat.

The leasing of Woburn House remains the principal source of income. All the tenants are higher education sector organisations. The principal tenant, providing 45% of rental income in the year, is Universities UK, which uses the building as its headquarters and as a conference centre.

The Woburn House accommodation was fully let during the year, and the investment property, a residential flat in Southampton Row, is let out on a commercial basis.

All the existing tenant leases were renewed from November 2016 and a small office that had been surrendered was let from 1 April 2017 leaving Woburn House fully tenanted. All but one of the tenants signed a new 10-year lease, with one signing for 5 years. There were lease incentives negotiated with the two largest tenants in the form of rent free periods spread over the first four years of the lease.

During the year there was tenant led refurbishment of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floors of Woburn House. During this process the fire detection and alarm systems were updated. Tenant kitchens on floors 3 and 4 were both refurbished in July 2018 and common areas redecorated during the year.

	2018	2017	Change
	£000	£000	<b>%</b>
Turnover	1,453	1,689	-14%
Operating profit	959	927	+3.5%
Charitable deed of covenant to Universities UK	905	917	-1.3%
Revaluation of investment properties		11,300	
Deferred taxation	_	3,760	
Profit	933	8,453	
Net assets	25,478	25,449	+0%

The directors are satisfied that their main objectives as stated in the Directors' Report are being achieved.

#### Principal risks and uncertainties

CVCP Properties plc's principal risks are failing to keep Woburn House well maintained and to carry out statutory checks to provide safe, secure and appropriate facilities and services to tenants, and failing to let out the building fully at market rates. It has sought a market niche by marketing Woburn House as a hub for the Higher Education Sector. Success in this approach and in its management of its principal risks is marked by current long-term relationships with Universities UK, the Association of Commonwealth Universities, the Universities and Colleges Employers Association and GuildHE. Other risks and uncertainties are kept under review.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 12 October 2018 and signed on behalf of the Board:

Professor Simon Gaskell

Director

## Directors' report for the year ended 31 July 2018

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2018.

#### Objectives and activities

The main objectives and activities of the company are general trading purposes on behalf of its shareholders, specifically for operating Woburn House, a major office building and conference centre in Bloomsbury, Central London.

All shareholders are UK universities in membership of Universities UK, plus Universities UK itself.

#### Results and dividend

There was a profit for the year after payment of deed of covenant to Universities UK but before taxation of £27,839. Excluding the investment gain of £11,300,000 and related deferred tax charge of £3,760,000 a loss of £3,755 was reported in 2017. The directors do not propose a dividend (2017: £nil). The profit after tax has been transferred to the profit and loss account.

#### **Fixed assets**

The company's main asset is Woburn House, purchased in 1995 for £3,000,000. Resolution Property Surveyors (regulated by RICS) revalued the building on 10 August 2017, and assessed its value at that date as £29,300,000.

The company also owns an investment property on London's Southampton Row. This property was purchased in 2000 for £355,000. The valuation by Resolution Property Surveyors of the long leasehold interest in this property at 10 August 2017 was £925,000.

### **Future developments**

The directors do not plan or foresee any material change in the company's activities or financial performance over the coming year.

### Events since the balance sheet date

There have been no important events affecting the company since the end of the financial year.

#### Directors and their interests

The directors during the year and as at the approval date are listed on page 1. Directors, who are considered to be key management personnel, received no remuneration. None of the directors had a beneficial interest in any contract with the company or any interests in its shares.

#### **Auditors**

haysmacintyre has indicated its willingness to continue as auditor, subject to re-appointment at the next annual general meeting.

#### Policy on payment of creditors

Payment to creditors is made within 30 days. At the year-end the number of other creditor days was 65 days (2017: 31 days). This is an arithmetical calculation and does not necessarily reflect the experience of any individual creditor.

## Directors' report for the year ended 31 July 2018

#### Directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.)

Company law requires directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the company and of the profit or loss company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

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

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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.

#### **Audit information**

So far as each of the directors in office at the time of the Directors' Report is aware:

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

This information is given and should be interpreted in accordance with section 418 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 12 October 2018 and signed on behalf of the Board:

Professor Simon Gaskell.

Director

# Independent auditors' report to the shareholders of CVCP **Properties plc**

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of CVCP Properties plc (the 'company') for the year ended 31 July 2018 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, Balance Sheet, Statement of Changes in Equity and associated notes 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 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (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 July 2018 and of its result 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 have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the directors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

## Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information. 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.

# Independent auditors' report to the shareholders of CVCP Properties plc

#### 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 directors' report and the strategic report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report and strategic report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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

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

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; or

#### Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement set out on page 4, 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 quarantee 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 www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

# Independent auditors' report to the shareholders of CVCP **Properties plc**

## 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.

Thomas Wilson, Senior Statutory Auditor For and on behalf of haysmacintyre, Statutory Auditor

10 Queen Street Place London EC4R 1AG

7 October 2018

# Statement of comprehensive income for the year ended 31 July 2018

	Notes	2018 £	2017 £
TURNOVER	2	1,453,172	1,689,245
Administrative expenses Other operating expenses		(144,534) (349,900)	(102,859) (659,835)
OPERATING PROFIT	3	958,738	926,551
Interest receivable Interest payable Revaluation of investment properties		358 (25,845) —	463 (14,132) 11,300,000
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		933,251	12,212,882
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	5		(3,760,000)
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		933,251	8,452,882

There was no other comprehensive income for 2018 (2017: £nil)

# Company statement of changes in equity for the year ended 31 **July 2018**

	Called up share capital	Profit and loss account	Total
	£	£	£
At 1 August 2016	4,800,000	13,113,488	17,913,488
Profit for the year		8,452,882	8,452,882
Payment under deed of covenant		(916,637)	(916,637)
At 31 July 2017	4,800,000	20,649,733	25,449,733
Profit for the year	· · · —	933,251	933,251
Payment under deed of covenant		(905,412)	(905,412)
At 31 July 2018	4,800,000	20,677,572	25,477,572

The notes on pages 11 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

# Balance sheet as at 31 July 2018

	Notes	2018 £	2017 £
FIXED ASSETS Tangible assets Investments	6 7	76,353 30,225,000 30,301,353	49,886 30,225,000 30,274,886
CURRENT ASSETS Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	8	481,602 507,694 989,296	413,935 537,627 951,562
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	9	(1,303,077)	(1,266,715)
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		(313,781)	(315,153)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		29,987,572	29,959,733
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after one year	10	(750,000)	(750,000)
DEFERRED TAXATION	11	(3,760,000)	(3,760,000)
TOTAL NET ASSETS		25,477,572	25,449,733
CAPITAL AND RESERVES Called up share capital Profit and loss account SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	15 14	4,800,000 20,677,572 25,477,572	4,800,000 20,649,733 25,449,733

The notes on pages 11 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 12 October 2018

Signed on behalf of the Board:

Professor Simon Gaskell

Director

Company number: 03029225

# Cash flow statement for the year ended 31 July 2018

	2018 £	2017 £
(a) Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities	<b>~</b> .	٤
Net income for the year	933,251	8,452,882
Interest income Interest payable Depreciation charges Revaluation of investment properties Increase in debtors Increase/(decrease) in creditors Deferred tax provision  Net cash used in operating activities	(358) 25,845 44,982 — (67,667) 53,758 — 989,811	(463) 14,132 34,970 (11,300,000) (309,180) (180,071) 3,760,000
(b) Statement of cash flows		
Cash flows from operating activities	989,811	472,270
Cash flows for investing activities Purchase of tangible fixed assets Interest income received Interest paid Paid under deed of Covenant	(71,449) 358 (36,094) (912,559)	(33,620) 463 (13,125) (644,941)
Net cash used in investing activities	(1,019,744)	(691,223)
Cash flows from financing activities Cash inflows from new borrowing Net cash provided by financing activities		375,000 375,000
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	(29,933)	156,047
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 August	537,627	381,580
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 July	507,694	537,627

#### **ACCOUNTING POLICIES** 1.

The financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102 and the Companies Act 2006 as it applies to the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 July 2018. The principal accounting policies adopted are described below.

## a. Critical accounting judgements and estimates

In preparing these financial statements, management has made judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of the companies' accounting policies and the reported assets, liabilities, income and expenditure and the disclosures made in the financial statements. Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historic experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

## b. Preparation of accounts on a going concern basis

The Board considers that there are no material uncertainties about the company's ability to continue as a going concern.

#### c. Income and expenditure

All income and expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Turnover represents rentals charged and is stated net of value added tax.

#### d. Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is calculated on the straight line basis at rates sufficient to write down the assets over their expected useful lives. The rates of depreciation are as follows:

Furniture and equipment: Computer equipment

Over four years Over three years

Individual assets costing over £2,500 are capitalised.

### e. Operating leases

Rental costs payable under operating leases are charged to profit or loss on a straight line basis over the lease term, unless the rental payments are structured to increase in line with expected general inflation, in which case the company recognises annual rent expense equal to amounts owed to the lessor.

The aggregate benefit of lease incentives are recognised as a reduction to the expense recognised over the lease term on a straight line basis.

## f. Investment properties

Investment properties are valued by the directors at open market value and professionally valued on a periodic basis.

No depreciation is provided in respect of investment properties.

#### g. Taxation

Current tax is recognised for the amount of income tax payable in respect of the taxable profit for the current or past reporting periods using the tax rates and laws that that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date. Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences at the reporting date, except as otherwise indicated.

#### h. Financial instruments

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

#### Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the company has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

#### **Debtors**

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment.

#### Employee benefits

Staff are employed by Universities UK and costs are recharged to CVCP Properties plc. Detail of pension schemes and employee benefits are available in the financial statements of Universities UK.

#### 2. **TURNOVER**

The main objectives of the company are general trading purposes on behalf of its shareholders. All activities are carried out in the United Kingdom. Turnover relates to rental income.

#### 3. **OPERATING PROFIT**

Operating profit is stated after charging / (crediting):

	2018 £	2017 £
Rents payable under operating leases Rents receivable in respect of operating leases Depreciation Auditors remuneration:	575 	293,215 (295,277) 34,970
In respect of the financial statements In respect of tax compliance Other services and prior year	3,700 900 1,600	3,600 810 1,550

## INFORMATION REGARDING DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES

The company had no employees in either this or the preceding financial year. Directors, who are considered to be key management personnel, received no remuneration from the company. During the year £17 in expenses were reimbursed to a Director (2017: nil).

#### 5. TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

## Analysis of charge in the year

	2018 £	2017 £
United Kingdom corporation tax and total current tax		<u> </u>
Deferred taxation		3,760,000
Tax results on ordinary activities		3,760,000
Factors affecting the tax charge for the period		•
	2018 £	2017 £
Profit before taxation	27,839	11,296,245
Taxation on profit at standard United Kingdom rate of tax of 19% (2017 – 19.67%)  Expenses not deductible for tax purposes Income not taxable for tax purposes Chargeable gains Adjust closing deferred tax to average rate Adjust opening deferred tax to average rate Deferred tax not recognised	5,289 — — (443,704) 443,147 (4,732)	2,221,492 2,541 (2,222,230) 4,349,103 (591,005) 767 (668)
Tax charge		3,760,000

The deferred tax provision above relates to timing differences arising on the revaluation of the investment properties in the year.

#### **TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS** 6.

		Furniture & equipment £
Cost At 1 August 2017		327,928
Additions		71,449
Disposals		(27,886)
At 31 July 2018		371,491
Depreciation		
At 1 August 2017		278,042
Disposals		(27,886)
Charge for the year		44,982
At 31 July 2018		295,138
Net book value		
At 31 July 2018		76,353
At 31 July 2017		49,886
•		
FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS		
	2018	2017
	£	£
Investment proportion at market value	20 225 000	20 225 000
Investment properties at market value	30,225,000	30,225,000
Investment properties at cost	6,253,768	6,253,768

The directors obtained a professional valuation of Woburn House and Flat 7, Russell Square Mansions from Resolution Property Surveyors (Chartered Surveyors) as at 10 August 2017. The market value of Woburn House and Russell Square Mansions was assessed as £29,300,000 and £925,000 respectively. The market value of Woburn House was arrived at by adopting a rent capitalisation methodology using an equivalent yield. The market value of Flat 7, Russell Square Mansions was based on comparable transactions for similar properties. Directors are of the opinion that the values have not changed materially since.

#### **DEBTORS** 8.

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	2018 £	2017 £
Other debtors	10,503	1,342
Prepayments and accrued income	471,099	412,593
	481,602	413,935

#### **CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR** 9.

	2018	2017
	£	£
Trade creditors	110,988	69,363
Taxation and social security	43,370	21,906
Other creditors	905,412	912,560
Accruals and deferred income	243,307	262,886
	1,303,077	1,266,715

## CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2018	2017
	£	Ł
Loans due after more than one year	750,000	750,000
•	750,000	750,000

The loan balance is due for repayment after more than five years, but no later than 25 November 2026. The loan is secured by way of a fixed charge over the Woburn House building. Interest is payable on the loan at 3% above National Westminster Bank plc base rate.

#### **DEFERRED TAXATION** 11.

Deferred taxation provided at 19.67% in the financial statements is set out below:

	2018 £	2017 £
Timing difference on property fair value adjustment	3,760,000	3,760,000
	3,760,000	3,760,000

#### **FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

	2018	2017
	£	£
Financial assets measured at amortised cost	518,197	538,969
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	1,830,484	1,796,174

Financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise debtors and cash.

Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost are creditors.

#### 13. LESSOR INCOME COMMITMENTS

CVCP Properties plc had the following future minimum lease receipts under non-cancellable operating leases for each of the following periods:

	Total	Total
	2018	2017
	£	£
Land and buildings:		
. Within one year	1,329,426	1,391,696
Between one and five years	2,642,677	3,973,533
	3,972,103	5,365,229

#### 14. **RESERVES**

Included within the profit and loss account is a sinking fund of £43,851 for repairs and maintenance in accordance with the service charge agreement. This fund is provided towards the cost of the scheduled five-yearly external refurbishment work.

Called up share capital represents the nominal value of shares that have been issued.

Profit and loss account includes all current and prior period retained profits and losses.

#### **CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL**

	2018	2017
	£	£
Allotted and fully paid:		
4,250,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	4,250,000	4,250,000
550,000 6% non-cumulative preference shares of £1 each	550,000	550,000
	4,800,000	4,800,000

The 6% non-cumulative preference shares of £1 each entitle the holder to receive a preferential dividend at the rate of 6% on the paid-up capital in priority to any transfer or any rights of the holders of ordinary shares (non-cumulative). In all other respects the preference shares rank pari passu with ordinary shares and are defined as equity instruments.

#### 16. **CONTROLLING PARTIES**

17.

All shareholders are UK universities in membership of Universities UK, and Universities UK itself. The financial statements include transactions with Universities UK as follows:

	2018 £	2017 £
Included in turnover:		
Rental and service charges	655,482	649,108
Included in expenditure and other creditors: Payment under deed of covenant	905,412	916,637
Included in trade creditors: Other recharges	37,804	35,626
Included in accruals: Loan interest payable	25,845	`14,132
Included in creditors falling due after one year: Loans	750,000	750,000
Included in expenditure: Other recharges Loan interest payable	85,825 25,845	119,201 14,132
RELATED PARTIES		·
Medical Schools Council		
	2018 £	2017 £
Included in turnover: Rental and service charges	48,675	47,492
Included in expenditure and other creditors:  Deferred income - rent and service charge	7,952	8,029