

## NOTES TO THE GROUP ACCOUNTS

## STATEMENT 19

## G1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The group accounting policies are those specified for the single entity financial statements as detailed in Statement 8 note 1. The accounting policies of all group members are materially the same as those of the single entity.

## G2. WEST LOTHIAN INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD

The West Lothian Integration Joint Board (IJB) was established as a body corporate by order of Scottish Ministers on 21 September 2015, and is a separate and distinct legal entity from West Lothian Council and NHS Lothian. The arrangements for the IJB's operation, remit and governance are set out in the integration scheme which was approved by West Lothian Council, NHS Lothian and the Scottish Government.

The IJB's purpose is to set the strategic direction for the delegated functions through the development of a Strategic Plan. Relevant functions and resources from the council and NHS Lothian were delegated to the West Lothian IJB from 1 April 2016 to enable it to plan the delivery of functions and deliver on strategic outcomes. The IJB gives directions to the council and NHS Lothian as to the functions to be delivered and the resources available to deliver the functions.

The IJB meets on a six weekly basis and is made up of eight voting members, comprising four elected members appointed by West Lothian Council and four NHS Lothian non-executive directors appointed by NHS Lothian. The IJB Audit Risk and Governance Committee and Strategic Planning Group have been set up to support integrated policy and strategic development and to ensure IJB business adheres to the principles of good corporate governance.

The IJB is defined as a joint venture. The net expenditure of the council's contribution to the IJB for 2023/24 is £88.607 million (2022/23 £85.147 million). It should be noted that this expenditure does not include support services such as Human Resources, Legal and Financial Services which are not delegated to the IJB and are provided free of charge to the IJB. The IJB does not employ staff directly delivering services and does not hold cash resources or operate a bank account. The IJB accounts for 2023/24 show the Balance Sheet with assets and reserves of the IJB of £8.808 million.

## G3. COMBINING ENTITIES

The council has a number of non-consolidation interests in other entities, full details of which are shown on pages 99 and 100.

**West Lothian Leisure Ltd.** (WLL) is a company limited by guarantee, it was assessed that the council exerted significant influence and control and as such, West Lothian Leisure is treated as a subsidiary of the council for financial reporting, details as follows:

- The Chief Executive, B A Lamb, has been in post from 3 October 2022.
- Details of the remuneration of the Chief Executive of WLL is included in section 3.2 of the Remuneration Report on page 37.
- There were no Councillors of West Lothian Council remunerated by the body in 2023/24.
- There were no employees of WLL whose remuneration was £150,000 or more.

The council has not paid any consideration for its interests in West Lothian Leisure Ltd. And therefore no goodwill is involved in the acquisition. All intra-group transactions have been eliminated from the Group Accounts as part of the consolidation process. The subsidiary has been consolidated on a line by line basis.

**Lothian Valuation Joint Board** is deemed to be an associate.

The council has joint control and right to net assets in West Lothian Integration Joint Board which is defined to be a joint venture.

The following shares of the accounts of these bodies have been included within the Group Accounts.

	2023/24	2022/23
<b>Associates</b>		
Valuation Joint Board - basis - WLC funding to total funding	18.61%	18.57%
<b>Joint Venture</b>		
West Lothian Integration Joint Board - basis - WLC representation on board	50%	50%

The summarised Financial Information of the associate, subsidiary and joint ventures are detailed below:

Council share of Associate, Subsidiary and Joint Ventures		Restated Valuation Joint Board £'000	West Lothian Leisure Ltd £'000	Integration Joint Board £'000	Total £'000
Total Assets	2023/24	715	2,515	4,404	7,634
	2022/23	910	3,416	5,647	9,973
Total Liabilities and shareholders' equity	2023/24	(801)	(1,981)	-	(2,782)
	2022/23	(892)	(1,455)	-	(2,347)
Net Assets / (Liabilities)	2023/24	(86)	534	4,404	4,852
	2022/23	18	1,961	5,647	7,626
Included in Surplus / (Deficit) in Group	2023/24	(137)	(617)	(1,243)	(1,997)
	2022/23	(181)	(341)	(9,393)	(9,915)

The amounts above are disclosed post any relevant consolidation adjustments required to the financial information of each component and of the single entity.