

2gether Support Solutions Limited

Directors' Report (continued) For the year ended 31 March 2021

Qualifying third party indemnity provisions

The Company has granted an indemnity to one or more of its directors against liability in respect of proceedings brought by third parties, subject to the conditions set out in the Company's articles of association and the Companies Act 2006. Such qualifying third-party indemnity provision remains in force as at the date of approving the directors' report.

Greenhouse gas emissions, energy consumption and energy efficiency action

The Company tenant's energy use across the sites for 2021 was circa 70.231014 GWh (2020 - 102.044 GWh). Carbon emissions were 14,416 tCO₂e (2020 - 16,576 tCO₂e), this is a 13.02% reduction against the previous year baseline figures. Several factors including the continuous implementation of our green energy plan and some support staff level employees working from home during the coronavirus pandemic are attributed to the reduction.

The annual emissions for 2021 were 402.4 kWh per m² of the total estate (2020 - 584.7 kWh per m²).

The energy data comes from the billed usage during each financial year. The carbon emissions are calculated from the billed gas and electricity data using BEIS conversion factors as per the 'UK Government GHG Conversion Factors for Company Reporting' 2020-2021.

The Company supported by the Trust has partnered with energy performance specialist contractors to deliver energy and carbon reduction across the three main hospitals, Kent and Canterbury (K&C), Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother (QEQM) and William Harvey Hospital (WHH).

Through this partnership, energy efficiency is being improved through several new projects and initiatives of fabric and technology led including Combined Heat and Power plants, LED lighting and control retrofits, solar PV, better insulation as well as Building Management System upgrades. Some of these projects have been completed under the first phase of the scheme and services brought online. All projects under phase 1 are planned and due to be completed by end of Q4 2021. We anticipate an average daily carbon savings of 5,700kg Co₂e by the end of the first year after completion of phase one.

A budget fee for feasibility studies on phase 2 of our energy efficiency consumption plan has been approved as part of our green implementation strategy of carbon reduction measures. This phase of our energy carbon reduction plan will be mostly focus on technology led and building systems energy efficiency of our old estates.

Overall, one year after completion of phase 1 and 2, 2gether is expected to have netted the customer carbon emissions savings in the region of 2,084,000kg Co₂e and over £1,000,000 in monetary savings.

Additionally, our plan has made us compliant with emergency preparedness and civil contingency requirements as instructed in UKCIP 2009 / 2020 of the Climate Change Act and the Adaptation Reporting requirements; and also compliant with the requirements of SECR, as a large organisation, due to the development of an Energy Focused Carbon Reduction Plan. This plan, a live document, which is reviewed annually covers current levels of our GHG emissions, consumption levels to compare to previous year's base figures and planned and ongoing projects for green energy transformation.

Matters covered in the Strategic Report

Information relating to business activities, likely future developments in the business, its financial position, its exposure to risks, the Directors' assessment of going concern and post balance sheet events have been disclosed within the Strategic Report in accordance with section 414c(ii) of the Companies Act 2006.