

# GROUP ENTITIES PROJECTED FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE YEAR 2022/23

Aberdeen City Council holds a financial interest in a number of Subsidiaries, Associates and Joint Ventures. The most significant of these, in terms of size of trading operations and other factors, are included in the Council's Group Accounts.

The table below outlines the entities to be consolidated into the Council's Group Accounts and details the Council's share of "ownership" of each of the entities.

ACC Control	ACC Commitment to meet accumulated deficits	Annual Turnover
%	%	£m
100	100	4
100	100	0
100	100	10
100	100	26
100	100	34
50	50	5
50	50	273
39	39	5
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The Council has agreed to include information only when it has been reported through a group

entities governance structure.

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		Surplus/(deficit)		
		attributable to		
		the Council at	Forecast	
For the Financial Year 2022/23	Reporting Date	Reporting date	Surplus/(Deficit)	Comment
		£'000	£'000	
Subsidiaries				
Common Good	30.09.22	520	21	
Trust Funds	31.03.22	(18)	-	Full year forecast not yet internally reported as at Q2
Sport Aberdeen Limited	31.08.22	89	-	Full year forecast not yet internally reported as at Q2
Bon Accord Care Limited and Bon				
Accord Support Services Ltd	30.09.22	40	0	Break even
Joint Ventures				
Aberdeen Sports Village Limited	31.07.22	(871)	-	Actual values for year ended 31.07.22
Aberdeen City Integration Joint Board	30.09.22	0	0	Break even
Associates				
Grampian Valuation Joint Board	30.09.22	98	-	Full year forecast not yet internally reported as at Q2

The notes below summarise the latest financial position in respect of each of the group entities.

# **Subsidiaries**

#### **Common Good**

The Common Good is corporate property and must be applied for the benefit of the community as the Council thinks fit. It is invested in land and buildings, such as industrial estates and farms, with any surplus being placed on cash deposit, with £30m of accumulated cash invested in a multi-asset income fund managed by Fidelity.

The Common Good is currently forecasting an operational surplus of £21k for 2022/23. This is mainly due to projected underspend in recurring expenditure - see Appendix 2. The financial statements for the quarter are shown in Appendix 3.

#### **Trust Funds**

The Council is responsible for the administration of various trusts created by bequest or evolved through history or by public subscription which are utilised for a variety of benefits such as education and social work, charitable purposes, religious instruction, medical institutions, and the upkeep of public works. The money earned from the investments of the Trusts is used to provide grants and awards to trust beneficiaries, prizes and dux medals for school children and requisites for clients in Social Work homes.

At the end of March 2022, the Trusts reported a net deficit of £18k.

The Trusts are not expected to have a material impact on the Council's financial position for 2022/23.

## **Sport Aberdeen**

Sport Aberdeen Limited is a charity and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee. The principal activity of the company is the provision of recreation leisure facilities and services on behalf of Aberdeen City Council in accordance with key priorities. Although Aberdeen City Council does not own the entity, it is considered that control representing power to govern exists through agreements in place and that Sport Aberdeen Limited operates as a structured entity of the Council.

The results for the period ended 31st August 2022 show net income for the year of £89k.

#### **Bon Accord Care and Bon Accord Support Services**

Bon Accord Care Limited (BAC) and Bon Accord Support Services Limited (BASS) are private companies limited by shares which are 100% held by Aberdeen City Council. Bon Accord Care provides regulated (by the Care Inspectorate) care services to Bon Accord Support Services which in turn delivers both regulated and unregulated adult social care services to the Council.

The consolidated position of Bon Accord Care and Bon Accord Support Services shows a surplus of £40k as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022. This is mainly due to staff vacancies to date. Higher costs being incurred over the winter period are expected to bring the financial position back to the forecast break-even position for 2022-23.

However, following the recent agreement reached with COSLA on the negotiated pay award, it is likely this forecast position will be revised prior to Quarter 3 to reflect the true impact of the pay ward on current budget and service delivery.

#### **Joint Ventures**

# Aberdeen Sports Village Limited (ASV)

ASV Ltd is a company limited by guarantee and registered as a charity. It is a joint venture company owned equally by the Council and The University of Aberdeen. ASV Ltd was incorporated in 2007 and its objectives are to provide sports and recreational facilities, including elite sports facilities for the use of both students and staff of the University of Aberdeen and the general public, and the advancement of public participation in sport.

The financial year end for ASV Ltd is not aligned to the Council's with its year end being 31 July. The account for the year ended 31 July 2022 showed that ASV Ltd reported a deficit of £1,742k. The share of the deficit being attributed to the Council is £871k.

## **Aberdeen City Integration Joint Board (IJB)**

The IJB was established by order of Scottish Ministers on 6 February 2016, becoming fully operational from 1 April 2016. The IJB is responsible for the strategic planning, resourcing and operational delivery of all integrated health and social care within the Aberdeen City area. This has been delegated by the partners, Aberdeen City Council and NHS Grampian.

As at 30 September 2022, the UB is forecasting a break-even position for financial year 2022/23.

Further analysis of the JB variance can be seen in Appendix 1

#### **Associates**

#### **Grampian Valuation Joint Board**

The Grampian Valuation Joint Board was created following Local Government Reorganisation on 1 April 1996, under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1994 and covers the local government areas of Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire and Moray.

The Board has reported a surplus of £249k as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 mainly due to underspends in staffing and other supplies and services.

This is a favourable variance of 320k compared to the budgeted deficit of 70K.

The portion of the underspend attributable to ACC is £98k.

## **Non-Material Interest in Other Entities**

On the grounds of materiality, Aberdeen Heat and Power Limited (AH&P Ltd), the North East Transport Partnership (NESTRANS), Grampian Venture Capital Fund Ltd, Strategic Development Planning Authority, Scotland Excel and bp Aberdeen Hydrogen Energy Limited (BAHEL) have to date been excluded from the Group Accounts, and therefore are not disclosed in the quarterly monitoring.

More information on these relationships can be found in the Council's Draft Annual Accounts for 2021/22.