

# COMMON GOOD FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2023

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### **Common Good**

The Common Good stands separate from other accounts and funds of the Council and could be said to originate in the grant of freedom lands by King Robert the Bruce in 1319. 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 cash balances usually being held on deposit with other local authorities, building societies and the Council's Loans Fund.

Following the decision of Council to seek alternative investment opportunities for the cash balances, an investment of up to £30m has been placed in a Multi-Asset Income Fund with Fidelity. Returns on this investment are now reported on a quarterly basis in Appendix 2.

## Movement in Reserves Statement

|  | Common Good<br>Fund<br>£'000 | Reserves Fund<br>£'000 | Total Common<br>Good<br>£'000 |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Balance at 31 March 2023                                   | (119,549)                    | (68)                   | (119,617)                     |
| Movement in Reserves during 2023/24                        |                              |                        | 0                             |
| (Surplus) or Deficit on provision of services              | (3,718)                      | 0                      | (3,718)                       |
| (Surplus) or Deficit on revaluation of investment property | 389                          | 0                      | 389                           |
| Total Comprehensive Expenditure and Income                 | (3,329)                      | 0                      | (3,329)                       |
| Balance at 31 December 2023                                | (122,878)                    | (68)                   | (122,946)                     |

# **Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement**

|  | Quarter 3, 2023/24 |        |              |
|--|--------------------|--------|--------------|
|  | Gross              | Gross  | Net (Income) |
|  | Expenditure        | Income | Expenditure  |
|  | £'000              | £'000  | £'000        |
|  |                    |        |              |
| Grants & Contributions to External Organisations           | 500                |        | 500          |
| External Organisations Rents                               | 52                 |        | 52           |
| Promoting Aberdeen   | 638                |        | 638          |
| Grants/Services Provided by Aberdeen City Council          | 998                | _      | 998          |
| Civic Service Funding                                      | 738                | (1)    | 737          |
| Duthie Park HLF  | 0                  |        | 0            |
| Specific Projects  | 634                | (0)    | 634          |
| Earmarked Reserves   | 6                  |        | 6            |
| Cost Of Services   | 3,566              | (1)    | 3,565        |
| Sales Income   |                    |        | (3,245)      |
| Cost of Sales  |                    |        | 2            |
| Other Operating Income/Expenditure                         |                    | _      | (3,243)      |
| Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure            |                    |        | (4,040)      |
| (Surplus) or Deficit on Provision of Services              |                    | _      | (3,718)      |
| (Surplus) or Deficit on revaluation of investment property |                    | _      | 389          |
| Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure                 |                    |        | (3,329)      |

# **Notes**

- 1. This includes project expenditure to 31 December 2023.
- 2. This reflects any gains or losses on the disposal of assets during the year.
- 3. This reflects income receivable from investments and land and properties net of associated expenditure.
- 4. This figure represents the decrease in value of the long term investment. The revaluation of investment property will be undertaken in Quarter 4.

### **Balance Sheet**

| 31 March 2023<br>£'000 |   | 31 December 2023<br>£'000 | Notes |
|------------------------|---|---------------------------|-------|
|                        |   |                           |       |
| 24,145                 | Long Term Investments                           | 23,756                    | 1     |
| 82,231                 | Investment Property                             | 82,231                    | 1     |
| 106,376                | Long Term Assets                                | 105,987                   |       |
| 13,302                 | Investments in Aberdeen City Council Loans Fund | 17,970                    | 2     |
| 0                      | Investment Property Held for Sale               | 0                         | 3     |
| 527                    | Short Term Debtors                              | 116                       | 4     |
| 13,829                 | Current Assets                                  | 18,086                    |       |
| (588)                  | Short Term Creditors                            | (1,128)                   | 5     |
| (588)                  | Current Liabilities                             | (1,128)                   |       |
| 119,617                | Net Assets                                      | 122,945                   |       |
| (119,549)              | Common Good Fund                                | (122,877)                 | 6     |
| (68)                   | Reserve Fund                                    | (68)                      | 6     |
| (119,617)              | Total Reserves                                  | (122,945)                 |       |

# **Notes**

- 1. This represents the long term investments as at 31 December 2023. The revaluation of investment property will be undertaken in Quarter 4, at which time this figure will be updated.
- 2. Reflects current cash balances held following transactions to 31 December 2023.
- 3. Will be reviewed and updated accordingly in Quarter 4.
- 4. Based on transactions to 31 December 2023.
- 5. Based on transactions to 31 December 2023.
- 6. Reflects the accounting value of the funds, based on transactions to 31 December 2023.