

**FUNDING No.1 LTD** 

# ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended

31 March 2020

Wheatley Funding No. 1 Limited

Registered number SC469961

## Directors' report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2020

# **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The Directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2020.

## **OPERATING REVIEW**

#### Principal activities

The principal activity of Wheatley Funding No. 1 Limited is the administration of the Wheatley Group loan facilities agreement. The loan facility finances the Group's Registered Social Landlord subsidiaries ("RSL subsidiaries"). The Company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

#### **Business review**

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Wheatley Housing Group Limited. It administered the banking facilities for certain of Wheatley Group's RSL subsidiaries during the year, collectively referred to as the "RSL Borrower Group". The RSL Borrower Group comprises of The Glasgow Housing Association Limited, Cube Housing Association Limited, West Lothian Housing Partnership Limited, Dunedin Canmore Housing Limited, Barony Housing Association Limited and Loretto Housing Association Limited.

During the year the Company has recharged the Group's RSL Borrower Group subsidiaries for banking fees incurred and for the administration of the loan facility and for the bond finance.

#### Proposed dividend

The directors do not recommend payment of a dividend.

#### Directors and directors' interests

The directors of the Company who were in office during the year and up to the date of signing the financial statements were:

Jo Armstrong	
Mike Blyth	resigned 25 September 2019
Steven Henderson	
Martin Kelso	appointed 25 September 2019

None of the Directors who held office at the end of the financial year had any disclosable interest in the shares of the Company.

#### Disclosure of information to auditor

The Directors who held office at the date of approval of this Directors' Report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware; and each director has taken all the steps that he/she ought to have taken as a director to make himself/herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

# **DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)**

#### **Independent auditor**

In accordance with Section 489 of the Companies Act 2006, a resolution for the re-appointment of KPMG LLP as auditor is to be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

#### **Basis of preparation**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006. As such, the company has taken exemption from preparing a strategic report.

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

#### Turnover

Turnover for the year ended 31 March 2020 was £2,500k (2019: £2,339k) for the Company. This was, in the main, generated through charges to the parent company of bank commitment fees incurred.

#### Expenditure

Administrative expenses incurred for the year of  $\pounds 2,495k$  (2019:  $\pounds 2,334k$ ) comprised the cost of bank commitment fees levied by the lenders.

#### Finance income and costs

Finance costs incurred on the Company borrowings for the year of £56,011k (2019: £52,806k) were charged to the members of the RSL Borrower Group.

#### **Statement of Financial Position**

As at 31 March 2020, the company reported net assets of £23k, representing accumulated revenue reserves. Long term creditors of £1,170,490k (2019: 1,081,795k) which relate to the borrowings under the banking facilities due in more than one year. The company has net current assets of £26,129k (2019: net current liabilities of £1,698k) which includes £9,228k of borrowings due to be repaid within one year (2019: £4,050k) and short term creditors due to other group undertakings of £4,741k (2019: £6,983k).

#### Going concern

As a special purpose vehicle set up to administer the Wheatley Group housing loans for the RSL subsidiaries, the financial viability of the Company reflects that of the RSL subsidiaries. The RSL subsidiaries have access to sufficient funds to meet their current liabilities as they fall due. There are therefore no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that cast significant doubt upon the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. Further details are provided in note 2.

On behalf of the Board

To Armstrong Director

11 September 2020

Wheatley House 25 Cochrane Street Glasgow G1 1HL

# **DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)**

# STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE DIRECTORS' REPORT AND THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' 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 they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK accounting standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 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 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;
- assess the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; and
- use the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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 responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WHEATLEY FUNDING NO.1 LIMITED

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Wheatley Funding No.1 Limited ("the company") for the year ended 31 March 2020 which comprise the Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Equity, Statement of Financial Position and related notes, including the accounting policies in note 2.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 March 2020 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK accounting standards, including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland*; 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 are described below. We have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities under, and are independent of the company in accordance with, UK ethical requirements including the FRC Ethical Standard. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is a sufficient and appropriate basis for our opinion.

#### Going concern

The directors have prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis as they do not intend to liquidate the company or to cease its operations, and as they have concluded that the company's financial position means that this is realistic. They have also concluded that there are no material uncertainties that could have cast significant doubt over its ability to continue as a going concern for at least a year from the date of approval of the financial statements ("the going concern period").

We are required to report to you if we have concluded that the use of the going concern basis of accounting is inappropriate or there is an undisclosed material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt over the use of that basis for a period of at least a year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In our evaluation of the directors' conclusions, we considered the inherent risks to the company's business model and analysed how those risks might affect the company's financial resources or ability to continue operations over the going concern period. We have nothing to report in these respects.

However, as we cannot predict all future events or conditions and as subsequent events may result in outcomes that are inconsistent with judgements that were reasonable at the time they were made, the absence of reference to a material uncertainty in this auditor's report is not a guarantee that the company will continue in operation.

#### **Directors' report**

The directors are responsible for the directors' report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover that report and we do not express an audit opinion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the directors' report and, in doing so, consider whether, based on our financial statements audit work, the information therein is materially misstated or inconsistent with the financial statements or our audit knowledge. Based solely on that work:

- we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report;
- in our opinion the information given in that report for the financial year is consistent with the financial statements; and
- in our opinion that report has been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WHEATLEY FUNDING NO.1 LIMITED (continued)

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

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required 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
- the directors were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

We have nothing to report in these respects.

#### **Directors' responsibilities**

As explained more fully in their 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; such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; 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 they either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditor's responsibilities

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 our opinion in an auditor's report. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but does not 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 aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

A fuller description of our responsibilities is provided on the FRC's website at <u>www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities</u>.

#### The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

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.

Michael Wilkie

Michael Wilkie (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor *Chartered Accountants* 319 St Vincent Street Glasgow, G2 5AS

21 September 2020

# STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

	Note	2020 £000	2019 £000
Turnover		2,500	2,339
Administrative expenses	3	(2,495)	(2,334)
Operating profit		5	5
Finance income Finance costs	6 7	56,011 (56,011)	52,806 (52,806)
Profit before taxation		5	5
Tax on profit	8	(1)	(1)
Profit for the financial year	14	4	4
Other comprehensive income Total comprehensive income for the financial year		- 4	- 4

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

Balance at 1 April 2018	<b>Revenue</b> <b>Reserve</b> <b>£000</b> 15	Total Equity £000 15
Profit for the financial year	4	4
Balance at 31 March 2019	19	19
Profit for the financial year	4	4
Balance at 31 March 2020	23	23

All amounts relate to continuing operations for the current year.

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

#### Wheatley Funding No. 1 Limited

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### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 MARCH 2020

	Note	2020	2019
		£000£	£000
Fixed Assets: Investments	9	12	12
Debtors: amounts falling due after more than one year	10	1,144,372	1,083,500
<b>Current assets:</b> Debtors falling due within one year Cash and cash equivalents	11	12,142 29,432 41,574	6,245 5,302 11,547
<b>Creditors:</b> amounts falling due within one year <b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>	12	(15,445) 26,129	(13,245) (1,698)
Total assets less current liabilities		1,170,513	1,081,814
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	13	(1,170,490)	(1,081,795)
Net assets		23	19
Capital and reserves Called up share capital Revenue reserve Total reserves	14	<u></u> 23	<u>19</u> 19

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 26 August 2020 and signed on its behalf on 11 September 2020 by:

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Jo Armstrong Director

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements

Company number SC469961

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

### 1. Legal status

Wheatley Funding No. 1 Limited ("WFL1" or "the Company") is a wholly owned subsidiary of Wheatley Housing Group Ltd ("WHG"). The Company is incorporated in the UK and registered under the Companies Act 2006.

## 2. Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items that are considered material in relation to the company's financial statements.

### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and under the historical cost accounting rules, on a going concern basis and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and applicable accounting standards in United Kingdom and FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Under FRS 102 the Company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a qualifying entity and its parent undertaking includes the Company in its own published consolidated financial statements.

Consolidated financial statements for WFL1 and its subsidiary Wheatley Group Capital plc have not been prepared by virtue of s400 of the Companies Act 2006, on the basis that both companies are included in the consolidated financial statements of the ultimate parent organisation, Wheatley Housing Group Limited.

#### Going concern

As referred to on page 3 of the Directors' Report, the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which the Board considers to be appropriate for the following reasons.

In order to settle its own financial obligations and meet the compliance requirements of its external borrowings the Company is dependent on the RSL Borrower Group generating sufficient cashflows to settle the payments of principal and interest on the onward loan of the funding which the Company raised. Those forecasts are dependent on RSL Borrower Group having adequate resources to continue in business over the going concern assessment period.

The Group prepares a 30-year business plan which is updated and approved on an annual basis. The most recent business plan was approved in February 2020 by the Board. As well as considering the impact of a number of scenarios on the business plan the Board also adopted a stress testing framework against the base plan. The stress testing impacts were measured against loan covenants and peak borrowing levels compared to agreed facilities, with potential mitigating actions identified to reduce expenditure. Following the outbreak of Covid-19 the Group has revised forecasts based on updated scenarios, including severe but plausible downsides.

The Board, after reviewing the Group and Company budgets for 2020/21 and the Company's financial position as forecast in the 30-year business plan, including changes arising from the Covid-19 pandemic, is of the opinion that, taking account of severe but plausible downsides, the Group and Company have adequate resources to continue to meet their liabilities over the period of 12 months from the date of approval of the financial statements (the going concern assessment period). In reaching this conclusion, the Board has considered the following factors:

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

#### 2 Accounting policies (continued)

- Rent and service charge receivable arrears and bad debt assumptions have been increased to allow for customer difficulties in making payments and budget and business plan scenarios have been updated to take account of potential future changes in rent increases;
- The property market budget and business plan scenarios have taken account of delays in new build handovers;
- Maintenance costs budget and business plan scenarios have been modelled to take account revised profiles of repairs and maintenance expenditure, with major works being phased into future years;
- Development activity forecast development expenditure has been modelled to take account of potential revised investment profiles;
- Liquidity –the Company's access to undrawn loan facilities of £310.5m, gives significant headroom for committed expenditure and other forecast cash flows over the going concern assessment period;
- The Group and Company's ability to withstand other adverse scenarios such as higher interest rates and increases in the number of void properties.

The Board believe the Group and Company have sufficient funding in place and expect the Group and Company to be in compliance with its debt covenants even in severe but plausible downside scenarios.

Consequently, the Board is confident that the Group and Company will have sufficient funds to continue to meet their liabilities as they fall due for at least 12 months from the date of approval of the financial statements and therefore have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis.

#### **Related party disclosures**

The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Wheatley Housing Group Limited and is included within the consolidated financial statements of Wheatley Housing Group Limited which are publicly available. Consequently, the Company has taken advantage of the exemption, under the terms of FRS 102, from disclosing related-party transactions with wholly owned entities that are part of the Wheatley Housing Group.

#### Turnover

Turnover represents income from management fees charged to the RSL subsidiaries in the UK.

#### Bank fees

Bank arrangement fees incurred on establishing the company's loan facility and on the 2010 restructuring of the loan facility, are passed onto the RSL subsidiaries and amortised over the projected period of the loan drawdown by the RSL subsidiaries. Other bank fees are expensed and recovered from the RSL subsidiaries in the year in which they arise.

#### Finance income and finance costs

Interest receivable from group companies and payable to the funding syndicate and bond holders is recognised in the year in which it arises.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

#### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

#### Creditors

Balances due on bank loans and on intra-group lending from Wheatley Group Capital plc are on-lent to the RSL subsidiaries who are related Group companies. No interest is charged by the company to the RSL subsidiaries over and above that payable to the funding syndicate and Wheatley Group Capital plc.

#### **Financial instruments**

The Company has elected to apply FRS 102 Section 11 and Section 12 in accounting for financial instruments. FRS 102 requires some financial instruments to be carried at fair value. Bank loans are classed as either basic or complex financial instruments. Loans that are classed as basic under the requirements of FRS 102, are measured at amortised cost. Loans classed as complex are carried at fair value. The fair value of complex financial instruments are provided by an independent professional advisor and are determined using valuation techniques that use primarily observable inputs such as short term rates, futures, swap rates, implied volatilities and market credit spreads for similar credit worthiness instruments. All loans are classed as basic.

#### Taxation

The charge for taxation is based on the profit for the year and takes into account taxation deferred because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes. Deferred tax is recognised, without discounting, in respect of all timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes which have arisen but not reversed by the date of the Statement of Financial Position, except as otherwise required by FRS 102.

#### Value Added Tax

The company is not registered for VAT. Expenditure with irrecoverable VAT is shown inclusive of VAT.

#### 3. Administrative expenses

	2020 £000	2019 £000
Bank commitment, audit and administrative fees	2,495	2,334

The Company has no employees (2019: nil).

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

4. Auditors remuneration	2020	2019
	£000	£000
The remuneration of the Auditor (excluding VAT) is as follows: - audit of these financial statements	4	4
5 Remuneration of directors		
No remuneration was paid to the directors during the period (2019: nil).		
6 Finance income		
	2020 £000	2019 £000
Receivable from group undertakings	56,011	52,806
7 Finance costs		
	2020 £000	2019 £000
On bank loans Payable to group undertakings	42,886 13,125	39,681 13,125
	56,011	52,806
8 Tax on profit		
	2020 £000	2019 £000
Analysis of charge in year: UK corporation tax		
Current tax on income for the year	1	1
	1	1

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

Factors affecting the tax charge for the current and previous years

The current tax charge for small companies is equal to (2019: equal to) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2019: 19%) as explained below.

	2020 £000	2019 £000
Reconciliation of effective tax rate:		
Profit for the year	4	4
Total tax expense	1	1
Profit excluding taxation	5	5
Tax using the UK corporation tax rate of 19% (2019:19%)	1	1
Expenses not allowable for tax purposes	-	-
Total tax expense included in profit or loss	1	1
9 Investments		
	2020 £000	2019 £000

Investment in subsidiary undertaking		12	12
	_	12	12
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The Company has one immediate wholly owned subsidiary, Wheatley Group Capital plc. This subsidiary is a vehicle for raising bond finance for the Wheatley Housing Group.

## 10 Debtors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2020 £000	2019 £000
Amounts owed by group undertakings	1,144,372 1,144,372	
Of which:		
Debts falling due for repayment on an instalment basis in more than one year and less than 5 years	67,511	-
Debts falling due for repayment on a non-instalment basis in less than 5 years	40,000	20,000
Debts falling due for repayment on an instalment basis after 5 years	586,861	613,500
Debts falling due for repayment on a non-instalment basis after 5 years	450,000	450,000

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

#### 11 Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £000	2019 £000
Amounts owed by group undertakings	12,142	6,245
	12,142	6,245

Amounts owed by group undertakings are unsecured, interest free, have no fixed date of repayment and are repayable on demand.

### 12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £000	2019 £000
Corporation tax	1	1
Bank loans and intergroup loans	9,228	4,050
Accruals	1,475	2,211
Amounts owed to group undertakings	4,741	6,983
	15,445	13,245

Amounts owed by group undertakings are unsecured, interest free, have no fixed date of repayment and are repayable on demand.

### 13 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2020 £000	2019 £000
Bank loans and intergroup loans	870,490	781,795
Loan from subsidiary undertaking	300,000	300,000
	1,170,490	1,081,795

## 13 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year (continued)

#### **Bank lending facility**

The bank loans are secured over the housing stock and certain other properties of RSL subsidiaries. All loans are repayable by instalments and are secured by way of standard securities or other charges on certain of the RSL Borrowers' properties.

As at 31 March 2020, £803.9m (2019: £718.9m) of the loans were at fixed rates for a period of one year or more. The weighted average rate of interest was 4.89% (2019: 4.88%). The loans are currently at rates between 1.425% and 7.15% (2019: 2.02% and 7.46%).

The Company's activities expose it to interest rate risk. The Company has hedged the interest rate risk by way of embedded fixed rate loans or with fixed interest coupons The financial instruments are not used for speculative purposes.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

The Company has loans of £53.6m (2019: £53.6m) under cancellable fixed rate arrangements, which were transferred when Dunedin Canmore Housing Association Limited joined the RSL Borrower Group on 1 April 2016. These loans are classified as basic financial instruments under FRS 102 and are carried at amortised cost.

Borrowings are repayable as follows:	2020 £000	2019 £000
In less than one year	9,228	4,050
		1,081,795 1,085,845
	1,179,718	1,085,845
The carrying value of financial assets and liabilities include:		
	2020 £000	2019 £000
Assets measured amortised cost	1,156,505	1,089,637
Liabilities measured at amortised cost	1,185,926	1,094,932
14 Revenue reserve		
	2020 £000	
Opening reserves at 1 April	19	
Profit for the financial year	2	4 4
Closing reserves at 31 March	23	3 19

## 15 Ultimate parent organisation

The Company is a subsidiary undertaking of the Wheatley Housing Group Limited, a company limited by guarantee and registered in Scotland.

The only group into which the results of the Company are consolidated is Wheatley Housing Group Limited. The consolidated financial statements of Wheatley Housing Group Limited may be obtained from the registered office at Wheatley House, 25 Cochrane Street, Glasgow, G1 1HL.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

#### **Secretary and Registered Office**

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### **Independent auditor**

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