Saint John of God Housing Association clg (A company limited by guarantee and having no share capital)

**Directors' Report and Financial Statements** 

Financial Year Ended 31 December 2019



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#### DIRECTORS AND OTHER INFORMATION

**Board of Directors** Solicitors

John Lowe

Mary Condell

(resigned 6 June 2020)

(Brother Michael)

Porter Morris & Co. 10 Clare Street Dublin 2

Patrick J Drudy

Michael Francis

Laurence McCabe

James Crowe

Paul Kinsella William Maher (resigned 1 July 2020, reappointed 19 August 2020)

(resigned 6 June 2020)

Lisa Vaughan Karen Herbert (appointed 27 November 2019, resigned 6 June 2020) (appointed 27 November 2019, resigned 6 June 2020) (appointed 27 November 2019, resigned 6 June 2020)

John Lennon

Hubi Kos

(appointed 16 July 2020)

Secretary and Registered Office

Ciaran Cuddihy "Granada" Stillorgan Co Dublin

**Bankers** 

Bank of Ireland College Green Dublin 2

**Chief Executive Officer** 

**Investment Managers** 

Bernie Cadden

Davy Stockbrokers 49 Dawson Street Dublin 2

Company Number: 426952

Charity Tax Exemption Number: CHY 18279

Charity Reg Number:

20069834

**Independent Auditors** 

PricewaterhouseCoopers Chartered Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm One Spencer Dock North Wall Quay Dublin 1

#### DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2019. The Directors confirm that the financial statements of the Company comply with the current statutory requirement of the companies governing documents and are prepared in accordance with FRS 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland, and with the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice for social housing providers applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting standard applicable in the Republic of Ireland (FRS102) hereafter denoted as the Housing SORP 2014. The Housing SORP 2014 is not yet mandatory in the Republic of Ireland and the Irish Charities Regulator has not yet prescribed accounting regulations for Irish Charities. In the absence of such prescriptive guidance, this Board has adopted many of the Housing SORP 2014 as it is considered best practice.

## Statement of Directors' responsibilities for financial statements

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable Irish law.

Irish law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year giving a true and fair view of the Company's assets, liabilities and financial position at the end of the financial year and the surplus or deficit of the Company for the financial year. Under that law, the Directors have prepared the financial statements in accordance with Irish Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland (accounting standards issued by the UK Financial Reporting Council, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland and Irish law).

Under Irish law, the Directors shall not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the Company's assets, liabilities and financial position as at the end of the financial year and the surplus or deficit of the Company for the financial year.

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 the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and identify the standards in question, subject to any material departures from those standards being disclosed and explained in the notes to 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 adequate accounting records that are sufficient to:

- correctly record and explain the transactions of the Company;
- enable, at any time, the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the Company to be determined with reasonable accuracy; and
- enable the Directors to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2014 and enable those financial statements to be audited.

The Directors 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.

## Accounting records

The measures taken by the Directors to secure compliance with the Company's obligation to keep proper books of account are the use of appropriate systems and procedures and employment of competent persons. The accounting records are kept at Hospitaller House, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin.

## Review of business and results

The results for the year are set out in the Statement of Comprehensive Income on page 12. The Company continues to grow its number of tenants and is in a strong financial position at the year end.

On 24 September 2018 all assets and liabilities of Dundalk Voluntary Housing Association clg were transferred to Saint John of God Housing Association clg. The fixed assets were valued at fair value by CBRE as €1,235,000 see note 11. The net amount of the fair value of the assets and liabilities of €850,355 is disclosed in the Statement of Comprehensive income on page 12.

#### Review of business and results - continued

The company has considered any material impact of Brexit and conclude there is no material impact that the company is aware off relating to Brexit.

#### **Directors**

The following served as Directors during the year (unless indicated otherwise, they served as Directors for the full year).

John Lowe (Chairperson)

Mary Condell

Patrick J. Drudy

Terence Flynn (Brother Terence) (resigned 27 March 2019)

Michael Francis (Brother Michael)

Laurence McCabe

James Crowe

Caroline Fanning (resigned 27 March 2019)

Paul Kinsella

William Maher

Karen Herbert (appointed 27 November 2019) Hubi Kos (appointed 27 November 2019) Lisa Vaughan (appointed 27 November 2019)

## Transactions involving Directors and Secretary

There are no contracts or arrangements of any significance in relation to the business of the Company in which the Directors or Secretary had any interest, as defined within the Companies Act 2014, at any time during the year ended 31 December 2019.

#### Principal activities and objectives

The principal activities of the Company are:

- (a) To carry on for the benefit of the community the provision of housing and associated amenities for persons in deprived or necessitous circumstances;
- (b) To provide for relief of poverty and deprivation caused by poor housing conditions and homeless or other social and economic circumstances.

In November 2019 the Board in association with the CEO and Executive agreed a new Housing Strategy 2019-2024. This commits the Board to providing homes especially for people with intellectual disabilities, mental illness and older people. See also page 7.

In 2019, the Housing Association had 417 units in counties Dublin, Kerry, Kildare, Louth, Meath, Monaghan and Wicklow with a further 29 units either planned or under construction. Over the last couple of years, human resources have increased to manage tenancies and assets, new facilities have substantially expanded and the events calendar organized to promote our tenants' wellbeing and their sense of belonging.

## Property development

In partnership with the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government and Local Authorities, Saint John of God Housing Association clg sources capital to build and manage the property development of suitable accommodation, based on clients' needs, through acquiring or leasing properties, developing new builds or by refurbishing the existing housing stock. The Housing Association's development plan includes an assessment of accommodation needs of individuals who are supported by Saint John of God Community Services clg, which provides professional care to tenants with intellectual disability or mental health issues using Health Service Executive funding. These include tenants under the HSE decongregation programme as well as adults living with their families where many parents are elderly or ill. The professional care provided by Community Services is imperative in ensuring that people with specific needs have a good quality of life in tenanted accommodation as part of the community.

The Housing Association sources capital funding through, for example, the Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) or the Shared Leasing funding models and from private financing via the Housing Finance Agency which allows the Housing Association to buy or lease properties to accommodate people from local authority waiting lists.

## Property development - continued

The Housing Association brought 20 new units of accommodation into service in 2019, mostly through CAS funding. Five units were funded under the Capital Advance Leasing Facility initiative (CALF) and another 2 units were funded from the Housing Association's own reserves.

In a partnership arrangement two properties from the Lighthouse Fellowship were transferred along with the incumbent tenants to SJOGHA. The transaction was completed in November 2019 and the Company wishes to acknowledge the generous gift of these properties to the Housing Association.

#### Housing maintenance

The Company's funds are not only used to buy new properties; the maintenance and refurbishment of existing stock is an essential part of the Company's operations. In compliance with The Housing (Standards for Rented Housing) Regulations 2019 and the Housing Regulatory, Governance, financial and performance standards the development team conducted an internal review of the Housing Association's properties to prepare a planned maintenance programme for 2019. Additionally, during 2019, an external stock condition survey was carried out on a number of properties.

#### Number of tenants in residence

At year ended 31 December 2019, there were 350 tenants in residence; an increase of 7 in the year.

#### Housing management

Throughout 2019, the Saint John of God Housing Association clg continued to review, consolidate and improve its position as a landlord that provides quality, affordable housing. The Housing Management Team has continued to benefit the tenants, especially in Tessa House, Tallaght with weekly coffee mornings, voluntary art therapy, movie nights and afternoons, weekly walking group, a gardening club (funded by South Dublin County Council) and quiz nights. There has been a noticeable increase in tenant involvement with more tenants than ever getting involved within their scheme and community.

Events during 2019 included participation in International Neighbours' Day, Spring Clean, Easter celebrations and the planting of the 'Tree of Hope' event. For the third year running, Christmas celebrations included a Carol service and Christmas Dinner in West Dublin, and a Christmas disco and karaoke social event in Kildare. Additionally, training was provided by the National Advocacy Service to tenants on their Tenant Rights and on the new Decision Making Capacity Act.

Various grants were applied for throughout 2019 including an Assistive Technology Bursary and a grant which will provide emergency pendants for all the tenants in our apartment complex in Tallaght. ECDL classes were provided to tenants conducted by a volunteer to whom we would like to express our thanks.

#### Funding

The Housing Association continues to work closely with the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government to provide capital for the acquisition and development of housing. Securing additional Capital Assistance (CAS) funds from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government to continue the development of housing for tenants gained momentum during 2019 despite the challenge of the significant turnaround times between sourcing suitable properties and the granting of funding approvals by the Department. The Housing Association secured several applications under the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government leasing scheme. The Housing Association also seeks funding through the Housing Finance Agency when appropriate. The Housing Association's 30-year business plan was provided to the Housing Agency Regulation Office for review in October 2019. Each project is reflective of a need identified by care service providers to persons with special needs.

#### Principal risks and uncertainties

The principal strategic risk to the planned growth of the Saint John of God Housing Association clg is the ability of the key Service Provider, Community Services clg, to obtain appropriate funding in respect of professional supports to persons in need of housing. Other challenges include:

(a) The lack of funding to accommodate and provide professional care for those with intellectual disabilities and mental health difficulties moving from institutional congregated residential settings and those still living in families in line with the National Housing Strategy for People with a Disability 2011 – 2016.

#### Principal risks and uncertainties - continued

- (b) Management of the growth and development of the Company envisaged in the new Housing Strategy2019-2024.
- (c) Attracting suitably qualified staff and Board members.
- (d) The Covid-19 Pandemic and the implications for staff, tenants and development.

The Housing Association recognises the huge need for accommodation for persons who cannot provide it from their own resources. Whilst there are many challenges for the Company in continuing housing provision, opportunities must also be exploited, and it will continue to seek and create innovative housing solutions in the current changed environment. The Company has developed steadily over a number of years and this has strengthened the Company's position in the sector.

Recent developments in relation to COVID 19 have created a level of uncertainty in relation to the company's activities and to some of its cash-flows. As a result of this uncertainty, certain mitigating measures may need to be taken. These may include putting certain new acquisitions on hold, delay in renting the current vacant units and units due to come online, delay in staff recruitment and potential deferral of other projects.

The company believes that Income will not be materially impacted as a result of COVID 19. The company has updated its forecasts to reflect the impact of a potential loss of some revenue in the next 3 months. The updated forecasts are based on management's best estimate of the likely impact on income and costs based on information known at this time. Given the level of uncertainty around the likely duration of the COVID 19 crises, it is likely that there will be some variance between managements current estimates and the final financial impact of the overall loss of other income or increased costs which may result from COVID 19. Nonetheless, management are comfortable that the forecasts they have prepared have considered a number of sensitivities, including a range of outcomes, and that in all cases the remains sufficient mitigation measures available to management to ensure that cash-flows are managed and that the Company can continue to meet its obligations as they fall due for the period of at least 12 months from signing the financial statements. It is also noted that the Company has a strong balance sheet with significant cash and investment reserves available should the need arise for same.

Having considered the above, the directors are satisfied that appropriate measures can be taken to ensure the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and to implement planned actions and to deal with the COVID 19 emergency and its impact on the company. Therefore these financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

#### Structure governance and management

The Board is responsible for providing leadership, setting strategy and exercising control over the Company. It must work effectively, with integrity, transparency and accountability. The Directors bring to the Board their significant professional skills, experience and decision-making abilities reflecting their broad range of views and life experiences.

The Board is committed to maintaining the highest standard of corporate governance and believes that this is essential in directing and controlling the activities of the Saint John of God Housing Association clg. It recognises that robust and transparent governance is essential to maintain credibility and trust.

The role of the Directors is to manage the affairs of the Company and inter alia provide vision, leadership and guidance through review, approval and establishment of policies and strategic plans for the Company. The Chief Executive together with management and other staff is responsible for the day to day management of the Company and reports and is responsible to the Board of Directors.

The Company has a comprehensive process for reporting management information to the Board by providing a significant Board pack every two months in advance of the Board meeting. It has an active Finance, Audit & Risk Subcommittee which met in advance of each Board meeting and a Remuneration Subcommittee which met once during the year.

On appointment, Directors and all staff receive briefing sessions in order to familiarise themselves with the values, operations, management and governance structure of the Company.

The Board of Directors and Executive continue to work with the Housing Agency Regulation Office to achieve compliance.

## Legal

The Housing Association has registered all tenancies with the Residential Tenancies Board in compliance with the Residential Tenancies (Amendment) Act 2015. The Housing Association is working closely with advocacy services in preparation for the full commencement of the Assisted Decision Making Act 2015.

#### **GDPR**

The Housing Association activated compliance with GDPR in May 2018 and continues to work on improving all aspects of compliance and communication.

## Strategic Plan 2019-2014

The new company strategic plan was agreed by the Board in November 2019 and was based on a review of the environment, key stakeholder analysis and a review of the societal needs currently not being met by other housing associations. The strategy focuses on three main pillars of housing provision: Intellectual Disability, Mental Health and Older Persons. The strategy sets out the path for delivery and reinforces the role of the Saint John of God Housing Association as the leading specialist housing provider. Resources, particularly human resources may be required to achieve its ambitious plans.

In summary, there are three pillars of the strategy and high level objectives as per the following:

Pillar I: Housing for People with Intellectual Disability

- SJOG HA plans to increase its stock of housing for people with Intellectual Disability from 325 units in 2019 to 425 by 2024.
- In addition to SJOG CS clg, SJOG HA proposes to partner with other intellectual disability care organisations, in order to complement existing care services.
- SJOG HA will seek opportunities to provide appropriate housing in the community for people with intellectual
  disability now living with their families. It will work with CS and other care organisations to advocate and
  seek the statutory funding for care services that would make such housing in the community feasible.
- SJOG HA will work with care organisations to define Pathways for Ageing for adults with intellectual disability so that residents and their families can have confidence that plans are in place for residents' longterm housing needs.
- SJOG HA will commit Board and management time to advocating for increased housing provision for adults
  with intellectual disability. It will give specialist input to future policies on housing needs. It proposes to host a
  conference on the specific housing needs of adults with intellectual disability that will bring together the
  various housing and care providers in the sector and set an agenda for appropriate housing for this
  community.

Pillar II: Housing for People Mental Health Issues

- SJOG HA plans to increase its stock of housing for people with mental health issues from 44 units in 2019 to 80 by 2024.
- SJOG HA intends to partner with mental health care agencies, in addition to SJOG CS, to provide housing services to complement their care services.
- SJOG HA will seek opportunities, within the Housing First policy framework, to provide long-term housing for people with mental health issues, who have experienced homelessness.
- SJOG HA will commit management time to advocating for appropriate housing provision for adults with mental health issues, including people with acquired brain injuries. This advocacy will focus on issues such as the length of time that single adults with mental health issues remain on Local Authority housing lists and the adequacy of care in the community.

## Pillar III: Supported Housing for Older People

- JOG HA plans to increase its provision of supported housing for older people. The HA already had 39 units
  of accommodation for older persons in 2019 where the residents' support needs were very limited. The rate
  of growth in housing units will depend on the complexity of the needs to be met and the funding framework
  for new housing projects.
- SJOG HA will prepare a Feasibility Study for a Supported Housing Project for Older People, within the policy
  context of Housing Options for an Ageing Population. The Feasibility Study will complement work to be
  prepared by the SJOG Research Department. Having established an appropriate model for housing for
  older people, SJOG HA will seek to partner with statutory, voluntary and commercial agencies to agree an
  implementation plan.

## Attendance at Board Meetings

The attendance of the Board of Directors members at meetings and at the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee meetings is as follows:

Board member	Eligible	Attended	Finance, audit and risk committee	Eligible	Attended
John Lowe Mary Condell Patrick J Drudy	6 6 6	6 6 6	Laurence McCabe Mary Condell Michael Francis	6 6 6	5 5 5
Terence Flynn Michael Francis	2	2	James Crowe William Maher	6 6	5 5
Laurence McCabe James Crowe	6	5 5			
Paul Kinsella Caroline Fanning	6 2	6			
William Maher Karen Herbert	6	5			
Hubi Kos	1	1			
Lisa Vaughan	1	1			

## Subsequent events

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2). The disease was first identified in 2019 in Wuhan, the capital of China's Hubei province, and has since spread globally, resulting in the ongoing 2019–20 coronavirus pandemic. The World Health Organization (WHO) declared the 2019–20 coronavirus outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) on 30 January 2020 and a pandemic on 11 March 2020. From an accounting perspective COVID-19 is considered to be a non-adjusting post balance sheet event.

We have considered the risks that coronavirus poses to the organisation and the actions we are taking to mitigate the impact. The disclosure implications of this post balance sheet event have been addressed in the risks and uncertainties note above.

#### Disclosure of information to auditors

The Directors in office at the date of this report have each confirmed that:

- as far as he/she is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's statutory auditors are unaware; and,
- he/she has taken all the steps that he/she ought to have taken as a Director in order to make himself/herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's statutory auditors are aware of that information.

## Independent auditors

The auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers, will be re-appointed in accordance with Section 383 (2) of the Companies Act, 2014.

On behalf of the board

Date: 23 September 2020



# Independent auditors' report to the members of Saint John of God Housing Association clg

## Report on the audit of the financial statements

## Opinion

In our opinion, Saint John of God Housing Association clg's financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the company's assets, liabilities and financial position as at 31 December 2019 and of
  its profit and cash flows for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland (accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council of the UK, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Irish law); and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014.

We have audited the financial statements, included within the Annual Report, which comprise:

- the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2019;
- · the Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year then ended;
- the Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended;
- · the Statement of Changes in Reserves for the year then ended; and
- the notes to the financial statements, which include a description of the significant accounting policies.

#### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) ("ISAs (Ireland)") and applicable law.

Our responsibilities under ISAs (Ireland) are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

## Independence

We remained independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Ireland, which includes IAASA's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

## Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which ISAs (Ireland) 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.

However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this statement is not a guarantee as to the company's ability to continue as a going concern.



## Reporting on other information

The other information comprises all of the information in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, any form of assurance 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 an apparent material inconsistency or material misstatement, we are required to perform procedures to conclude whether there is a material misstatement of 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 based on these responsibilities.

With respect to the Directors' Report, we also considered whether the disclosures required by the Companies Act 2014 have been included.

Based on the responsibilities described above and our work undertaken in the course of the audit, ISAs (Ireland) and the Companies Act 2014 require us to also report certain opinions and matters as described below:

- In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, the information given in the Directors'
  Report for the year ended 31 December 2019 is consistent with the financial statements and has been prepared in
  accordance with applicable legal requirements.
- Based on our knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the
  audit, we have not identified any material misstatements in the Directors' Report.

## Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit

## Responsibilities of the directors for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Statement of directors' responsibilities set out on page 3, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable framework and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.

The directors are also 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.

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.

## Auditors' 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 auditors' 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 (Ireland) 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 IAASA website at:

https://www.iaasa.ie/getmedia/b2389013-1cf6-458b-9b8f-a98202dc9c3a/Description of auditors responsibilities for audit.pdf

This description forms part of our auditors' report.

#### Use of this report

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the company's members as a body in accordance with section 391 of the Companies Act 2014 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.



# Other required reporting

## Companies Act 2014 opinions on other matters

- We have obtained all the information and explanations which we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit.
- In our opinion the accounting records of the company were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited.
- The financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records.

## Other exception reporting

Directors' remuneration and transactions

Under the Companies Act 2014 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion, the disclosures of directors' remuneration and transactions specified by sections 305 to 312 of that Act have not been made. We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

Aisling Fitzgerald

for and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers Chartered Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm

Dublin

23 September 2020

Saint John of God Housing Association clg
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
Financial Year Ended 31 December 2019

Total €	1,172,079 (1,549,936) 225,000 1,253,261	1,100,404 (54,397)	1,046,007 850,355 1,896,362	1,896,362
2018 Endowment funds	, , , ,		850,355	850,355
Unrestricted funds €	1,172,079 (1,549,936) 225,000 1,253,261	1,100,404 (54,397)	1,046,007	1,046,007
Total €	1,299,016 (1,904,293) - 1,484,642	879,365 289,472	1,168,837 679,202 1,848,039	1,848,039
2019 Endowment funds €	X 1 X 1		679,202	679,202
Unrestricted funds €	1,299,016 (1,904,293) - 1,484,642	879,365 289,472	1,168,837	1,168,837
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	Turnover Operating expenditure Donations Other income	Operating surplus Net gains/(loss) on investment Interest receivable	Surplus before non-recurring items  Non recurring transfer of net assets  Surplus before tax  Taxation	Surplus for the year Total comprehensive income for the year

The results above derive wholly from continuing operations.

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION As at 31 December 2019

	Notes	2019 €	2018 €
Fixed assets Fixed assets	11	38,131,366	35,181,986
Current assets			
Debtors	12	72,943	11,117
Current investments	13	1,687,319	2,897,847
Cash and cash equivalents	-	1,212,563 2,972,825	868,059 3,777,023
Less:			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14 _	(1,968,802)	(1,877,650)
Net current assets	-	1,004,023	1,899,373
Total assets less current liabilities		39,135,389	37,081,359
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	15	(20,577,010)	(20,371,019)
Net assets		18,558,379	16,710,340
Reserves			
Development fund		1,142,491	1,142,491
Endowment fund		9,311,490	8,632,288
Accumulated unrestricted income funds	-	8,104,398	6,935,561
Total equity	_	18,558,379	16,710,340

On behalf of the board

Date: 23 September 2020

Saint John of God Housing Association clg

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN RESERVES Financial Year Ended 31 December 2019

Total €	14,813,978 1,896,362 1,896,362	16,710,340 16,710,340 1,848,039	1,848,039
Accumulated unrestricted income funds	3,549,971 1,046,007 1,046,007 2,339,583	6,935,561 6,935,561 1,168,837	1,168,837
Endowment fund	7,781,933 850,355 - 850,355	8,632,288 8,632,288 679,202	679,202
Sinking fund €	2,339,583		T T T
Development fund €	1,142,491	1,142,491	1,142,491
	At 1 January 2018 Surplus for the year Other comprehensive income for the year  Total comprehensive income for the year Transfer between reserves	As 31 December 2018 At 1 January 2019 Surplus for the year Other comprehensive income for the vear	Total comprehensive income for the year Transfer between reserves As 31 December 2019

The profit and loss account represents accumulated comprehensive losses for the year and prior periods.

The notes on pages 15 to 27 form part of these financial statements.

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS Financial Year Ended 31 December 2019

	Notes	2019 €	2018 €
Net cash generated from operating activities	16	308,280	383,288
Cash flow from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(2,929,079)	(1,187,114)
Sale of investments		289,472	54,397
Sale of investments		1,500,000	200,000
Grants received		530,747	1,075,000
Loans received		942,150	-
Net gain on investments		(289,472)	(54,397)
Transfer from DVHA		-	324,422
Capital paid on loans		(2,338)	-
Interest paid on loans		(5,256)	
Cash inflow from investing activities		36,224	412,308
Net changes in cash and cash equivalents		344,504	795,596
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		868,059	72,463
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	17	1,212,563	868,059

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1 General information

Saint John of God Housing Association clg is a company incorporated under the Companies Acts, limited by guarantee and not having a share capital, registered number 426952. The objectives of the Company are charitable in nature with established charitable tax exemption (CHY 18279) and charity registered number 2069834.

#### 2 Statement of compliance

The entity financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis and in accordance with accounting standards issued by the UK Financial Reporting Council and the Companies Act 2014. The entity financial statements comply with Financial Reporting Standard 102, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). The Housing SORP 2014 is not yet mandatory in the Republic of Ireland and the Irish Charities Regulator has not yet prescribed accounting regulations for Irish Charities. In the absence of such precinitive guidance, this board has adopted many of the Housing SORP 2014 as it is considered best practice.

## 3 Summary of significant accounting policies

The significant accounting policies used in the preparation of the Company's financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all financial years presented, unless otherwise stated.

#### (a) Basis of preparation

The entity financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the measurement of certain fixed assets at fair value. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with FRS 102 requires the use of certain key assumptions concerning the future, and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the end of the financial year. It also requires the Directors to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Company's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or areas where assumptions and estimates have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are disclosed in note 4.

#### (b) Reporting currency

The financial statements are expressed in Euro (€).

#### (c) Going concern

The Company meets its day-to-day working capital requirements through its cash reserves. At the balance sheet date the company had cash reserves of €1.2m and current investments of €1.7m. The current economic conditions arising as a result of COVID 19 continue to create uncertainty over the ability of the Company to maintain the level of expected income, particularly its rental income. The Company's forecasts and projections, taking account of reasonably possible changes in trading performance, show that the Company should be able to operate for the foreseeable future. We have modelled the likely effects of COVID-19 on our cash forecast for the next 12 months, and we are comfortable that the organisation will be in a position to meet its obligations as they fall due for the period of at least 12 months from signing the financial statements. Therefore, these financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

## (d) Funds

All transactions of the organisation have been recorded and reported as income into or expenditure from funds which are designated as "restricted", "endowment" or "unrestricted".

#### Restricted funds

Income is treated as restricted where the income may only be used for a particular purpose. All other income is treated as unrestricted. Expenditure is treated as being made out of restricted funds to the extent that it meets the criteria specified by the donor or the terms under which it was raised. All other expenditure is treated as unrestricted.

## 3 Summary of significant accounting policies - continued

#### (d) Funds - continued

#### Endowment funds

Endowment funds are a permanent fund whereby the initial capital amount invested will not be accessed but rather the return on the initial investment will provide funding or access to fixed assets on an annual basis. The properties transferred from Hospitaller Order of Saint John of God Western European Province are considered to be restricted endowment funds.

The balance on each restricted fund at the end of the year represents the asset held by the organisation for particular purposes specified by the donors. The balance of the unrestricted fund at the end of the year represents the assets held by the organisation for general use in furtherance of its work. Endowment funds represent amounts held for investment or specific charitable purpose. Income from these principal amounts will either be (a) unrestricted and used for general purposes, or (b) restricted by the donor or by the Board.

#### Sinking fund

The Board reviewed and changed its policy on Reserves following the implementation of FRS 102.

The company has amalgamated the Sinking fund reserve and the accumulated unrestricted income fund reserve.

The reserve will facilitate the company in purchasing and maintaining properties and is a fund for the planned maintenance programme to maintain properties to a very high standard and meet the long-term refurbishment of the properties.

#### (e) Incoming resources

Incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Position when the Company is entitled to the income, it is virtually certain that it will be received and the income can be quantified with reasonable certainty. Income is shown gross before deduction of associated costs. No amounts are included for services donated by volunteers.

## Rental income

Rental income, including rental accommodation scheme supplement arising on the rental of properties held by the Company is recognised as the rental income falls due.

## Government grants

Capital grants are credited to deferred revenue. Grants towards capital expenditure are released to the profit and loss account over the expected life of the mortgage, which ranges between 30 and 50 years. Grants towards revenue expenditure are released to the statement of comprehensive income as the related expenditure is incurred.

## Interest income

Interest income is recognised as it is earned.

#### (f) Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis.

## (g) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or fair value less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment loss. Cost includes all costs that are directly attributable to bringing the asset into working condition for its intended use. No interest costs or fixtures and fittings were capitalised in the current year. Properties under the course of construction are stated at cost.

#### 3 Summary of significant accounting policies - continued

#### (h) Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value, of each asset systematically over its expected useful life, as follows:

Buildings (apartment and housing properties) Land

30 to 50 years Not depreciated 10 years

Fixtures and fittings

No depreciation is provided on properties under the course of construction.

## (i) Financial instruments

The Company has chosen to apply the provisions of Sections 11 and 12 of FRS 102 to account for all of its financial instruments.

#### (i) Financial assets

Basic financial assets, other debtors, cash and cash equivalents are initially recognised at transaction price (including transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. Where the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction the resulting financial asset is initially measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other debtors, cash and cash equivalents, are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

At the end of each financial year, financial assets measured at amortised cost are assessed for objective evidence of impairment. If there is objective evidence that a financial asset measured at amortised cost is impaired, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss. The impairment loss is the difference between the financial asset's carrying amount and the present value of the financial asset's estimated cash inflows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate.

If in a subsequent financial year, the amount of an impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be objectively related to an event occurring after the impairment was recognised the previously recognised impairment loss is reversed. The reversal is such that the current carrying amount does not exceed what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment loss not previously been recognised. The impairment reversal is recognised in profit or loss.

Financial assets are derecognised when (a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or (b) substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred to another party or (c) control of the financial asset has been transferred to another party who has the practical ability to unilaterally sell the financial asset to an unrelated third party without imposing additional restrictions.

## (ii) Financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other creditors, bank loans, and loans from fellow group companies, are initially recognised at transaction price, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. Where the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction the resulting financial liability is initially measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Trade and other creditors, bank loans, and payment to related parties which constitute financing transactions are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest method.

#### 3 Summary of significant accounting policies - continued

## (j) Capital Assistance Scheme

Mortgage Loans received under the Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) for the purchase of properties are accounted for as performance based loans, as the mortgage contracts criteria are not considered to be met until the term of the mortgage has expired. Therefore they are amortised to the Statement of Comprehensive Income over the period of the mortgage. The terms of the Scheme provide that repayment and interest due from the approved housing body may be fully waived, provided the approved housing body continues to comply with the terms and conditions of the scheme and the mortgage deed contract signed with the local authority.

## (k) Investments

Investments are stated at market value. Realised and unrealised gains and losses on investments are included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

The value of financial instruments traded in active markets (such as publically traded equities) is based on quoted market prices at the statement of financial position date. The market valuations are provided to the investment advisors by a third party pricing source. The value of the remaining financial instruments that are not traded in an active market is the lower of:

- (a) the valuation as determined by the investment advisors using valuations techniques or
- (b) the estimated recoverable amount as determined by the Directors.

#### (I) Taxation

The Company is a not for profit organisation with charitable tax status and is exempt from corporation tax.

## (m) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities. Cash and cash equivalents are initially measured at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost. Bank deposits which have original maturities of more than three months are not cash and cash equivalents and are presented as current asset investments.

#### (n) Provisions and contingencies

## (i) Provisions

Provisions are liabilities of uncertain timing or amount. Provisions are recognised when the Company has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and the amount of the obligation can be estimated reliably. Provisions are measured at the present value of the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation using a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability. Provisions are reviewed at the end of each financial year and adjusted to reflect the current best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as a finance cost in profit or loss, presented as part of 'interest payable and similar charges' in the financial year in which it arises. Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow will be required in settlement is determined by considering the class of obligations as a whole.

## (ii) Contingencies

Contingent liabilities, arising as a result of past events, are not recognised as a liability because it is not probable that the Company will be required to transfer economic benefits in settlement of the obligation or the amount cannot be reliably measured at the end of the financial year. Possible but uncertain obligations are not recognised as liabilities but are contingent liabilities. Contingent liabilities are disclosed in the financial statements unless the probability of an outflow of resources is remote.

Contingent assets are not recognised. Contingent assets are disclosed in the financial statements when an inflow of economic benefits is probable.

#### 3 Summary of significant accounting policies - continued

#### (o) Reserves

In 2011 the Board agreed to establish a Development Fund from rental income for the purpose of meeting the cost of future major purchases.

## 4 Critical accounting judgements and estimation uncertainty

Estimates and judgements made in the process of preparing the entity financial statements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

#### Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

The Directors make estimates and assumptions concerning the future in the process of preparing the entity financial statements. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are addressed below.

#### (i) Impairment of debtors

The Directors make an assessment at the end of each financial year of whether there is objective evidence that a trade or other debtor is impaired. When assessing impairment of trade and other debtors, the Directors consider factors including the current credit rating of the debtor, the age profile of outstanding invoices, recent correspondence and trading activity, and historical experience of cash collections from the debtor. See note 12 for the net carrying amount of the debtors and the impairment loss recognised in the financial year.

## (ii) Fair value of properties transferred

On 24 September 2018 all assets and liabilities of Dundalk Voluntary Housing Association clg were transferred to Saint John of God Housing Association clg. The fixed assets were valued at fair value by CBRE as €1,235,000 see note 11.

The transfer of two properties from the Lighthouse Fellowship was completed on 28 November 2019. The fixed assets were valued at fair value by Churches Estate agents as €750,000 see note 11.

Property valuations and the assumptions used to arrive at such valuations are by their nature judgemental.

## (iii) Tangible fixed assets depreciation

Useful economic lives of tangible fixed assets

The annual depreciation on tangible fixed assets is sensitive to changes in the estimated useful economic lives and residual values of the assets. The useful economic lives and residual values are reviewed annually. They are amended when necessary to reflect current estimates, based on technological advancement, future investments, economic utilisation and the physical condition of the assets. See note 11 for the carrying amount of the tangible fixed assets.

5	Turnover	2019 €	2018 €
	Analysis of turnover by category		
	Rental income from tenants	762,144	647,590
	Rental accommodation scheme supplement	536,872	524,489
		1,299,016	1,172,079

6	Donations	2019 €	2018 €
	Donations		225,000
	Other income:		
	Amortisation of capital grants Payment and availability grant Grant income Contributions Rent and other income	1,283,301 191,174 - - 10,167 1,484,642	1,169,630 57,260 5,591 20,000 780 1,253,261
7	Operating expenses	2019 €	2018 €
	The following operating expenses have been recognised:		
	Depreciation and impairment	739,417	657,201
8	Employees and remuneration	2019	2018
0	Employees and remuneration	2019	2016
	Staff costs comprise:		
	Salaries Social insurance	318,010 34,633 352,643	233,346 25,000 258,346

The average number of employees employed by the Company during the year was 6 (2018: 5).

Salary banding for all employees arising over €70,000 is nil (2018: nil).

## (i) Directors/trustees

Trustees received no remuneration (2018: €nil) or expenses (2018: €nil) during the reporting year.

There were no loans advanced to Directors/Trustees during the year and no loans outstanding at 31 December 2019.

#### 8 Employees and remuneration - continued

## (ii) Key management compensation

Key management are defined as members of the Board, who are not remunerated. The compensation paid or payable to key management for employee services is nil (2018: nil).

The CEO is remunerated through another entity in the group, Saint John of God Community Services clg, and no direct recharge has been received in respect of this salary, therefore there is no charge in these financial statements in respect of same.

Within the €56k management charge from Saint John of God Community Services clg is an amount of €51k in relation to the re-charge of salaries. The re-charge is based on an hourly rate to reflect the input of Saint John of God Community Services clg staff. The hourly rate is applied to the hours spent dealing with tenants to compute the total charge. The hourly rate is a blended rate which is intended to cover the varying rates attributable to various grades and types of Saint John of God Community Services clg staff including the CEO who contribute time.

Within the €81k management charge from Saint John of God Hospitaller Services Group is an amount of €40k in relation to the re-charge of salaries.

9	Operating surplus	2019	2018
		€	€
	The operating surplus for the year is stated after charging:		
	Directors' remuneration for services as Directors	-	-

#### 10 Taxation

The Company has been granted charitable tax exemption by the Revenue Commissioners and is recognised as a charity under Section 207 of the Tax Consolidation Act 1997, registered number CHY 18279.

Completed €	Total €
33,417,072	33,417,072
1,235,000	1,235,000
1,187,115	1,187,115
(657,201)	(657,201)
35,181,986	35,181,986
37,087,589	37,087,589
(1,905,603)	(1,905,603)
35,181,986	35,181,986
	33,417,072 1,235,000 1,187,115 (657,201) 35,181,986 37,087,589 (1,905,603)

11 Fixed assets - continued	Completed €	Total €
Financial year ended 31 December 2019		
Opening carrying amount	35,181,986	35,181,986
Transfer from Lighthouse Fellowship	750,000	750,000
Transfer from CAS loans	12,808	12,808
Additions	2,925,989	2,925,989
Depreciation	(739,417)	(739,417)
Carrying amount	38,131,366	38,131,366
Financial year ended 31 December 2019		
Cost or deemed cost	40,763,578	40,763,578
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	(2,632,212)	(2,632,212)
Carrying amount	38,131,366	38,131,366

On 24 September 2018 all assets and liabilities of Dundalk Voluntary Housing Association clg were transferred to Saint John of God Housing Association clg. The fixed assets were valued at fair value by CBRE as €1,235,000.

The transfer of two properties from the Lighthouse Fellowship was completed on 28 November 2019. The fixed assets were valued at fair value by Churches Estate agents as €750,000.

12 Debtors	2019	2018
	€	€
Debtors	9,783	·-·
Other debtors, prepayments and accrued income	63,160	11,117
	72,943	11,117

Trade debtors are after a provision for bad debts of €nil (2018: €nil).

All amounts are receivable within one year.

## 13 Current investments

Current investments represent the market value of a portfolio of gilts, equities and other investments, and the movements were as follows:

	2019	2018
	€	€
At 1 January	2,897,847	3,152,244
Sold in year	(1,500,000)	(200,000)
Net gains/(losses) on investments	289,472	(54,397)
At 31 December	1,687,319	2,897,847

13 Current investments – continued	2019 €	2018 €
Analysis of investment by class of investment are as follows:		
Cash	61,940	374,818
Government bonds	412,488	736,379
Corporate and other bonds	379,444	653,639
International equity	460,690	745,156
Absolute return	199,839	253,046
Property	121,656	134,809
European equity	34,112	-
Commodities	17,150	-
	1,687,319	2,897,847

#### Basis of valuation

In valuing exchange-traded equities, depository receipts, investment trusts and warrants, the prices used generally comprise of the mid-price (derived from the closing bid and ask/offer prices), the closing bid or the last traded price for that instrument on the relevant stock exchange.

Fixed interest securities such as government and corporate bonds are priced, exclusive of accrued interest (also known as the 'clean price'). This means that the price shown will not include any interest accrued. The clean price becomes equal to the market price immediately following a coupon payment.

Investments in unit funds or unquoted investment funds are valued at the prices provided by the third party fund administrator whose role it is to calculate the net asset value. Valuations reflect the most recent net asset value per unit. The securities within the funds are calculated at market price, and factors that need to be considered, for example a liquidity discount, are applied to securities without sufficient liquidity to meet the market price.

Investments in unquoted companies using information reasonably available to us, which may include the price of a recent transaction in the security. The price of the unquoted investments are based on the closing price of the investment. All the unquoted investments within the Company are liquid and traded frequently, thus the last price traded is an accurate estimator of current market value.

14	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2019 €	2018 €
	Accruals	359,308	218,284
	Other creditors	12,823	91,118
	Deferred - CAS loans	1,264,887	1,208,359
	Amounts due to related parties	331,784	359,889
		1,968,802	1,877,650

15 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	2019 €	2018 €
Deferred income - CAS loans	19,554,194	20,371,019
Opening Received in year Amortised in year Net Transfer to less than one year Deferred income - CAS loans Transfer from other Housing Associations Transfer to fixed assets Reclass to CALF loan	20,371,019 530,747 (1,283,301) (56,528) 58,799 12,808 (79,350) 19,554,194	19,808,119 1,075,000 (1,169,630) (51,537) 709,067 - - 20,371,019
CALF loan HFA loan	609,654 413,162 20,577,010	20,371,019

On 24 September 2018 all assets and liabilities of Dundalk Voluntary Housing Association clg were transferred to Saint John of God Housing Association clg. The fixed assets had a net book fair value of €1,235,000, and related Local Authority mortgage loans to the value of €709,067.

The transfer of two properties from the Lighthouse Fellowship to Saint John of God Housing Association clg was completed on 28 November 2019. The fixed assets had a net book fair value of €750,000, and related Local Authority mortgage loans to the value of €58,799.

The Capital Assistance Scheme provides primarily for the payment of a mortgage loan in respect of each sanctioned rental housing project by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government to a housing authority following its approval of a housing project under the scheme. The housing authority then lends this money typically in the form of a 30-year annuity mortgage loan to the approved housing body towards the approved costs it incurs in completing the dwellings. The terms of the Scheme provide that repayment and interest due from the approved housing body may be fully waived, provided the approved housing body continues to comply with the terms and conditions of the scheme and the mortgage deed contract signed with the local authority.

16	Net cash generated from operating activities	2019 €	2018 €
	Operating surplus for the year Amortisation of loans Depreciation of tangible fixed assets Transfer to less than one year – Deferred income CAS loans (Increase)/decrease in debtors Increase/(decrease) in creditors Cash inflow from operating activities	879,365 (1,283,301) 739,417 (56,528) (61,826) 91,153 308,280	1,100,404 (1,169,630) 657,201 (51,537) 25,845 (178,994) 383,288
17	Analysis of changes in net cash	2019 €	2018 €
	Opening balance Net cash inflow Closing balance	868,059 344,504 1,212,563	72,463 795,596 868,059

#### 18 Related party items

At the end of the year, Saint John of God Housing Association clg had the following balances with related parties.

2019 €	2018 €
185,326	318,092
	44 707
	41,797 359,889
	€

Certain costs incurred in the running of the Company are shared with other entities within the Hospitaller Order Group and administered by Saint John of God Community Services clg. The Housing Association's portion of these costs amounted to €55,868 (2018: €70,050). The Saint John of God Community Services clg also pays for repairs and maintenance on properties used by tenants which are then recharged to Saint John of God Housing Association clg. The amount recharged during the year was €Nil (2018: €45,406). Saint John of God Housing Association clg paid rent to Dundalk Voluntary Housing Association clg of €Nil (2018: €22,000). Certain costs incurred in the running of the Company are shared with other entities within the Hospitaller Order Group and administered by Saint John of God Hospitaller Services Group. The Housing Association's accrued portion of these costs amounted to €81,000.

#### 19 Contingent liabilities, commitments and guarantees

In 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 a number of assets transferred from West European Province to The Saint John of God Housing Association clg at a nominal consideration of €10, representing less than €1 per property transferred. The assets transferred related only to assets which had previously been grant funded by a grant awarding body, Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) loans or capital donation. In advance of transferring the assets across from Hospitaller Order of Saint John of God West European Province to Saint John of God Housing Association clg, management considered whether there were any related grants, loans or other obligations attaching to the various assets, which might impact on the future use of the assets within Saint John of God Housing Association clg.

A number of loans attaching to the fixed assets have been transferred with the assets and are included as a liability in the balance sheet. In addition, certain of the assets transferred had grants attaching to them. There were some restrictions noted in relation to the grants, principally around the fact that a future sale of the asset within a specific time period would trigger an obligation to repay the grant to the funder. It was agreed as part of the directions transferring the assets that Saint John of God Housing Association clg would take over the obligation in relation to any future clawbacks arising as a result of any decision to sell the assets. These obligations are considered to be contingent liabilities, and are therefore disclosed as same in this note to the financial statements.

#### 20 General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

The change in the new European Union-wide framework known as the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) came into force across the EU on 25 May 2018, replacing the previous data protection framework in Ireland required the Company to carefully review all activities and ensure they are fully compliant with current legislation. To ensure rigour in all our processes, the Company has engaged with a firm of GDPR consultants for their expert input into the review of all processes and documentation which has ensured compliance by the due date.

#### 21 Post balance sheet events

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2). The disease was first identified in 2019 in Wuhan, the capital of China's Hubei province, and has since spread globally, resulting in the ongoing 2019–20 coronavirus pandemic. The earliest known infection occurred on 17 November 2019 in Wuhan, China. The World Health Organization (WHO) declared the 2019–20 coronavirus outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) on 30 January 2020 and a pandemic on 11 March 2020. From an accounting perspective COVID-19 is considered to be a non-adjusting post balance sheet event.

We have considered the risks that coronavirus poses to the organisation and the actions we are taking to mitigate the impact. The disclosure implications of this post balance sheet event have been addressed in the risks and uncertainties note within the directors report.

## 22 Approval of financial statements

The financial statements were approved by the members of the Board of Directors on the 23 September 2020.