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# Castell Ventures Limited

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

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## **Castell Ventures Limited**

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## **Castell Ventures Limited**

### **Company Information**

<b>Directors</b>	Mr S L Epps
	Mr S A Hembrow
	Mrs A K Hinchey
	Mr S T J Porter
	Mr L Reeves
	Mr A Stephenson
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## **Castell Ventures Limited**

### **Strategic Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

The directors present the strategic report of Castell Ventures Limited ("Castell Ventures" or the "company") for the year ended 31 December 2021.

#### **Principal activity**

The principal activity of the company in the year was that of catering, cleaning and domiciliary care services.

#### **Fair review of the business**

Castell Ventures is an independent company run as a social enterprise with any profits generated used to further the social purpose of its parent company, Wales & West Housing Association Limited (the "Association"). The company has been providing catering and cleaning services to residents at the group's three Extra Care schemes since 2013 and in 2016 launched its domiciliary care service to older people and others with complex needs who live in properties owned or managed by the group.

Castell Ventures strives to do the right thing to deliver what matters for the residents of the group and the community. Castell Ventures has its own board of directors, which meets four times annually. All significant decisions made by the company are subject to direct oversight and governance by the group Board of Directors, which meets regularly throughout the year.

#### **Principal risks and uncertainties**

The provision of Care and Support services is subject to sector-specific regulatory oversight and brings additional reputational risk. However, the growth of this business has been done in a phased manner over a number of years and under the leadership of a management team with extensive experience in the sector. The group Board of Directors maintains direct oversight and in particular must approve all new business activity and tenders for new work.

The risk of poor governance is mitigated by direct oversight from the group Board of Directors, which is diverse and draws upon a wide range of skills, backgrounds and specialisms.

The company is within the scope of the group risk assessment and risk management procedures which are set out more fully in the annual report and financial statements of the parent undertaking.

#### **Performance during the year**

The results for the year show a turnover of £4.4 million (2020: £2.4 million) due to the increased volume of domiciliary care and support services provided. The company reported an operating profit of £26,717 (2020: £15,571 loss). After interest payments, this took profits to £16,355 (2020: loss of £25,378) and retained losses of £36,179 at 31 December 2021 (2020 retained losses: £52,534).

At 31 December 2021, Castell Ventures had gross assets of £473,344 (2020: £479,295).

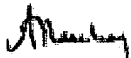
## **Castell Ventures Limited**

### **Strategic Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

#### **Future developments**

The principal activity of the company in providing catering, cleaning and domiciliary care services will continue for the foreseeable future. It is anticipated that with Local Authorities providing the supply of Personal Protective Equipment and with planned selective growth, this business is expected to continue to generate an operating profit during 2022 and beyond.

Approved and authorised by the Board on .26.May.2022 and signed on its behalf by:



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Mrs A K Hinchey  
Director

## Castell Ventures Limited

### Directors' Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

#### Director of the company

The directors who held office during the year were as follows:

Mr S L Epps

Mr S A Hembrow

Mrs A K Hinchey

Mr S T J Porter

Mr L Reeves

Mr A Stephenson

#### Disclosure of information to the Auditor

Each director has taken steps that they ought to have taken as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information. The directors confirm that there is no relevant information that they know of and of which they know the auditor is unaware.

Approved and authorised by the Board on 26 May 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



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Mrs A K Hinchey  
Director

## **Castell Ventures Limited**

### **Statement of Directors' Responsibilities**

The directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic Report, the Report of the Directors 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 Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'. 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 of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 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.

## **Castell Ventures Limited**

### **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Castell Ventures Limited**

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Castell Ventures Limited (the 'company') for the year ended 31 December 2021, which comprise the Statement of Income and Retained Earnings, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Changes in Equity, Statement of Cash Flows, 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 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 December 2021 and of its profit 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 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**

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

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections 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.

## **Castell Ventures Limited**

### **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Castell Ventures Limited**

#### **Opinion on other matter 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 Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Strategic Report and Directors' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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

In the light of our 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 and the Directors' Report.

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of 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**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities [set out on page 5], 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 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.

## Castell Ventures Limited

### Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Castell Ventures Limited

#### Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

We identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and then design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

In identifying and addressing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, our procedures included the following:

- We obtained an understanding of laws and regulations that affect the Company, focusing on those that had a direct effect on the financial statements or that had a fundamental effect on its operations. Key laws and regulations that we identified included the Companies Act 2006, tax legislation, health and safety legislation, and employment legislation.
- We enquired of the Directors and reviewed correspondence and Directors meeting minutes for evidence of non-compliance with relevant laws and regulations. We also reviewed controls the Directors have in place, where necessary, to ensure compliance.
- We gained an understanding of the controls that the Directors have in place to prevent and detect fraud.
- We enquired of the Directors about any incidences of fraud that had taken place during the accounting period.
- The risk of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud was discussed within the audit team and tests were planned and performed to address these risks. We identified the potential for fraud in the following areas: laws related to the construction and provision of social housing, recognising the nature of the Company's activities and the regulated nature of the Company's activities.
- We reviewed financial statements disclosures and tested to supporting documentation to assess compliance with relevant laws and regulations discussed above.
- We enquired of the Directors about actual and potential litigation and claims.
- We performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that might indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud.
- In addressing the risk of fraud due to management override of internal controls we tested the appropriateness of journal entries and assessed whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates were indicative of a potential bias.

Due to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations and cannot be expected to detect all fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

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](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

## Castell Ventures Limited

### Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Castell Ventures Limited

#### 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.

*Beever and Struthers*

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Lee Cartwright (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
For and on behalf of Beever and Struthers, Statutory Auditor

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Date: 26 May 2022.....

# Castell Ventures Limited

## Statement of Income and Retained Earnings for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Turnover		4,352,169	2,443,680
Cost of sales		<u>(3,608,132)</u>	<u>(2,140,276)</u>
Gross profit		744,037	303,404
Administrative expenses		<u>(717,320)</u>	<u>(318,975)</u>
Operating profit/(loss)	3	<u>26,717</u>	<u>(15,571)</u>
Interest payable and similar charges	4	<u>(10,362)</u>	<u>(9,807)</u>
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Profit/(loss) before tax		<u>16,355</u>	<u>(25,378)</u>
Profit/(loss) for the financial year		16,355	(25,378)
Retained losses brought forward		<u>(52,534)</u>	<u>(27,156)</u>
Retained losses carried forward		<u><u>(36,179)</u></u>	<u><u>(52,534)</u></u>

# Castell Ventures Limited

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## Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stocks	8	-	18,093
Debtors	9	389,138	448,734
Cash at bank and in hand		84,206	12,468
		<u>473,344</u>	<u>479,295</u>
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	11	<u>(384,522)</u>	<u>(471,828)</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		88,822	7,467
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	11	<u>(125,000)</u>	<u>(60,000)</u>
<b>Net liabilities</b>		<u>(36,178)</u>	<u>(52,533)</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Called up share capital		1	1
Profit and loss account		<u>(36,179)</u>	<u>(52,534)</u>
<b>Shareholders' deficit</b>		<u>(36,178)</u>	<u>(52,533)</u>

Approved and authorised by the Board on 26 May 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



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Mrs A K Hinchey  
Director

The notes on pages 14 to 18 form an integral part of these financial statements.

# **Castell Ventures Limited**

## **Statement of Changes in Equity for the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

	<b>Share capital</b>	<b>Profit and loss</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>account</b>	<b>£</b>
At 1 January 2021	1	(52,534)	(52,533)
Profit for the year	-	16,355	16,355
Total comprehensive income	-	16,355	16,355
At 31 December 2021	1	(36,179)	(36,178)
	<b>Share capital</b>	<b>Profit and loss</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>account</b>	<b>£</b>
At 1 January 2020	1	(27,156)	(27,155)
Loss for the year	-	(25,378)	(25,378)
Total comprehensive income	-	(25,378)	(25,378)
At 31 December 2020	1	(52,534)	(52,533)

## Castell Ventures Limited

### Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Profit/(loss) for the year		16,355	(25,378)
Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items			
Finance costs	4	<u>10,362</u>	<u>9,807</u>
		26,717	(15,571)
Working capital adjustments			
Decrease/(increase) in stocks	8	18,093	(18,093)
Decrease/(increase) in trade debtors	9	59,596	(305,495)
(Decrease)/increase in trade creditors	11	<u>(22,306)</u>	<u>264,999</u>
Net cash flow from operating activities		82,100	(74,160)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Interest paid	4	<u>(10,362)</u>	<u>(9,807)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		71,738	(83,967)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January		<u>12,468</u>	<u>96,435</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December		<u><u>84,206</u></u>	<u><u>12,468</u></u>

The notes on pages 14 to 18 form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Castell Ventures Limited

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

#### 1 General information

The company is a private company limited by share capital, incorporated in England and Wales.

The address of its registered office is:

Archway House

77 Parc Ty Glas

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These financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board on .....

#### Accounting policies

##### Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

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

##### Statement of compliance

These financial statements were prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

##### Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared using the historical cost convention except that as disclosed in the accounting policies certain items are shown at fair value.

##### Summary of disclosure exemptions

The company has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland:"

- the requirement of Section 33 Related Party Disclosures paragraph 33.7.

##### Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The Directors have reviewed and considered relevant information, including the rolling forecasts and future cash flows in making their assessment. In particular, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Directors have tested their cash flow analysis to take into account the impact on their business of possible scenarios brought on by the impact of COVID-19, alongside the measures that they can take to mitigate the impact. Based on these assessments, given the measures that could be undertaken to mitigate the current adverse conditions, and the current resources available, the Directors have concluded that they can continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.

##### Revenue recognition

Turnover is recognised at the point when services are delivered and is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, excluding value added tax and other sales taxes.

## Castell Ventures Limited

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

#### Tax

Taxation for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity.

Current or deferred taxation assets and liabilities are not discounted.

Current tax is recognised at the amount of tax payable using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date in the countries where the company operates and generates taxable income.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date.

Timing differences arise from the inclusion of income and expenses in tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in the financial statements. Deferred tax is measured using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the year end and that are expected to apply to the reversal of the timing differences.

Unrelieved tax losses and other deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or futures taxable profits.

#### Stocks

Personal protective equipment is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

#### Defined contribution pension obligation

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the company's pension scheme are charged to the profit or loss in the period to which they relate.

### 3 Operating profit/(loss)

Arrived at after charging/(crediting)

	2021	2020
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	<u>5,460</u>	<u>4,530</u>

### 4 Interest payable and similar expenses

	2021	2020
	£	£
Interest expense on other finance liabilities	<u>10,362</u>	<u>9,807</u>

## Castell Ventures Limited

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

#### 5 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs (including directors' remuneration) were as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	3,408,279	1,816,656
Social security costs	214,633	128,211
Pension costs, defined contribution scheme	124,470	68,099
Other employee expense	44,122	5,412
	<u>3,791,504</u>	<u>2,018,378</u>

The average number of persons employed by the company (including directors) during the year, analysed by category was as follows:

	2021	2020
	No.	No.
Staff	183	109
Directors	6	6
	<u>189</u>	<u>115</u>

A significant proportion of staff work part-time hours. The above 184 members of staff equates to 150 (2020: 86) full- time equivalents.

#### 6 Directors' remuneration

The directors' remuneration for the year was as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Remuneration	<u>65,285</u>	<u>65,371</u>

During the year the number of directors who were receiving benefits and share incentives was as follows:

	2021	2020
	No.	No.
Accruing benefits under money purchase pension scheme	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

## Castell Ventures Limited

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

#### 7 Taxation

Tax charged/(credited) in the income statement

2021	2020
£	£

The tax on profit before tax for the year is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK (2020 - lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK) of 19% (2020 - 19%).

The differences are reconciled below:

	2021 £	2020 £
Profit/(loss) before tax	<u>16,355</u>	<u>(25,378)</u>
Corporation tax at standard rate	3,107	(4,822)
Effect of tax losses	<u>(3,107)</u>	<u>4,822</u>
Total tax charge/(credit)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

#### 8 Stocks

	2021 £	2020 £
Personal Protective Equipment	<u>-</u>	<u>18,093</u>

#### 9 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade debtors	372,841	371,298
Amounts owed by group undertakings	16,196	77,435
Other debtors	100	-
Called up share capital not paid	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>389,138</u>	<u>448,734</u>

#### 10 Cash and cash equivalents

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash on hand	3,764	2,041
Cash at bank	<u>80,442</u>	<u>10,427</u>
	<u>84,206</u>	<u>12,468</u>

## Castell Ventures Limited

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

#### 11 Creditors

	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Due within one year</b>		
Trade creditors	12,322	12,342
Amounts owed to group undertakings	-	3,386
Social security and other taxes	98,982	57,073
Other payables	158,878	-
Accruals	114,340	89,027
Amount owed to group loan	-	310,000
	<u>384,522</u>	<u>471,828</u>
<b>Due after one year</b>		
Amount owed to group loan	<u>125,000</u>	<u>60,000</u>

#### 12 Pension and other schemes

##### Defined contribution pension scheme

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the company to the scheme and amounted to £124,469 (2020 - £68,099).

#### 13 Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 January 2021 £	Cash flows £	At 31 December 2021 £
<b>Cash and cash equivalents</b>			
Cash	<u>12,468</u>	<u>71,738</u>	<u>84,206</u>
	<u>12,468</u>	<u>71,738</u>	<u>84,206</u>

#### 14 Parent and ultimate parent undertaking

The company's ultimate controlling party and ultimate parent undertaking is Wales & West Housing Association Limited, incorporated in England and Wales.

The most senior parent entity producing publicly available financial statements is Wales & West Housing Association Limited. These financial statements are available upon request from Archway House, 77 Parc Ty Glas, Llanishen, Cardiff, CF14 5DU.