Wheatley Group- Use of Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.

In March 2020, the UK Government announced the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme ('the Scheme'), to help businesses deal with the economic consequences of the Coronavirus pandemic and consequent lockdown measures. The Scheme has been extended until the end of September 2021. The Scheme allows organisations to place employees on a temporary leave of absence.

Wheatley Housing Group ('the Group') and its Subsidiaries have utilised the Scheme during this period. The undernoted table below sets out the number of Group staff and bank workers who were placed on temporary leave of absence from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 and the grant paid to the Group monthly through the Scheme in this period.

In this context, bank workers are the collective name used for a pool of people the Group can call on as and when work becomes available. Please note that the first claim in April 2020 for bank workers also included amounts paid for use of the Scheme in March 2020.

The grant paid through the Scheme to the Group represents 9% of the total staff salary cost during this period.

The Group and its Subsidiaries do not pay dividends to shareholders. Any surplus made by the Group and its Subsidiaries is used to make improvements to Group housing stock, and to invest in existing and new services to improve the lives of Wheatley Group customers.

	Employees	Bank workers	Total	Employees	Bank workers	Total
	£grant value			Staff numbers		
April 20	£717,774	£100,444	£818,219	447	31	478
Mar 20	£1,078,714	£73,824	£1,152,538	551	31	582
June 20	£1,193,871	£73,864	£1,267,735	657	31	688
July 20	£1,147,164	£75,208	£1,222,372	604	31	635
Aug 20	£977,536	£75,208	£1,052,744	591	31	622
Sept 20	£755,804	£58,776	£814,580	523	31	554
Oct 20	£530,365	£50,273	£580,638	446	31	477
Nov 20	£498,364	£39,286	£537,650	303	17	320
Dec 20	£412,852	£29,667	£442,519	270	10	280
Jan 21	£512,755	£46,307	£559,063	341	23	364
Feb 21	£477,178	£31,545	£508,723	353	17	370
Mar 21	£427,523	£31,940	£459,463	301	16	317