

**Lawyers in Local Government
Company Limited by Guarantee
Unaudited Financial Statements
31 December 2023**

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Company Limited by Guarantee

Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2023

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Directors' Report

Year ended 31 December 2023

The directors present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Principal activities

The principal activity of the company during the year was to act as a professional body, collecting subscriptions from its members and providing advice and support functions and lobbying on matters of concern to members.

Directors

The directors who served the company during the year were as follows:

| | |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| Ms H Lynch | |
| Ms R A L McKoy | |
| Mrs D Evans | |
| Mr K P McGaughey | |
| Mrs A Muneer | |
| Ms M Patel | |
| F E Anthony | |
| E M Harrison | |
| R Tapping | |
| S M Harriott | (Appointed 2 May 2023) |
| J L Phillips | (Appointed 29 March 2023) |
| J J Purvis | (Appointed 29 March 2023) |
| P A Turner | (Appointed 29 March 2023) |
| N M Vine | (Appointed 29 March 2023) |
| Mr Q Baker | (Resigned 29 March 2023) |
| Ms H Edwards | (Resigned 29 March 2023) |
| Mr M Phillips | (Resigned 31 July 2023) |
| M Rowe | (Resigned 29 March 2023) |

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

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Directors' Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

This report was approved by the board of directors on and signed on behalf of the board by:

Mrs D Evans
Director

Registered office:
PO Box 9
Standby Self Storage
Foundry Lane
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**Lawyers in Local Government
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Statement of Comprehensive Income
Year ended 31 December 2023**

| | Note | 2023 £ | 2022 £ |
|--|----------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Turnover | | 334,752 | 287,270 |
| Cost of sales | | <u>267</u> | <u>–</u> |
| Gross profit | | 334,485 | 287,270 |
| Administrative expenses | | <u>343,877</u> | <u>292,340</u> |
| Operating loss | | (9,392) | (5,070) |
| Income from shares in group undertakings | | 50,000 | – |
| Other interest receivable and similar income | | <u>2,879</u> | <u>1,903</u> |
| Profit/(loss) before taxation | 6 | 43,487 | (3,167) |
| Tax on profit/(loss) | | <u>–</u> | <u>362</u> |
| Profit/(loss) for the financial year | | <u>43,487</u> | <u>(3,529)</u> |
| Regional reserves movement | | <u>267</u> | <u>–</u> |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | | <u>43,754</u> | <u>(3,529)</u> |

All the activities of the company are from continuing operations.

The notes on pages 7 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2023

| | Note | 2023 £ | 2022 £ |
|---|------|----------------|----------------|
| Fixed assets | | | |
| Intangible assets | 7 | 69,061 | 76,475 |
| Tangible assets | 8 | 5,174 | 4,961 |
| Investments | 9 | 100 | 100 |
| | | <u>74,335</u> | <u>81,536</u> |
| Current assets | | | |
| Debtors | 10 | 73,083 | 6,965 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 260,067 | 264,706 |
| | | <u>333,150</u> | <u>271,671</u> |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 11 | <u>80,240</u> | <u>69,716</u> |
| Net current assets | | <u>252,910</u> | <u>201,955</u> |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | <u>327,245</u> | <u>283,491</u> |
| Net assets | | <u>327,245</u> | <u>283,491</u> |
| Capital and reserves | | | |
| Training Reserve | 12 | 48,201 | 77,780 |
| Profit and loss account | 12 | 279,044 | 205,711 |
| Members funds | | <u>327,245</u> | <u>283,491</u> |

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with Section 1A of FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

For the year ending 31 December 2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The statement of financial position
continues on the following page.
The notes on pages 7 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position *(continued)*

31 December 2023

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mrs D Evans
Director

Company registration number: 08379439

The notes on pages 7 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Changes in Equity

Year ended 31 December 2023

| | Training Reserve £ | Profit and loss account £ | Total £ |
|--|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| At 1 January 2022 | 83,700 | 203,320 | 287,020 |
| Loss for the year | | (3,529) | (3,529) |
| Other comprehensive income for the year: | | | |
| Training reserve utilised during the year | (5,920) | 5,920 | – |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | (5,920) | 2,391 | (3,529) |
| At 31 December 2022 | 77,780 | 205,711 | 283,491 |
| Profit for the year | | 43,487 | 43,487 |
| Other comprehensive income for the year: | | | |
| Training reserve utilised during the year | (29,579) | 29,579 | – |
| Regional reserves movement | – | 267 | 267 |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | (29,579) | 73,333 | 43,754 |
| At 31 December 2023 | <u>48,201</u> | <u>279,044</u> | <u>327,245</u> |

The notes on pages 7 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2023

1. General information

The company is a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is PO Box 9, Standby Self Storage, Foundry Lane, Horsham, West Sussex, RH13 5PX.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with Section 1A of FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland'.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through profit or loss.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Consolidation

The company has taken advantage of the option not to prepare consolidated financial statements contained in Section 398 of the Companies Act 2006 on the basis that the company and its subsidiary undertakings comprise a small group.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Revenue recognition

Income in the income and expenditure account represents amounts receivable during the year.

Income tax

The taxation expense represents the aggregate amount of current and deferred tax recognised in the reporting period. Tax is recognised in profit or loss, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity. In this case, tax is recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, respectively.

Current tax is recognised on taxable profit for the current and past periods. Current tax is measured at the amounts of tax expected to pay or recover using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Income tax *(continued)*

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences at the reporting date. Unrelieved tax losses and other deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits. Deferred tax is measured using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date that are expected to apply to the reversal of the timing difference.

Intangible assets

Intangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and are subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated amortisation and impairment losses. Any intangible assets carried at revalued amounts, are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation, as determined by reference to an active market, less any subsequent accumulated amortisation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Intangible assets acquired as part of a business combination are only recognised separately from goodwill when they arise from contractual or other legal rights, are separable, the expected future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value can be measured reliably.

Amortisation

Amortisation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful life of that asset as follows:

Website - 5 years straight line

If there is an indication that there has been a significant change in amortisation rate, useful life or residual value of an intangible asset, the amortisation is revised prospectively to reflect the new estimates.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity, except to the extent it reverses a revaluation decrease of the same asset previously recognised in profit or loss. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other comprehensive income to the extent of any previously recognised revaluation increase accumulated in equity in respect of that asset. Where a revaluation decrease exceeds the accumulated revaluation gains accumulated in equity in respect of that asset, the excess shall be recognised in profit or loss.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Equipment - 15% reducing balance

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Investments

Fixed asset investments are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated impairment losses.

Listed investments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value being recognised in profit or loss.

Investments in associates

Investments in associates accounted for in accordance with the cost model are recorded at cost less any accumulated impairment losses.

Investments in associates accounted for in accordance with the fair value model are initially recorded at the transaction price. At each reporting date, the investments are measured at fair value, with changes in fair value recognised in other comprehensive income/profit or loss. Where it is impracticable to measure fair value reliably without undue cost or effort, the cost model will be adopted.

Dividends and other distributions received from the investment are recognised as income without regard to whether the distributions are from accumulated profits of the associate arising before or after the date of acquisition.

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the company are assigned to those units.

Financial instruments

The company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of banks loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Defined contribution plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as a finance cost in profit or loss in the period in which it arises.

Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment. Loans receivable are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

Creditors

Short term trade creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

4. Company limited by guarantee

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute £1 to the assets of the company in the event of the company being wound up while he or she is a member, for payment of the debts and liabilities of the company before he or she ceases to be a member.

5. Employee numbers

The average number of persons employed by the company during the year amounted to 5 (2022: 5).

6. Profit before taxation

Profit before taxation is stated after charging:

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Amortisation of intangible assets | 20,419 | 19,119 |
| Depreciation of tangible assets | 287 | 291 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

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7. Intangible assets

| | Website £ |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| Cost | |
| At 1 January 2023 | 95,594 |
| Additions | 13,005 |
| At 31 December 2023 | 108,599 |
| Amortisation | |
| At 1 January 2023 | 19,119 |
| Charge for the year | 20,419 |
| At 31 December 2023 | 39,538 |
| Carrying amount | |
| At 31 December 2023 | 69,061 |
| At 31 December 2022 | 76,475 |

8. Tangible assets

| | Equipment £ | Regalia £ | Total £ |
|----------------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Cost | | | |
| At 1 January 2023 | 2,232 | 3,100 | 5,332 |
| Additions | 500 | – | 500 |
| At 31 December 2023 | 2,732 | 3,100 | 5,832 |
| Depreciation | | | |
| At 1 January 2023 | 371 | – | 371 |
| Charge for the year | 287 | – | 287 |
| At 31 December 2023 | 658 | – | 658 |
| Carrying amount | | | |
| At 31 December 2023 | 2,074 | 3,100 | 5,174 |
| At 31 December 2022 | 1,861 | 3,100 | 4,961 |

9. Investments

| | Shares in group undertaking s £ |
|--|---|
| Cost | |
| At 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023 | 100 |
| Impairment | |
| At 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023 | – |

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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9. Investments *(continued)*

| | Shares in group undertaking s £ |
|--|---|
| Carrying amount At 31 December 2023 | 100 |
| At 31 December 2022 | <u>100</u> |

The company owns 100% of the issued share capital, namely 100 ordinary shares of £1 each, in LLG Enterprises Limited, company number 05127694. The company is registered in England & Wales. The investment is shown at cost. The following figures are taken from the unaudited financial statements of LLG Enterprises Limited for the year ended 31st December:

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|--|------------|-----------|
| Aggregate capital and reserves | | |
| LLG Enterprises Limited | XXXXXX | 674,904 |
| (Loss) / profit for the year before taxation | | |
| LLG Enterprises Limited | XXXXXXXXXX | (140,113) |

10. Debtors

| | 2023 £ | 2022 £ |
|--------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Trade debtors | 47,500 | 3,232 |
| Prepayments and accrued income | 25,583 | 3,733 |
| | <u>73,083</u> | <u>6,965</u> |

11. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

| | 2023 £ | 2022 £ |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Trade creditors | 7,256 | 3,127 |
| Amounts owed to group undertakings | 281 | 2,037 |
| Accruals and deferred income | 60,623 | 59,478 |
| Corporation tax | - | 362 |
| Social security and other taxes | 5,461 | - |
| Pension | 2,559 | 1,086 |
| Other creditors | 4,060 | 3,626 |
| | <u>80,240</u> | <u>69,716</u> |

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12. Other reserves

Training Reserve - an earmarked training reserve has been created in order to guarantee the availability of funding to provide future bursaries for courses, some of which involve periods of study lasting more than one financial year.

13. Pension commitments

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for the employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The amount recognised in profit or loss as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £16,801 (2022 - £6,376). At the balance sheet date, there were unpaid contributions totalling £2,559 (2022 £1,086).

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Management Information

Year ended 31 December 2023

The following pages do not form part of the financial statements.

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Chartered Accountants Report to the Board of Directors on the Preparation of the Unaudited Statutory Financial Statements of Lawyers in Local Government

Year ended 31 December 2023

In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, we have prepared for your approval the financial statements of Lawyers in Local Government for the year ended 31 December 2023, which comprise the statement of comprehensive income, statement of financial position, statement of changes in equity and the related notes from the company's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

As a practising member firm of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at www.icaew.com/en/membership/regulations-standards-and-guidance.

This report is made solely to the Board of Directors of Lawyers in Local Government, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 20 July 2016. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the financial statements of Lawyers in Local Government and state those matters that we have agreed to state to you, as a body, in this report in accordance with ICAEW Technical Release 07/16 AAF as detailed at www.icaew.com/compilation. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Lawyers in Local Government and its Board of Directors, as a body, for our work or for this report.

It is your duty to ensure that Lawyers in Local Government has kept adequate accounting records and to prepare statutory financial statements that give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit of Lawyers in Local Government. You consider that Lawyers in Local Government is exempt from the statutory audit requirement for the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit or a review of the financial statements of Lawyers in Local Government. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the statutory financial statements.

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Detailed Income Statement

Year ended 31 December 2023

| | 2023 £ | 2022 £ |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| Turnover | | |
| Subscriptions | 198,186 | 179,566 |
| Corporate Partners | 50,640 | 50,537 |
| Sponsorship | 4,000 | 4,000 |
| Ticket Sales | – | 400 |
| Consultancy | 46,014 | 10,850 |
| Paid events | 3,545 | 3,028 |
| Advertising - job vacancies | 28,367 | 37,983 |
| Income - ADSO | 4,000 | – |
| Other | – | 906 |
| | <u>334,752</u> | <u>287,270</u> |
| Cost of sales | | |
| Northern region expenses | 267 | – |
| | <u>334,485</u> | <u>287,270</u> |
| Gross profit | | |
| | <u>334,485</u> | <u>287,270</u> |
| Overheads | | |
| Administrative expenses | 343,877 | 292,340 |
| | <u>(9,392)</u> | <u>(5,070)</u> |
| Operating loss | | |
| | <u>(9,392)</u> | <u>(5,070)</u> |
| Income from shares in group undertakings | 50,000 | – |
| Other interest receivable and similar income | 2,879 | 1,903 |
| | <u>43,487</u> | <u>(3,167)</u> |
| Profit/(loss) before taxation | | |
| | <u>43,487</u> | <u>(3,167)</u> |

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Notes to the Detailed Income Statement

Year ended 31 December 2023

| | 2023 £ | 2022 £ |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Administrative expenses | | |
| Personnel costs | | |
| Directors salaries | 83,151 | 76,785 |
| Directors national insurance contributions | 10,208 | 9,839 |
| Directors pensions | 8,307 | 3,063 |
| Wages and salaries | 112,953 | 98,662 |
| Employers national insurance contributions | 8,559 | 7,347 |
| Staff pension contributions | 8,494 | 3,313 |
| | <u>231,672</u> | <u>199,009</u> |
| General expenses | | |
| Travel, hotel and subsistence | 11,265 | 12,670 |
| President's expenses | 933 | 2,538 |
| Awards Ceremony | 408 | 342 |
| Bursary scheme | 29,579 | 5,920 |
| Insurance | 941 | 979 |
| Printing postage and stationery | 346 | 506 |
| IT and software | 21,370 | 15,235 |
| Other expenses | 1,287 | 4,126 |
| Catering | 245 | 214 |
| Wales Policy Officer fees | 4,000 | 4,000 |
| Subscriptions | - | 96 |
| Recruitment costs | - | 147 |
| Marketing and PR | 4,947 | 3,803 |
| Legal and professional fees | (3,285) | 7,080 |
| Bookkeeping fees | 7,263 | 6,560 |
| Non-Executive Director fees for E&D | 4,261 | 2,923 |
| Accountancy fees | 6,463 | 5,137 |
| Amortisation of intangible assets | 20,419 | 19,119 |
| Depreciation of tangible assets | 287 | 291 |
| | <u>110,729</u> | <u>91,686</u> |
| Financial costs | | |
| Bank charges | 1,476 | 1,645 |
| | <u>343,877</u> | <u>292,340</u> |
| Income from shares in group undertakings | | |
| Dividends from group undertakings | <u>50,000</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Other interest receivable and similar income | | |
| Interest on cash and cash equivalents | <u>2,879</u> | <u>1,903</u> |