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**ANNUAL REPORT AND
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

It is my pleasure to present the Scottish Futures Trust (SFT) 2017/18 Annual Report and Group Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2018.

SFT is Scotland's infrastructure centre of expertise. It is owned by Scottish Government and operates independently, collaborating with many partners across the public and private sectors at the forefront of infrastructure planning, innovation, delivery and management. It has a relentless focus on achieving improved value and outcomes across public sector infrastructure.

Examples of this work include:

- To-date, the SFT-managed hub programme has seen the public sector commission over 184 community facilities, with construction of current projects (valued at £685m) supporting over 5,300 jobs and 77% of that work going to Scottish SMEs;
- Working with partners, over the past 12 months SFT secured £26m from the sale of surplus properties and created development sites for investors and house builders;
- Leading the £25m 4G mast infill programme into procurement to improve mobile coverage by addressing 'notspots'.
- SFT has secured the provision of over 3,300 mid-market rent homes (totalling over £500m of additional investment), with more than half already built and occupied
- Through SFT's Tax Incremental Financing programme, agreement was reached with Fife Council that will see £10m of public sector investment unlock up to £30m of private investment

Scottish Government set SFT a challenging financial target of achieving between £500m and £750m of savings and benefits during this 2014 - 2019 Corporate Plan period. Over the past 12 months, SFT secured £139m of benefits. With 2017/18 being the penultimate year of this five-year Corporate Plan, the value of savings achieved to date has already reached £558m.

In addition to financial savings, SFT delivers wider benefits to the economy, the environment and local communities. Through SFT's infrastructure programmes, thousands of local employment and apprenticeship opportunities have been generated; a total of 83 schools have opened, many of which are open for local communities to enjoy and benefit from; working environments have been improved by delivering award-winning buildings that are more flexible for multiple uses; hundreds of millions of pounds of private development have been leveraged into Scotland and many thousands of tonnes of CO2 have been saved from installing LED street lamps.

Over the past 12 months, two non-executive Board members, Graeme Bisset and James Fletcher stood down as their terms of appointment ended. I would like to thank them for their sterling contribution to the stewardship of the SFT from its inception. Ann Faulds and Graham Watson joined as their successors.

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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT (continued)

In September 2017, SFT's chief executive Barry White resigned and was replaced by the then deputy chief executive and director of investments at SFT, Peter Reekie.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Russell', is positioned above the printed name and title.

Ian Russell
Chairman

Date: 8 October 2018

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STRATEGIC REPORT

The directors present their Annual Report and the Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2018 of the Scottish Futures Trust Limited Group (incorporating the wholly owned subsidiary Scottish Futures Trust Investments Limited “SFTi” and the Company, Scottish Futures Trust Limited “SFT”).

The directors consider the Annual Report and Financial Statements taken as a whole, to be fair, balanced and understandable and provide the information necessary to assess the Group and Company’s performance, business model and strategy.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

As an arm’s length company owned by Scottish Government, our aim is:

'to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of infrastructure investment and use in Scotland by working collaboratively with public bodies and industry, leading to better value for money and ultimately improved public services.'

In working towards that aim, employing and developing the right team of people is crucial. Since becoming fully operational in 2009, SFT has built a 70-strong professional team who have the specific skills and expertise to deliver, support and improve public sector infrastructure investment, right across Scotland.

Their work is underpinned by our four values, of being Bold, Collaborative, Dynamic and Ambitious. In following these guiding principles, our teams contribute significantly to creating award-winning buildings and other infrastructure investments, delivered through innovative programmes which secure additional investment and support economic growth.

FINANCIAL REVIEW & RESULTS

SFT follows International Financial Reporting Standards and applies the best practice in Corporate Governance required by the Financial Reporting Council’s “UK Corporate Governance Code.” The financial information provided within these Financial Statements is consistent with these standards and provides transparency over where and how public money is invested and expended.

SFT helps to plan infrastructure investment; to develop innovative solutions to create additional infrastructure investment; to manage the delivery of infrastructure programmes; and, to ensure existing infrastructure assets are used as efficiently and as effectively as possible.

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STRATEGIC REPORT (continued)

FINANCIAL REVIEW & RESULTS (continued)

In order to deliver these benefits, SFT has recorded the following income within the Financial Statements:

Source of Income (£'m)	2017/18	2016/17
Scottish Government revenue funding to meet operating expenses	9.3	9.6
SFTi Investment Returns	1.5	1.2
Scottish Government capital funding to invest in hub projects	0.4	0.5
Miscellaneous income from secondments and director fees	0.2	0.2
Income used to fund Operating Expenses and support SFT projects and programmes	11.4	11.5
Deferred grant recognised as due from Scottish Government relating to SFT's pension scheme (Note: this is a non-cash accounting entry recognising the fact Scottish Government underwrite SFT's membership in their pension scheme and has not been received during 2017/18. It covers the IAS19 pension costs charged to Operating expenses (wages and salaries) and those charged directly to Other Comprehensive Income)).	0.5	1.9
Total Income recognised within the Group Statement of Comprehensive Income	11.9	13.4
Financial Transactions Repayable Grant received to fund investments in the sub-ordinated debt of hub projects	1.5	2.4
Total funding	13.4	15.8

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STRATEGIC REPORT (continued)

FINANCIAL REVIEW & RESULTS (continued)

During 2017/18, SFT applied its funding to the following areas:

Application of Funds	2017/18	2016/17
	£'m	£'m
Hub programme delivering education, health and social care projects which was applied as follows:		
Sub-ordinated debt investments in hub projects (funded by Repayable Grant received from Scottish Government or retained cash)	1.5	2.6
Capital enabling funds – passed through to projects in SFT's hub programme	0.4	0.5
Total Capital Expenditure	1.9	3.1
Revenue grant applied to:		
Operating costs	10.7	9.8
Corporation Tax payable	0.2	0.2
Total operating costs inc taxation	10.9	10.0
Movement in pension fund funding position:		
Included in staff costs	0.6	0.1
(Credited)/Charged to the Statement of Comprehensive Income	(0.1)	1.9
Total Pension Scheme costs arising from the application of accounting standards to SFT's Pension Scheme	0.5	2.0
Total operating costs and pension charges	11.4	12.0
Total	13.3	15.1
SFTi profits retained for future infrastructure investment and development	0.1	0.7
Total Funds Recognised	13.4	15.8

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STRATEGIC REPORT (continued)

FINANCIAL REVIEW & RESULTS (continued)

The Group Balance Sheet indicates an increase in net assets of £0.2m from £7.3m as at 31 March 2017 to £7.5m as at 31 March 2018. The major reasons for this movement include:

- **An increase in non-current assets of £2.2m:** reflecting a:
 - £1.5m increase in investments in the subordinated debt of hub projects and accrued dividend income due from these investments; and
 - a £0.5m increase in the deferred grant which would be payable by Scottish Government if the pension scheme liability crystallised;
- **A £2m increase in long term liabilities:** representing a:
 - £1.3m increase in the Repayable Grant provided by Scottish Government. This is used to finance the purchase of hub sub-ordinated debt; and
 - £0.5m increase in the forecast pension deficit.

Under the terms of its Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Company cannot distribute profits to its shareholders. Investments will make a return over time and these revenues will be used to offset costs in the Company and/or make further investments in infrastructure.

RISKS AND MITIGATION

The Group maintains a strategic risk register which is derived from an aggregation of the high-level risks of the projects and programmes in which SFT is involved, along with operational risks within the Group. Risks are evaluated against their potential to impact on the outcomes expected of SFT, the Group's operations and its stakeholders. The risks and management's mitigating actions are reviewed by the Board regularly. The table below details the significant Group operational risks and the Group's approach to managing and mitigating these. SFT is working with procuring bodies to mitigate these risks but does not have complete control over them.

Significant Operational Risks	Approach to Management and Mitigation of Risks
Resource levels in central Government and procuring authorities to take forward priority projects in a timely manner.	SFT supports authorities by ensuring that resource needs are fully understood and where appropriate ensuring resource needs are incorporated into funding agreements for future projects.
Operational performance of bodies involved in delivering SFT infrastructure programmes lead to quality, programme or commercial issues during project delivery.	SFT provides operational team support for public bodies preparing for the operational phases of NPD projects and DBFM projects delivered through hub. SFT also ensures key stakeholders are regularly updated on project progress and specific delivery issues.
Delay in progressing projects due to budgetary pressures.	SFT promotes proactive management of programmes with clear, strong supporting evidence for the budgets required to ensure value for money is maximised and programmes continue to timetable.

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STRATEGIC REPORT (continued)

RISKS AND MITIGATION (continued)

Key staff retention	SFT's skilled staff are key to benefit delivery and have been recruited from a rare skills base. Failure to retain key staff remains a risk to benefit delivery. SFT will continue to focus on employee engagement and employee reward packages.
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RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROL

The directors monitor SFT's risk management and internal control systems as detailed within the Statement of Internal Control. During the financial year 2017/18, an external review was undertaken of SFT's internal controls with no major issues being identified.

GOING CONCERN

The directors believe it is appropriate for the SFT Financial Statements to adopt the going concern basis of accounting. This is based on confirmation of SFT's funding from its sole Shareholder, the Scottish Government, for the financial year 2018/19; SFT's role in delivering long-term programmes of investment with associated investment income forecast for a period in excess of 20 years; and, the regular discussion between the Board and the Scottish Government regarding SFT's future activities.

As such, the directors believe SFT will be able to continue in operation and meet its liabilities taking account of its current position and principal risks and issues as detailed above and within the Report of the Audit Committee.

FUTURE PLANS

The Group's long-term plans are described in its 2014-19 Corporate Plan which can be found on [SFT's Website](#). The Group's priorities and detailed objectives are set out in its published [2018/19 Business Plan](#). Outcomes against these objectives are published on SFT's website.

Through delivering these objectives, the Group continues to aim to deliver between £500m and £750m of savings and benefits to infrastructure investment in Scotland over the five years of the current 2014-19 corporate plan.

The 2018/19 operating budget has been set at £10.5m, reflecting £1.5m of post tax third party income and £9.0m of Scottish Government grant. It is anticipated by the directors that the budget will be fully utilised in the forthcoming year.

The Strategic Report is approved by the Board of Directors and signed on its behalf by:

Peter Reekie
Chief Executive

Date: 8 October 2018

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

Directors

The business review of the Group is included in the Strategic Report in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 s.414 (C11).

The Directors who held office during the year and post year end are as follows:

Ian Russell	Chairman
Fiona Mackenzie	Non-Executive Director
Carolyn Dwyer	Non-Executive Director
Ann Faulds	Non-Executive Director (appointed 1 April 2017)
Graham Watson	Non-Executive Director (appointed 1 April 2017)
Peter Reekie	Chief Executive (appointed Chief Executive 10 January 2018)
Barry White	Chief Executive (resigned 9 January 2018)
James Fletcher	Non-Executive Director (resigned 31 December 2017)
Graeme Bissett	Non-Executive Director (resigned 31 August 2017)

The Company is wholly owned by the Scottish Ministers. Under section 251 of the Companies Act 2006, the Scottish Ministers are considered to be a Shadow Director of the Company.

Disclosure of Information to the Auditor

The directors who held office at the date of approval of this Directors' Report confirm that, so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the auditor is unaware and each director has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a director to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

Auditor

The auditor, Scott-Moncrieff, is deemed to be reappointed under Section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006. However, the Group undertook a competitive re-tender process in respect of the provision of external audit services in 2017/18 and Scott Moncrieff was reappointed. The Group has elected to dispense with the holding of the AGM, the laying of financial statements in a general meeting and the annual appointment of the auditor as meetings between the sole shareholder, Scottish Ministers and the Company occur on a regular basis.

STATEMENT OF THE DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare Financial Statements for each financial period. Under that law they have elected to prepare the Group and Company's Financial Statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) and International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (IFRIC) interpretations endorsed by the European Union.

The Financial Statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Group and Parent Company and of the Group's and Parent Company's profit for that period.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

STATEMENT OF THE DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

In preparing these Financial Statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the Financial Statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Parent Company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Parent Company and enable them to ensure that its Financial Statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Parent Company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The directors have decided to prepare voluntarily a Report on Corporate Governance as if the Group were required to comply with the Listing Rules of the Financial Conduct Authority in relation to those matters.

The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on SFT's website. Legislation in the UK governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

On behalf of the Board:



Peter Reekie
Chief Executive

Date: 8 October 2018

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REPORT ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Group is committed to high standards of corporate governance, business integrity and professionalism in all its activities. Throughout the accounting year ending 31 March 2018, the Group has complied with all the relevant provisions of the UK Corporate Governance Code issued by the Financial Reporting Council as best practice guidance, except as explained below, notwithstanding that the Group is not a listed group to which the provisions are directed. The following exceptions are noted:

- there is no Nominations Committee as non-executive Board appointments, including their terms and conditions of employment, are determined by the Group's sole shareholder, the Scottish Ministers. Executive director appointments are considered by the Board;
- Directors are not subject to election or re-election at General Meetings as required by the Code. Non-executive directors are appointed to the Board by the Scottish Ministers - these appointments are made under a system regulated and monitored by the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland whose policies on term of office and diversity are available on their website;
- In view of the Group's responsibilities to take account of the provisions set out in the Management Statement and Financial Memorandum (MSFM) agreed with the Scottish Government, compliance is not appropriate with the provision in the UK Corporate Governance Code that performance-related elements of remuneration be transparent, stretching and rigorously applied. The Board carries out the role of a Remuneration Committee as remuneration of non-executive directors is set by Scottish Government;
- The Board has not identified a Senior Independent Director as the shareholder appoints and appraises the performance of the Chairman, and the Chairman is considered independent and has no financial interest in the performance of the Company;
- The Board has requested the Audit Committee regularly review the need for an internal audit function. The size and nature of the organisation, alongside a clear controls framework and a specific extended external review of controls in January 2016, February 2017 and October 2017, has led the Audit Committee to conclude to date that such a function is not required.

Board of Directors

The Board is the principal decision-making forum. It has overall responsibility for leading and controlling the Group and is accountable to the Group's sole shareholder, the Scottish Ministers, for financial and operational performance. The Board approves Group strategy and monitors performance. The Board has adopted a formal schedule of matters specifically reserved for its decision, which is reviewed on an annual basis.

The roles of the Chairman and the Chief Executive are distinct and separate, with a clear division of responsibilities. The Chairman leads the Board and ensures the effective engagement and contribution of all the directors. Executive directors have responsibility for all operational business and act in accordance with the authority delegated from the Board. Responsibility for the implementation of policy, strategy and operational management is delegated to the executive directors.

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REPORT ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE (continued)

Board of Directors (continued)

The Chairman's other significant commitments are: chairmanship of HICL Infrastructure Company Limited, directorship of The Mercantile Investment Trust plc, Aberdeen Diversified Income and Growth Trust plc and Herald Investment Trust plc; and trustee of National Museums Scotland.

Board meetings take place regularly throughout each period. Board meetings are structured to allow open discussion and all directors participate in discussing the Group's strategic aims and performance and financial and risk management. The Board is supplied with comprehensive information in advance of each Board Meeting, including financial and operational reports covering the Group's business activities.

Seven Board meetings were held during the year. The directors also participated in other meetings including a Strategy Day, relating to aspects of the Group's activities during the year.

Board Balance and Independence

As at 31 March 2018, the Board included five non-executive directors (including the Chairman). During the year, two non-executive directors were appointed on 1 April 2017 with two non-executive directors resigning in the year, following completion of their time in office. The Board considers that, based on the criteria set out in the provisions of the UK Corporate Governance Code, all non-executive directors are independent. The non-executive directors combine broad business and commercial experience with independent and objective judgement and constructively challenge and assist development of strategic matters. The Board functions effectively and efficiently and is considered to be of an appropriate size in relation to the Group's level of business and associated responsibilities.

The Board aims to achieve a balance between non-executive and executive directors so as to promote clear and effective leadership and maintain the highest standards of integrity and professionalism across the Group's business activities.

Re-election of Directors

The non-executive directors have been appointed and re-appointed by Scottish Ministers in accordance with the Office for the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland's 2013 Code of Practice for Ministerial Appointments to Public Bodies in Scotland and related guidance on its application.

Information

As permitted by the Companies Act 2006, the Board has dispensed with the appointment of a Company Secretary. The Chairman is responsible for advising the directors on all governance matters and for ensuring that Board procedures are followed. All directors are entitled to obtain independent professional advice at the Group's expense. Minutes of Board and Group Audit Committee meetings are available on the SFT website following their approval.

Performance Evaluation

The performance of non-executive directors is assessed by the Chairman and the performance of executive directors is assessed by the Chairman and the non-executive directors. The Chairman's performance is assessed by the Scottish Government.

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REPORT ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE (continued)

Board Committees

To provide effective overview and leadership, the Board can establish Committees composed of non-executive directors with specific governance responsibilities. The Committees' Chairmanship and Membership will be refreshed on a regular basis. Executive directors and senior managers are invited to attend Board and Committee Meetings as appropriate. Currently the only Board Committees are the Group Audit Committee and SFTi's Investment Committee.

Attendance at Board and Committee Meetings

Attendance by Board Members at Board and Committee meetings held during the year was as follows:

	SFT Board	Group Audit Committee	SFTi Board	SFTi Investment Committee
Number of meetings	7	3	5	5
Ian Russell	7	2*	5	3*
Graeme Bissett ¹	3	2	2	1
Carolyn Dwyer ²	7	1	5	4
James Fletcher ³	4	2	3	1
Fiona Mackenzie	7	3	5	5
Ann Faulds ⁴	6	1	4	4
Graham Watson ⁵	6	3	4	4
Barry White ⁶	5	2*	3	3
Peter Reekie	7	3*	5	5

*In attendance, not members of the Committee

Attendance at SFTi Investment Committee is on the basis of the necessary quorum being present, reflecting the nature of the agenda and the frequency of the meetings.

Relations with Sole Shareholder

As disclosed in the Directors' Report, the Group's sole shareholder, the Scottish Ministers, is considered to be a Shadow Director of the Group. The Chairman, on behalf of the directors has met with Scottish Ministers and officials regularly during the year and post year end to understand their views and has reported these to the Board.

¹ Graeme Bissett resigned on 31 August 2017

² Carolyn Dwyer was appointed to the Group Audit Committee on 27 November 2017

³ James Fletcher resigned on 31 December 2017

⁴ Ann Faulds was appointed to the Board on 1 April 2017 and the Group Audit Committee on 27 November 2017

⁵ Graham Watson was appointed to the Board on 1 April 2017 and the Group Audit Committee on 8 May 2017

⁶ Barry White resigned on 9 January 2018

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REPORT ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE (continued)

Gender Balance

The Table below discloses the gender balance of SFT's Board, Senior Management Team and Direct Reports. This reflects SFT's wish to be an early adopter of this element of the revised FRC's UK Corporate Governance Code published in July 2018. SFT believes there is an appropriate balance as demonstrated within the table below:

Gender split as at 31 March 2018	Number and Percentage of Females	Number and Percentage of Males
Board	3 50%	3 50%
Leadership Team	4 57%	3 43%
Direct Reports	17 47%	19 53%

On behalf of the Board:



Peter Reekie
Chief Executive
Date: 8 October 2018

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STATEMENT ON INTERNAL CONTROL

The key elements of the system of internal control are as follows:

Control Structure

Given the nature and size of the Group, SFT's control structure is the responsibility of directors and managers at all levels and there is no current need for a separate internal audit function, though this will be kept under review. The organisation has clear lines of responsibility and effective communication channels which ensures that best practice in managing risks and controls is consistently applied. In addition, the Group's external auditor presents reports to the Audit Committee which include any significant internal control matters which they have identified.

Separate controls and governance structures are in place across SFT's programmes. The Audit Committee receives an annual update on these.

Identification and Monitoring of Business Risks

The Group has adopted a risk-based approach to internal control by evaluating the likelihood and impact of risk and putting in place appropriate levels of control to mitigate each risk. Procedures include an ongoing process of identifying, evaluating and managing key risks and, where appropriate, enhancing the systems which manage these risks. Regular review of the risks is undertaken by the Audit Committee and ultimately the Board.

Corporate Information Systems

The Group operates a budgeting and financial reporting system, which includes the preparation of a business plan containing detailed annual budgets. The system provides monthly comparison of actual results against financial year budget and regularly revised forecasts, all of which are reviewed by the Board. Financial control procedures are in place which provide assurance on the integrity of the Group's finances.

Effectiveness of Internal Controls

The directors are responsible for reviewing the effectiveness of the Group's system of internal control, including internal financial control. This is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute assurance regarding the safeguarding of assets against unauthorised use or disposition and the maintenance of proper accounting records and the reliability of financial information used within the business or for publication. These controls are designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve business objectives due to circumstances which may reasonably be foreseen and can only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss.

On behalf of the Board:



Peter Reekie
Chief Executive

Date: 8 October 2018

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REPORT ON DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

Details of the Board's responsibilities for remuneration are set out within the Report on Corporate Governance. Details of directors' remuneration are as follows:

Directors' Remuneration

In the year to 31 March 2018, the Company's non-executive directors were paid fees for their services to the Group. Each non-executive director has a letter of appointment outlining their expected time commitment and details of the per diem rate set by Scottish Government for non-executive directors of £325. Ian Russell has waived his remuneration for the role of Chairman of SFT and SFTi.

The fees received by the other directors in the years to 31 March 2018 and 31 March 2017 for duties provided to the Group are as follows:

	2018	2017
	£	£
James Fletcher (resigned 31 December 2017)	5,850	7,800
Graeme Bissett (resigned 31 August 2017)	3,250	7,800
Fiona Mackenzie	7,800	7,800
Carolyn Dwyer	7,800	7,800
Ann Faulds (appointed 1 April 2017)	7,800	-
Graham Watson (appointed 1 April 2017)	7,800	-

The total expenses reimbursed during the year were £270 (2016/17: £150).

Barry White was appointed as Chief Executive on 1 May 2009. He resigned on 9 January 2018. His remuneration for the year was:

	2018	2017
	£	£
Salary	153,983	189,615
Pension	30,797	37,923
Car Allowance	9,401	11,500

Peter Reekie was appointed as Executive Director on 29 June 2010 and became Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Investments on 18 August 2014. He was appointed Chief Executive on 10 January 2018.

His remuneration for the year was:

	2018	2017
	£	£
Salary	164,940	158,012
Pension	32,988	31,602
Car Allowance	10,297	9,200

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REPORT ON DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION (continued)
Directors' Remuneration (continued)

	2018	2017
	£	£
Highest paid director's total remuneration	175,238	201,115
Median total remuneration	69,295	73,330
Ratio	2.53	2.74

The ratio has decreased due to the change in Chief Executive and employment of new staff the impact of which was to decrease the median pay in the year. Total remuneration includes salary and car allowance. There were no bonuses or benefits in kind in financial years 2016/17 or 2017/18.

Pensions

SFT has established a pension scheme with Lothian Pension Fund which is administered by the City of Edinburgh Council. The Company's pension scheme is a contributory scheme where contributions paid by the employee and the Company operate on a sliding scale.

In the year ended 31 March 2018, 64 of the Company's employees including one director were members of the pension fund.

The highest paid director's pension has a transfer value of £261,411 (2016/17: £327,161).

On behalf of the Board:



Peter Reekie
Chief Executive

Date: 8 October 2018

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REPORT OF THE GROUP AUDIT COMMITTEE

Role and Responsibilities

The Group Audit Committee is responsible for assisting the Board in discharging its responsibilities in relation to the financial affairs of the Group, the arrangements for accounting, financial reporting and regulatory compliance, the standards and effectiveness of internal control, the arrangements for identifying, evaluating and managing the significant risks faced by the Group and the arrangements for external audit. The Group Audit Committee meets regularly throughout the accounting year and, in addition, it meets the external auditor privately.

Composition

Members of the Group Audit Committee for the financial year were:

- Graham Watson (appointed 1 April 2017) is an experienced investment banker bringing extensive strategic leadership and financial expertise to the board. Graham was appointed chair of the Group Audit Committee from 1 September 2017.
- Fiona MacKenzie is an honorary Professor of Management at Stirling University, was previously Chief Executive of Forth Valley NHS Board and has extensive experience of leading major public bodies.
- Carolyn Dwyer is the director of Built Environment at the City of London Corporation. She has over 30 years' experience in the Development Sector.
- Ann Faulds (appointed 1 April 2017) is a partner in the law firm, CMS and has 30 years' experience in consenting processes for developments and infrastructure projects.
- James Fletcher (resigned 31 December 2017), Councillor and Provost of East Renfrewshire Council who has extensive experience in providing financial oversight to a variety of entities.
- Graeme Bissett (resigned 31 August 2017) is a Chartered Accountant, who spent 19 years in the accountancy profession, has been CFO in international groups and has chaired or is chairing several Audit Committees for listed companies. He was Chair of the Group Audit Committee until his resignation.

In the year ended 31 March 2018, there were three meetings of the Audit Committee. The Board is satisfied that the Committee membership has relevant financial and business experience.

Responsibilities and Review of the External Auditor

During the year the principal activities of the Audit Committee included:

- considering and recommending to the Board for approval the Annual Financial Statements and reviewing the external auditor's report thereon;
- reviewing the scope, execution, results, cost effectiveness, independence and objectivity of the external auditor;
- selecting and appointing the external auditor;
- reviewing and monitoring the independence of the external auditor in relation to non-audit assignments, taking into account relevant ethical guidance;
- reviewing and approving the external auditor's plan for the financial year, with a focus on the identification of areas of audit risk, and consideration of the appropriateness of the level of audit materiality adopted;
- reviewing the efficiency of the external audit process and the independence and quality of the audit engagement partner and the audit team;
- reviewing the appropriateness of the Group's accounting policies; and
- ensuring the adequacy of the internal control systems and standards.

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REPORT OF THE GROUP AUDIT COMMITTEE (continued)

Auditor and Audit Tenure

Scott Moncrieff has been auditor since the Group’s incorporation in 2008. The Audit Committee reviews the auditor’s performance on a regular basis, taking into consideration the services and advice provided to the Group and the fees charged for these services. A formal re-tender exercise took place in 2017/18, with Scott-Moncrieff being re-appointed.

Safeguarding the Auditor’s Objectivity and Independence

The Group has a policy in place whereby their Auditor can provide non-audit services to a value not exceeding 50% of the agreed external audit fee if authorised by the Director of Corporate Services and Low Carbon. The Audit Committee can authorise non-audit services up to 100% of the audit fee. The Auditor cannot provide non-audit services to a value exceeding 100% of the external audit fee. This is intended to ensure the auditor’s objectivity and independence.

There were non-audit services provided to the Company by the Auditor in the year. These related to corporation tax compliance work, iXBRL tagging of the financial statements for submission to HMRC, VAT advice, GDPR advice and a review of the group internal controls. These services were performed by staff from Scott-Moncrieff, who had no involvement with the external audit, thus the objectivity and independence of the external audit was not compromised. The total fees paid to the auditor can be found in note 7 to the Financial Statements. The audit and corporation tax fees for SFTi were paid by SFT and recharged via the management charge.

Significant Issues Considered Regarding the Annual Report and the Financial Statements

During the year, the Audit Committee considered the significant issues and areas of key audit risk in respect of the Annual Report and Financial Statements. The Audit Committee reviewed the external audit plan and concluded that the appropriate areas of audit risk relevant to the Group had been identified and that suitable audit procedures had been put in place to obtain reasonable assurance that the Financial Statements as a whole would be free of material misstatements.

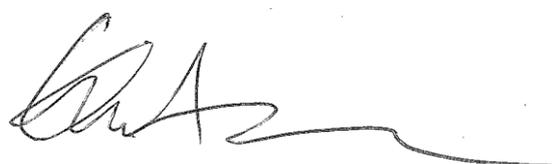
Significant issue	How the issue was addressed
Revenue being over or understated in the Financial Statements.	<p>The group has two main sources of funding:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The funding provided by the Scottish Government; and 2) The interest it receives on the working capital loans and subordinated debt invested in the hub Companies and the Design Build Finance Maintain (DBFM) Special Purpose Vehicles (SPV) companies. <p>The Audit Committee reviews, through the Internal Control and Financial Procedures Manual, the process of the monthly drawdown from the Scottish Government and confirms that it has been accounted for correctly via oversight of the quarterly management accounts process and the annual Financial Statements.</p> <p>The Audit Committee members as members of the SFTi Investment Committee and SFTi Board review each investment made and monitor their performance. In addition, confirmation of all interest income due is received from external third parties verifying the completeness of the amounts recorded within the financial statements.</p>

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REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE (continued)
Significant Issues Considered Regarding the Annual Report and the Financial Statements
(continued)

Significant issue	How the issue was addressed
Accounting for the defined benefit pension scheme.	The assumptions used in the IAS 19 pension valuation are provided by the actuary to the scheme and reviewed each year by the Audit Committee to ensure that the assumptions used are appropriate. The Audit Committee through discussions with the finance team and the external auditor ensure that the pension is accounted for and disclosed in accordance with IAS 19.
Funding from the Scottish Government.	The Audit Committee members as members of the SFT board are involved in year round communication with the Scottish Government including in relation to future funding and consider the funding levels agreed when assessing the Company's going concern status.
The risk that investments are not consolidated in SFT group accounts when they should be.	Through discussions with the auditor, the Audit Committee reviews the criteria regarding consolidation and the relationship the Group has with the companies the Group has invested in, in order to establish if consolidation is required.
Risk of the recoverability of investments in terms of repayment of loans and interest receivable.	The Investment Committee reviews investment performance. SFT also has board representation on all hubCos and DBFM SPV companies which provides additional reassurance regarding the performance of the companies to whom SFTi provides working capital loans or subordinated debt to.
Risk of incorrect accounting of repayable grants from the Scottish Government to SFT which are then on-lent to SFTi.	SFT draws down repayable grants from the Scottish Government which are then granted on to SFTi to make investments in the subordinated debt and share capital of DBFM SPV companies. The Investment Committee approves each investment made by SFTi and the funding that is drawn down from the Scottish Government and then granted on to SFTi to fund these investments. Through the review of the management accounts and the statutory financial statements, the Board ensure that all repayable grants from the Scottish Government by SFT which are granted to SFTi are recorded and disclosed correctly.

On behalf of the Audit Committee:



Graham Watson
Chairman
Audit Committee

Date: 8 October 2018

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBER OF SCOTTISH FUTURES TRUST LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the Financial Statements of Scottish Futures Trust Limited (the 'Parent Company') and its subsidiary (the 'Group') for the year ended 31 March 2018 which comprise the Group and Company Statements of Comprehensive Income, the Group and the Company Statements of Changes in Equity, the Group and the Company Statements of Financial Position, the Group and the Company Statements of Cash Flows and the notes to the financial statements including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in the preparation of the financial statements is applicable law and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union.

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Group's and of the Parent Company's affairs as at 31 March 2018 and of the Group's and Parent Company's profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with IFRSs as adopted by the EU; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Group and the Parent Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to principal risks, going concern and viability statement

We have nothing to report in respect of the following information in the Annual Report, in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you whether we have anything material to add or draw attention to:

- the disclosures in the Annual Report that describe the principal risks and explain how they are being managed or mitigated;
- the directors' confirmation in the Annual Report that they have carried out a robust assessment of the principal risks facing the Group, including those that would threaten its business model, future performance, solvency or liquidity;
- the directors' statement in the financial statements about whether the directors considered it appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements and the directors' identification of any material uncertainties to the Group's or the Parent Company's ability to continue to do so over a period of at least twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements;
- whether the directors' statement relating to going concern is materially inconsistent with our knowledge obtained in the audit;
- or the directors' explanation in the Annual Report as to how they have assessed the prospects of the Group and the Parent Company, over what period they have done so and why they consider that period to be appropriate, and their statement as to whether they have a reasonable expectation that the Group and the Parent Company will be able to continue in operation and meet its liabilities as they fall due over the period of their assessment, including any related disclosures drawing attention to any necessary qualifications or assumptions.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBER OF SCOTTISH FUTURES TRUST LIMITED (continued)

Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period and include the most significant assessed risks of material misstatement (whether or not due to fraud) we identified, including those which had the greatest effect on: the overall audit strategy, the allocation of resources in the audit; and directing the efforts of the engagement team. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

Revenue Recognition

- **The risk:** There is a risk that revenue is misstated as a result of the accounting policies adopted or as a result of the Group or Parent Company recognising income transactions in such a way as to lead to a material misstatement in the reported revenue.
- **Our response:** We performed a reconciliation of income recognised as being received from the Scottish Government in the financial statements to confirmation from the Scottish Government. The Group also receives interest in respect of the working capital loans and subordinated debt invested in the five hub companies and DBFM SPV companies and through reviewing the underlying agreements and the sums invested we confirmed the interest income recognised in the year was accurate.
- **Our findings:** From the work performed we gained assurance in respect of the completeness and occurrence of revenue transactions in the year.

Defined Benefit Pension Scheme

- **The risk:** There is a risk that the movement in the defined benefit pension scheme and the closing pension liability is not recorded and disclosed in the Financial Statements accurately. There is also a risk that the actuarial assumptions used to determine the pension valuation are not appropriate.
- **Our response:** We reviewed the actuarial assumptions used in the IAS 19 valuation and considered their appropriateness and ensured that the pension liability was accounted for and disclosed within the financial statements in accordance with IAS 19.
- **Our findings:** The actuarial assumptions are appropriate and the pension liability has been recorded and disclosed in the financial statements in accordance with IAS 19.

Future funding

- **The risk:** SFT requires funding from the Scottish Government to operate. Without this funding, SFT would not be able to continue to operate in its current form and may not be deemed a going concern.
- **Our response:** We reviewed the funding letter provided by the Scottish Government which confirms that the Group will receive sufficient funds to operate in 2018/19. Although, at this time, no funding letter is in place for 2019/20, the Board anticipates continued support from the Scottish Government in 2019/20 and beyond and thus the Board has prepared the Financial Statements on a going concern basis. Given the relationship that SFT has with the Scottish Government, the important role SFT plays in public sector investment and given there is no evidence to the contrary we are satisfied that the financial statements should be prepared on a going concern basis.
- **Our findings:** The Scottish Government has confirmed that resources will be provided to SFT to allow the Group to continue in 2018/19. The expectation at the date of signing the Financial Statements is that this funding from the Scottish Government will continue into 2019/20 and beyond and thus the financial statements have been correctly prepared on a going concern basis.

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Treatment of investments made by Scottish Futures Trust Investments Limited

- **The risk:** There is a risk that the Group accounts of Scottish Futures Trust Limited (consisting of SFT and SFTi) are incomplete as they may not include all entities that SFTi has invested in, which may be deemed subsidiaries or associates of SFTi.
- **Our response:** We performed a detailed review of the investments held in order to establish to what extent, if any, SFTi exerts significant influence or control over the financial and operational decisions of the investee. This included detailed discussions with the Audit Committee and Leadership Team and a review of underlying agreements.
- **Our findings:** The investments held were reviewed and we concluded that no significant influence or control existed and therefore consolidation was not required for any of the investments held.

Potential Impairment of Investments in SFTi

- **The risk:** Capital investments in hub companies and special purpose investment vehicles in terms of both share capital and subordinated debt are impaired.
- **Our response:** From our review of investments we did not identify any indication of impairment. The progress of each project is in line with expectations.
- **Our findings:** No impairment has been identified in respect of any of SFTi's investments.

Repayable grants from the Scottish Government to SFT which are then granted on to SFTi

- **The risk:** There is a risk that repayable grants received by SFT from the Scottish Government which are then granted on to SFTi to fund the investment in sub-ordinated debt and the share capital of DBFM SPV companies are not correctly recorded in the financial statements of SFT or SFTi.
- **Our response:** All repayable grants received from the Scottish Government by SFT in the year which were then granted on to SFTi to fund SFTi's investments were agreed to supporting documentation, the bank statements and both SFTi's and SFT's accounting systems.
Our findings: From the work performed, we have gained assurance over the repayable grants received from the Scottish Government in the year by SFT which were then granted on to SFTi.

Our Application of Materiality

The materiality for the Group Financial Statements as a whole was set at £235,000. This has been assessed with reference to a benchmark of 2% of other income which we consider to be the principal consideration for the Member of the Group in assessing the financial performance of the Group.

The materiality for the Parent Company Financial Statements as a whole was set at £220,000. This has been assessed with reference to a benchmark of 2% of the Parent Company's other income less the dividend income of £590,000 from SFTi.

We set a performance (testing) materiality for high risk areas, which we assessed as being 50% of the overall materiality. In respect of other areas, we performed audit procedures on all transactions and balances that exceeded our assessed low risk level performance materiality which was assessed as being 75% of the overall materiality. This meant that we performed a greater level of testing on the areas deemed to be of significant risk of material misstatement. All balances and transactions above 75% of overall materiality were audited whilst for higher risk items we tested all balances and transactions above 50% of overall materiality. We tested smaller balances and transactions as we deemed necessary.

We agreed with the Audit Committee to report to it the following misstatements that we identified through our audit: (i) all material corrected misstatements; (ii) uncorrected misstatements with a value in excess of £11,000; and (iii) other misstatements below that threshold that we believe warranted reporting on qualitative grounds.

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An Overview of the Scope of our Audit

Each of the risks noted above were identified at the planning stage of the audit and as such procedures designed to mitigate the risk of material misstatement were selected at planning. In our audit, we tested and examined information using sampling and other audit techniques, to the extent we considered necessary to provide a reasonable basis for us to draw conclusions. We obtained evidence through performing a review of the significant accounting systems, substantive procedures and detailed analytical procedures.

Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditor's Report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

In this context, we also have nothing to report in regard to our responsibility to specifically address the following items in the other information and to report as uncorrected material misstatements of the other information where we conclude that those items meet the following conditions:

- Fair, balanced and understandable – the statement given by the directors that they consider the Annual Report and financial statements taken as a whole is fair, balanced and understandable and provides the information necessary for shareholders to assess the Group's performance, business model and strategy, is materially inconsistent with our knowledge obtained in the audit; or
- Audit committee reporting – the section describing the work of the Audit Committee does not appropriately address matters communicated by us to the Audit Committee; or
- Directors' statement of compliance with the UK Corporate Governance Code – the parts of the directors' statement relating to the Group's voluntarily compliance with the UK Corporate Governance Code containing provisions specified for review by the auditor do not properly disclose a departure from a relevant provision of the UK Corporate Governance Code.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the part of the Directors' Remuneration Report to be audited has been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the Financial Statements are prepared is consistent with the Financial Statements; and
- the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBER OF SCOTTISH FUTURES TRUST LIMITED (continued)

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Group and Parent Company and their environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements:

- in the Strategic Report or the Directors' Report; or
- the information about internal control and risk management systems in relation to financial reporting processes.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the Parent Company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the Parent Company financial statements and the part of the Report on Directors' Remuneration to be audited are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of the directors

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement set out on pages 8 and 9, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the Group's and the Parent Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Group or the Parent Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditor's Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's [website](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities) at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditor's Report.

In addition to our audit of the Financial Statements, the directors have engaged us to review their Report on Corporate Governance as if the Group was required to comply with the Listing Rules of the Financial Conduct Authority in relation to those matters. We review whether the Report on Corporate Governance reflects the Group's compliance with the UK Corporate Governance Code specified for our review by those rules, and we report if it does not. We are not required by the terms of our engagement to consider whether the Board's Statement on Internal Control covers all risks and controls, or to form an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's corporate governance procedures or its risk and control procedures.

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Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Parent Company's sole Member, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Parent Company's Member, as a body, those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Parent Company and the Parent Company's Member as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Nick Bennett (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of Scott Moncrieff Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor
Exchange Place 3, Seiple Street
Edinburgh, EH3 8BL

Date: 8 October 2018

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GROUP STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

	Note	2018	2017
		£	£
Continuing operations			
Revenue		-	-
Cost of sales		-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Gross profit		-	-
Other income	5	11,494,442	12,942,239
Capital grant income	6	431,267	512,215
Operating expenditure	7	(11,327,249)	(10,149,798)
Capital grant expenditure	8	(431,265)	(512,214)
		<u>167,195</u>	<u>2,792,442</u>
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		167,195	2,792,442
Taxation on profit on ordinary activities	9	(169,707)	(183,689)
		<u>(2,512)</u>	<u>2,608,753</u>
Net (loss)/profit for the year		(2,512)	2,608,753
Other comprehensive income:			
Those that are not recyclable net of tax:			
Actuarial gains/(losses) on post-employment benefit obligations	17	136,000	(1,874,000)
		<u>136,000</u>	<u>(1,874,000)</u>
Other comprehensive income for the year after tax		136,000	(1,874,000)
		<u>133,488</u>	<u>743,753</u>
Total comprehensive income for the year		133,488	743,753
Attributable to:			
Equity holder of the company		133,488	743,753
		<u>133,488</u>	<u>743,753</u>
Distributed as follow:			
Transferred to retained earnings		133,488	743,753
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Profits available for distribution		-	-

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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COMPANY STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

	Note	2018	2017
		£	£
Continuing operations			
Revenue		-	-
Cost of sales		-	-
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Gross profit		-	-
Other income	5	11,191,159	12,023,708
Capital grant income	6	431,267	512,215
Operating expenditure	7	(11,327,159)	(10,149,708)
Capital grant expenditure	8	(431,267)	(512,215)
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before taxation		(136,000)	1,874,000
Taxation on profit on ordinary activities	9	-	-
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Net (loss)/profit for the year		(136,000)	1,874,000
Other comprehensive income:			
Those that are not recyclable net of tax:			
Actuarial gains/(losses) on post-employment benefit obligations	17	136,000	(1,874,000)
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Other comprehensive income for the year after tax		136,000	(1,874,000)
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total comprehensive income for the year		-	-
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Attributable to:			
Equity holder of the company		-	-
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Distributed as follow:			
Transferred to retained earnings		-	-
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Profits available for distribution		-	-
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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GROUP STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AS AT 31 MARCH 2018

As at 31 March 2018	Share Capital	Retained Earnings	Total
	£	£	£
At 1 April 2017	2	7,344,139	7,344,141
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	133,488	133,488
At 31 March 2018	2	7,477,627	7,477,629

As at 31 March 2017	Share Capital	Retained Earnings	Total
	£	£	£
At 1 April 2016	2	6,609,386	6,609,388
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	734,753	734,753
At 31 March 2017	2	7,344,139	7,344,141

COMPANY STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AS AT 31 MARCH 2018

As at 31 March 2018	Share Capital	Retained Earnings	Total
	£	£	£
At 1 April 2017	2	-	2
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-
At 31 March 2018	2	-	2

As at 31 March 2017	Share Capital	Retained Earnings	Total
	£	£	£
At 1 April 2016	2	-	2
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-
At 31 March 2017	2	-	2

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

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GROUP STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 MARCH 2018

	Note	2018 £	2017 £
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Investments	11	15,222,860	13,657,793
Property, plant and equipment	10	57,575	132,034
Trade and other receivables in more than 1 year	12	1,846,666	1,650,553
Accrued income in respect of pension liabilities	16	2,700,000	2,217,000
		<u>19,827,101</u>	<u>17,657,380</u>
Current assets			
Trade and other receivables in less than 1 year	12	353,193	269,592
Investments	12b	100,000	100,000
Cash and cash equivalents	13	1,968,183	871,178
Accrued income	16	-	95,795
		<u>2,421,376</u>	<u>1,336,565</u>
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	14	(1,374,873)	(1,138,057)
Deferred income	16	(1,153,382)	(88,016)
Current tax liabilities	9	(169,707)	(183,689)
		<u>(2,697,962)</u>	<u>(1,409,762)</u>
Net current liabilities		(276,586)	(73,197)
Deferred income	16	(11,068)	(44,018)
Pension liabilities	17	(2,700,000)	(2,217,000)
Repayable grants from the Scottish Government	15	(9,361,818)	(7,979,024)
		<u>(12,072,886)</u>	<u>(10,240,040)</u>
Net assets		<u>7,477,629</u>	<u>7,344,141</u>
Equity			
Called up share capital	18	2	2
Retained earnings	18	7,477,627	7,344,139
		<u>7,477,629</u>	<u>7,344,141</u>
Total shareholder's funds		<u>7,477,629</u>	<u>7,344,141</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 8 October 2018 and authorised for issue on its behalf by:



Ian Russell, Chairman

Registered Company Number: SC348382



Peter Reekie, Chief Executive

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COMPANY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 MARCH 2018

	Note	2018 £	2017 £
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Investments	11b	1	1
Property, plant and equipment	10	57,575	132,034
Repayable grants due from subsidiary	12a	9,361,818	7,979,024
Accrued income in respect of pension liabilities	16	2,700,000	2,217,000
		<u>12,119,394</u>	<u>10,328,059</u>
Current assets			
Trade and other receivables in less than 1 year	12	1,372,913	516,883
Cash and cash equivalents	13	1,108,485	525,035
Accrued income	16	-	95,795
		<u>2,481,398</u>	<u>1,137,713</u>
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	14	(1,374,522)	(1,137,712)
Deferred income	16	(1,153,382)	(88,016)
		<u>(2,527,904)</u>	<u>(1,225,728)</u>
Net current liabilities		(46,506)	(88,015)
Non-current liabilities			
Deferred income	16	(11,068)	(44,018)
Pension liabilities	17	(2,700,000)	(2,217,000)
Repayable grants from the Scottish Government	15	(9,361,818)	(7,979,024)
		<u>(12,072,886)</u>	<u>(10,265,042)</u>
Net assets		<u><u>2</u></u>	<u><u>2</u></u>
Equity			
Called up share capital	18	2	2
Retained earnings	18	-	-
		<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
Total shareholder's funds		<u><u>2</u></u>	<u><u>2</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 8 October 2018 and authorised for issue on its behalf by:



Ian Russell
Chairman

Registered Company Number: SC348382



Peter Reekie
Chief Executive

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GROUP STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

	Note	2018	2017
		£	£
Cash flows from operating activities			
Profit before tax from operations for the period		167,195	2,792,442
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	10	74,459	88,016
IAS19 pension charge	17	619,000	49,000
Increase in trade and other receivables	12	(440,990)	(869,964)
Increase in trade and other payables	14	150,421	130,299
Increase/(decrease) in net accrued income/deferred income	16	645,211	(3,179,513)
Net cash from operating activities		<u>1,215,296</u>	<u>(989,720)</u>
Corporation tax paid	9	(183,689)	(118,598)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of investments and SPV share capital	11	(23)	(451)
Disposal of investments	11	4	-
Return of working capital loan	11b	-	200,000
Repayment of subordinated debt	11	65,399	3,196
Repayable grants due to Scottish Government	15	1,469,189	2,385,981
Provision of working capital loans and subordinated debt	11	(1,469,171)	(2,641,871)
		<u>65,398</u>	<u>(53,145)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		1,097,005	(1,161,463)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	13	871,178	2,032,641
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	13	<u>1,968,183</u>	<u>871,178</u>

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COMPANY STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

	Note	2018	2017
		£	£
Cash flows from operating activities			
(Loss)/profit before tax from operations for the period		(136,000)	1,874,000
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	10	74,459	88,016
IAS 19 pension charge	17	619,000	49,000
(Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	12	(769,635)	317,423
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	14	150,415	(83,488)
(Decrease)/increase in net accrued income/deferred income	16	645,211	(3,179,513)
		<u>583,450</u>	<u>(934,562)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Repayable grants from Scottish Government	15	1,469,189	2,385,981
Repayable grants to subsidiary for investment in hub projects	12a	(1,469,189)	(2,461,609)
		<u>-</u>	<u>(75,628)</u>
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>-</u>	<u>(75,628)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		583,450	(1,010,190)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	13	525,035	1,535,225
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	13	<u>1,108,485</u>	<u>525,035</u>

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NOTES TO THE GROUP FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

1. Basis of preparation and accounting policies

The Group Financial Statements of Scottish Futures Trust Limited which include Scottish Futures Trust Investments Limited have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union (IFRSs as adopted by the EU), IFRIC Interpretations and the Companies Act 2006.

The Financial Statements are presented in British Pounds since this is the functional currency of the Group and Parent Company.

Scottish Futures Trust Limited is a Company limited by shares, incorporated and domiciled in United Kingdom. The address of its registered office is 11 – 15 Thistle Street, Edinburgh, EH2 1DF.

The report is prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated (for example defined benefit pension), current valuations of non-current assets.

Accounting policies are selected and applied in a manner which ensures that the resulting financial information satisfies the concepts of relevance and reliability, thereby ensuring that the substance of the underlying transactions or other events is reported.

Inter-group transactions and balances between Group companies are eliminated. Accounting policies are consistent across the Group.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this report:

Going Concern

On the basis of the information available to them, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the Group will continue to receive funding from the Scottish Government. The Group, through its subsidiary SFTi, is also due to receive investment income from sub-ordinated debt invested in hub projects for a period in excess of 20 years. Consequently, the Group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, the directors consider it appropriate to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Basis of consolidation

Subsidiaries are all entities (including special purpose entities) over which the Parent Company has the power to govern the financial and operating policies generally accompanying a shareholding of more than one half of the voting rights. The existence and effect of potential voting rights that are currently exercisable or convertible are considered when assessing whether the Group controls another entity. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Parent Company. They are de-consolidated from the date that control ceases.

Investments in subsidiaries are accounted for at cost. The only subsidiary is Scottish Futures Trust Investments Limited.

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NOTES TO THE GROUP FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018 (continued)

1. Basis of preparation and accounting policies (continued)

Financial instruments

Classification, recognition and measurement

The Group classifies its financial assets in the available-for-sale and loans and receivables category. Management determines the classification of its financial assets at initial recognition.

Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. Loans and receivables are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

De-recognition

Financial assets are de-recognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the investments have expired or have been transferred and the Group has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership.

Cash and cash equivalents

In the Group and Parent Company Statement of Cash Flows, cash includes cash on hand and deposits with banks or financial institutions. It also can include cash held on behalf of the Group and Parent Company by its lawyers.

Trade and other payables

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less (or in the normal operating cycle of the business if longer). If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade payables are recognised at cost.

Accrued income/Deferred income

Accrued income in these financial statements represents grant income due from the Scottish Government in respect of incurred expenditure. Deferred income represents grant income received from the Scottish Government in advance of incurring expenditure. As SFT is a non-profit making it does not recognise this income until the associated expenditure is recognised. Deferred income includes capital funding received which is released over the expected life of the fixed asset the grant funding has been used to purchase.

In addition, Scottish Ministers have underwritten SFT's participation in its pension scheme. As such, any pension liability is matched by a commitment from the Scottish Government to fund this liability. This commitment is recognised in the financial statements via accrued income included in non-current assets.

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1. Basis of preparation and accounting policies (continued)

Revenue

The Group receives funding from the Scottish Government. The funding that covers the revenue expenditure of the Group is recognised in other income when the Group is entitled to the funding. The funding received which is either invested in infrastructure projects or distributed to third parties for capital projects is disclosed as capital grant income. This is recognised once received.

The Group recognises revenue when the amount of revenue can be reliably measured, all performance conditions have been met and it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the Group.

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method. When a loan and receivable is impaired, the Group reduces the carrying amount to its recoverable amount, being the estimated future cash flow discounted at the original effective interest rate of the instrument and continues unwinding the discount as interest income. Interest income on impaired loans and receivables is recognised using the original effective rate.

Capital grants

The Scottish Government provides, capital grants to SFT who then grants these onto SFTi to fund investments. These grants are not repayable to the Scottish Government with returns generated from the investments to be recycled to fund new investments. As such the grant funding is recognised as income by SFTi when the investment is made.

Repayable grants

The Scottish Government provides repayable grants to SFT who in turn grants these onto SFTi to fund investments. These repayable grants have been accounted for as deferred income. The amount expected to be repaid within 12 months is included in current liabilities with the balance in non-current liabilities. Repayment to the Scottish Government via SFT may occur as capital repayments are received from the investment.

Employee entitlements

Provision is made for the Group's liability for employee entitlements arising from services rendered by employees in the Statement of Financial Position. Employee entitlements expected to be settled within one year together with entitlements arising from wages and salaries, annual leave and sick leave which will be settled after one year have been measured at their nominal amount. Contributions are made by the Group to employee pension funds and are charged as expenses when incurred.

NOTES TO THE GROUP FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018 (continued)

1. Basis of preparation and accounting policies (continued)

Property, plant and equipment

A de-minimis level for capitalisation of £5,000 is applied by the Group. Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at historical cost less any accumulated depreciation. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of the replaced part is de-recognised. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the Statement of Comprehensive Income during the financial period in which they are incurred.

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period.

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets including buildings and capitalised leased assets are depreciated on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives to the Group commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

Office equipment - over 3 years

Furniture and fixtures - over 5 years

De-recognition and disposal

An item of property, plant and equipment is de-recognised upon disposal or when no further future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal. Any gain or loss arising on de-recognition of the asset (calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset) is included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income in the year the asset is derecognised.

Leases

Leases, in which a significant portion of the risks and rewards of ownership are retained by the lessor, are classified as operating leases. Payments made under operating leases (net of any incentives received from the lessor) are charged to the Statement of Comprehensive Income on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

Retirement benefits obligations

The Group operates a defined benefit scheme in respect of its employees. The assets of the scheme are held in external funds managed by professional investment managers. In accordance with 'IAS 19 – Employee Benefits', the expected costs of providing pensions under this Scheme, as calculated by qualified actuaries using the projected unit credit method, is charged to the Statement of Comprehensive Income so as to spread the cost over the service lives of the current employees.

A Retirement Benefit Obligation recognised in the Statement of Financial Position represents the present value of the Defined Benefit Obligation as reduced by the fair value of Scheme Assets. Where the fair value of the Scheme Assets exceeds the present value of the Obligation, the Asset is only recognised in the Statement of Financial Position where the Group has an unconditional right to a refund or reduction in future contributions.

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1. Basis of preparation and accounting policies (continued)

Current tax (i.e. corporation tax)

The tax expense for the period comprises current tax. Tax is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity. In this case, the tax is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, respectively.

Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity.

2. New and amended standards adopted by the Group

No new or amended IFRSs had a material impact on the 2017/18 financial statements.

3. Standards, amendments and interpretations to existing standards that are not yet effective and have not been adopted early by the Group

Guidance in Issue but not in Force – EU Endorsed

IFRS 9 Financial instruments comes into force for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019, thus SFT will adopt this standard as part of its 2018/19 financial statements. The expected impact of this standard on the financial statements of SFT can be summarised as:

- Equity investments – the Group currently holds equity investments in hubco and SPV project companies at cost. Under IFRS 9 there is no option to hold investments at cost and thus these investments will be held at their estimated fair value. The estimated fair value of the investments will be based on the expected dividend income over the remaining life of each project company (each project is scheduled to last 25 years following completion of the construction phase of the project) discounted by the Group's estimated risk premium which has been estimated at 11%. The estimated fair value at 1 April 2017, the date of transition, is £200,000 and this transition adjustment will result in an increase in equity of £200,000. The date of transition is the start of the prior financial year from which the change in accounting policy is applied.
- Debt instruments – the Group has assessed whether a general expected credit loss provision is required for the sub debt investments that it holds. The sub debt investments are in SPV project companies. The performance of these SPVS are reviewed on a quarterly basis by the Board. Due to the underlying conditions within the sub debt the risk of non-payment of interest or capital is minimal and therefore no general expected credit loss provision is considered necessary. No specific expected lifetime credit loss provision is expected to be required as all projects are performing in line with initial expectations and SFT expects to receive the interest and capital repayments due.

IFRS 16 'Leases' comes into force for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019, thus SFT will adopt this standard as at 1 April 2019. The 'modified retrospective approach' will be chosen which means the standard will be applied as at 1 April 2019, with no restatement of the PY comparatives. The only operating lease that the Group/Parent Company has is the rental of its office premises, with the lease ending on 31 July 2020. Thus, the impact of any discounting would not be significant as at 1 April 2019. A 'right of use' asset will be recognised in respect of this lease which is estimated at £180,000 with a corresponding finance lease liability recognised. Thus, there is no impact to equity expected.

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3. Standards, amendments and interpretations to existing standards that are not yet effective and have not been adopted early by the Group (continued)

Guidance in Issue but not in Force – not EU Endorsed

There is no guidance in issue but not in force and that has not been EU Endorsed which we consider will have a material effect on the financial statements of SFT.

4. Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements under IFRS requires the Group to make estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts. Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. If in the future should such estimates and assumptions deviate from actual circumstances, the original estimates and assumptions would be modified as appropriate in the year in which circumstances change.

The estimates and assumptions which have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below:

Defined benefit scheme

The Company has a defined benefit scheme for its employees. The present value of the scheme's liabilities recognised at the Statement of Financial Position date has been calculated based on key assumptions and estimates of future events as set out in note 17.

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5. Other income

	2018	2017
	£	£
Release of Scottish Government funding relating to depreciation on property, plant and equipment	74,459	88,016
Scottish Government funding received to compensate for expenses incurred	9,832,831	9,596,052
Scottish Government funding received to compensate for actuarial (gains)/losses on employment benefit obligations	(136,000)	1,874,000
Secondment charges	47,832	-
Dividend income	590,000	-
Management fee due from SFTi	569,405	266,258
Other income	212,632	199,382
Total company other income	11,191,159	12,023,708
Interest received on working capital loans	1,448,494	1,170,875
Bank interest	113	168
Other income	14,081	13,746
Inter-company dividend (eliminated on consolidation)	(590,000)	-
Management fee due from SFTi (eliminated on consolidation)	(569,405)	(266,258)
Total group other income	11,494,442	12,942,239

Under the terms of its Memorandum with the Scottish Government, Scottish Futures Trust Limited is required to break even. As such the income recognised within the Statement of Comprehensive Income is adjusted to reflect the impact of timing differences between the receipt of income and related expenditure; for the timing of non-cash items and for the movement on the pension scheme provision. These adjustments are on the basis that Scottish Futures Trust Limited is non-profit-making and recognises that the Scottish Government underwrite Scottish Futures Trust Limited's participation in its pension scheme.

SFT charge SFTi a Management fee which reflects the time SFT employees incur on managing SFTi investments. This has increased significantly in 2017/18 to reflect (i) the significant increase in investments made by SFTi over recent years: and (ii) the costs associated with managing SFTi's housing investments.

In 2017/18, dividend income was provided by SFT's subsidiary to fund wider group infrastructure activities.

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6. Capital Grant Income – Group and Company

	Note	2018	2017
		£	£
Capital grant for SFTI investments	11	2	1
Capital enabling grant for hub projects	8	431,265	512,214
		<u>431,267</u>	<u>512,215</u>

In 2017/18, £2 (2016/17: £1) was received in grant funding to fund the investment by SFTi of £2 (2016/17: £1) in housing partnership LLPs.

7. Operating Expenditure

	2018	2017
	£	£
Profit before taxation is stated after charging:		
Non-executive fees	40,300	31,350
Chair expenses for secretarial and administrative support	-	5,053
Salaries and associated costs	8,357,045	7,309,722
Agency, seconded & interim staff	420,906	621,497
Auditor's remuneration		
- SFT audit fee	13,043	12,225
- SFTi audit fee	5,000	5,000
- taxation services	2,100	1,550
- other services	11,089	5,400
Operating leases in respect of land and buildings	115,419	108,278
Depreciation	74,459	88,016
Corporate Professional fees	39,504	13,414
Recruitment fees	125,257	55,534
Advisory fees	1,003,441	706,430
Grants made	160,000	148,733
Other operating costs	959,596	1,037,506
	<u>11,327,159</u>	<u>10,149,708</u>
Company operating expenditure	11,327,159	10,149,708
SFTi operating expenditure	90	90
	<u>11,327,249</u>	<u>10,149,798</u>
Group operating expenditure	11,327,249	10,149,798

The increase in operating costs reflects both (1) an increase in activities funded through increased investment income; and (2) includes a £619,000 (2017: £49,000) increase in salary costs in respect of the IAS 19 pension movement (note 17).

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7. Operating Expenditure (continued)

The average number of full time equivalent employees employed in the year was 72 (2016/17: 71) broken down as 8 (2016/17: 8) Leadership Team, 50 (2016/17: 50) programme delivery and 14 (2016/17: 13) business support.

	2018	2017
	£	£
Wages and salaries	5,873,858	5,524,771
National Insurance	717,343	670,901
Pension costs (including IAS 19 charge)	1,765,844	1,114,050
	<u>8,357,045</u>	<u>7,309,722</u>

Included in pension costs is £619,000 (2017: £49,000) in respect of the IAS 19 pension movement (note 17).

The emoluments of the key management personnel, comprising directors and leadership team was £1,401,840 (2017: £1,404,017).

8. Capital Grant Expenditure

	2018	2017
	£	£
Group Capital enabling grant for hub projects	431,265	512,214
Capital grant for SFTi investments in LLPs	2	1
	<u>431,267</u>	<u>512,215</u>

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9. Taxation

The corporation tax charge is in respect of the surplus generated by Scottish Futures Trust Investments Limited as a result of the interest on working capital loans and sub-ordinated debt exceeding the operating costs

	2018	2017
Group	£	£
Profit for the year before taxation for SFTi	893,195	918,442
Corporation tax charge @ 19% (2017: 20%)	169,707	183,689

Company

No taxable profit was generated by Scottish Futures Trust Limited and thus no corporation tax was due.

10. Property, plant and equipment – Group and Company

	Office equipment	Furniture & fixtures	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 31 March 2017	322,004	197,166	519,170
Additions	-	-	
At 31 March 2018	322,004	197,166	519,170
Depreciation			
At 31 March 2017	247,487	139,649	387,136
Charge for the year	44,886	29,573	74,459
At 31 March 2018	292,373	169,222	461,595
Net book value			
At 31 March 2018	29,631	27,944	57,575
At 31 March 2017	74,517	57,517	132,034

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11. Investments – Group

	hub Co & NHT LLP share capital	hub Co working capital	Subordinated debt (note 11a)	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost and Net book value				
At 31 March 2017	783	100,000	13,557,010	13,657,793
Additions	23	-	1,469,171	1,469,194
Disposals	(4)	-	-	(4)
Interest capitalised	-	-	161,276	161,276
Principal repaid in the year	-	-	(65,399)	(65,399)
At 31 March 2018	802	100,000	15,122,058	15,222,860

Share capital

SFTi invested £2 (2016/17: £1) in two housing partnership LLPs during the current year together with £21 (2016/17: £450) in share capital of SPVs in connection with sub debt investments.

Share capital investments cannot be classified in any other category of financial asset. There is no intention to dispose of any of these investments.

Hub Co Working Capital

Working Capital Loans – non-current assets

SFTi loaned working capital of £100,000 to hub West Scotland Limited on 27 April 2012. This working capital facility was available until 26 April 2017 but was extended to 31 December 2018 and further extended to 31 March 2020 by which date the full amount of the working capital facility shall be due and payable on demand unless a renewal or extension is agreed. All providers of working capital loans agreed to extend these facilities to support the ongoing operations of the company. The rate of interest applicable shall be: the interest (net of tax) received where amounts are held in the reserve account, and 2.5% p.a. on all other sums. Interest is payable semi-annually (on 31 December and 30 June). This item has been treated as a non-current asset at 31 March 2018.

Working capital loans - current assets

SFTi loaned working capital of £100,000 to hub South West Scotland Limited on 17 November 2012. This working capital facility was available until 16 November 2017 but was extended to 16 November 2018 by which date the full amount of the working capital facility shall be due and payable on demand unless a renewal or extension is agreed. All providers of working capital loans agreed to extend these facilities to support the ongoing operations of the company. The rate of interest applicable shall be: the interest (net of tax) received where amounts are held in the reserve account, and 2.5% p.a. on all other sums. Interest is payable semi-annually (on 31 December and 30 June). This item has been treated as a current asset at 31 March 2018.

NOTES TO THE GROUP FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018 (continued)

11. Investments – Group (continued)

Working capital loans - repaid

SFTi loaned working capital of £100,000 to hub South East Scotland Limited on 30 July 2010. This working capital facility was originally available until 30 July 2015 but was extended until 31 March 2017 when it was repaid.

SFTi loaned working capital of £100,000 to hub East Central Scotland Limited on 7 February 2012. This working capital facility was available until 6 February 2017 at which time it was repaid.

Working capital loans are held as financial assets – loans and receivables.

Capital Management

The Scottish Government grants SFT funds which SFT grants on to SFTi for investment in subordinated debt and share capital in special purpose vehicles and working capital in hub Cos. The Scottish Government also provides repayable grant to SFT which SFT then grants onto SFTi for investment in subordinated debt and share capital in special purpose vehicles. These investments are detailed in note 11a.

11a. Financial assets – Subordinated debt (Group)

During 2017/18, SFTi invested £1,469,171 as subordinated debt within the following hub projects:

- Gorbals/Woodside Health Centres for Greater Glasgow Health Board (Total capital cost: £35m) - £288,202 invested
- Cumbernauld Academy for North Lanarkshire Council (Total capital cost: £37m) - £310,007 invested
- Bertha Park High School for Perth and Kinross Council (Total capital cost: £31m) - £332,500 invested
- Blairdardie and Carntyne Primary Schools for Glasgow City Council (Total capital cost: £17m) - £149,300 invested
- Queen Margaret Academy for South Ayrshire Council (Total capital cost: £24m) - £233,662 invested
- Angus Schools for Angus Council (Total capital cost: £15m) - £155,500 invested

During the year accrued interest was capitalised and new loan notes issued in relation to four South West territory investments as detailed in the tables below.

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11a. Financial assets – Subordinated debt (Group) (continued)

Further details on SFTI's investment in the subordinated debt of hub projects, including details of the principal invested, the coupon and the redemption dates can be found in the tables below, analysed by each hubco.

Investment In	Investment Type	Value	Interest Rate	Financial Close Date	Redemption Date
Hub North territory					
Aberdeen Community Health Village Ltd	Fixed coupon unsecured loan	£576,191 less £2,524 principal repaid totals £573,667	10.2%	04/2012	2039
hub North Scotland (FWT) Ltd <i>(Forres/Tain/Woodside Health Centre Bundle)</i>	Fixed coupon unsecured loan	£133,884 less £11,660 principal repaid totals £122,224	10.2%	04/2013	2039
hub North Scotland (Alford) Ltd	Fixed coupon unsecured loan	£747,036 less £15,698 principal repaid totals £731,338	10.2%	05/2014	2040
hub North Scotland (Wick) Ltd	Fixed coupon unsecured loan	£1,568,509	10.2%	12/2014	2042
hub North Scotland (Anderson) Ltd	Fixed coupon unsecured loan	£342,962 less £11,561 principal repaid totals £331,401	10.2%	07/2015	2043
hub North Scotland (Elgin High School) Ltd	Fixed coupon unsecured loan	£253,654	10.2%	02/2016	2043
hub North Scotland (O & C) Ltd <i>(Oban & Campbeltown High Schools)</i>	Fixed coupon unsecured loan	£491,691	10.2%	03/2016	2043
hub North Scotland (New Academy - South of the City)	Fixed coupon unsecured loan	£321,672	10.2%	06/2016	2043
hub North Scotland (I & F) Ltd <i>(Inverurie & Forresterhill Health Centres)</i>	Fixed coupon unsecured loan	£167,168	10.2%	12/2016	2044
Hub North territory total		£4,561,324			

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11a. Financial assets – Subordinated debt (Group) (continued)

Investment In	Investment Type	Value	Interest Rate	Financial Close Date	Redemption Date
Hub South East territory					
James Gillespie's Campus Subhub Holdings Ltd	Fixed coupon unsecured loan	£1,252,424 less £16,366 principal repaid totals £1,236,058	10.87%	12/2013	2041
REH Phase 1 Subhub Holdings Ltd <i>(Royal Edinburgh Hospital)</i>	Fixed coupon unsecured loan	£410,685 less £205 principal repaid totals £410,480	2.48% during construction and 10.75% during operation	12/2014	2042
Newbattle DBFM Holdco Ltd	Fixed coupon unsecured loan	£310,265	3.35% during construction and 10.5% during operation	02/2016	2043
KHS DBFM Holdco Ltd <i>(Kelso High School)</i>	Fixed coupon unsecured loan	£205,150	3.35% during construction and 10.5% during operation	02/2016	2042
LBP DBFM Holdco Ltd <i>(NHS Lothian Health Centre Bundle)</i>	Fixed coupon unsecured loan	£243,750	3.37% during construction and 10.45% during operation	04/2016	2042
ELCH DBFM Holdco Ltd <i>(East Lothian Community Hospital)</i>	Fixed coupon unsecured loan	£600,797	2.98% during construction and 10.45% during operation	09/2016	2044
WCHS DBFM Holdco Ltd <i>(West Calder High School)</i>	Fixed coupon unsecured loan	£286,654	3.47% during construction and 10.45% during operation	12/2016	2043
Hub South East territory total		£3,293,154			

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11a. Financial assets – Subordinated debt (Group) (continued)

Investment In	Investment Type	Value	Interest Rate	Financial Close Date	Redemption Date
Hub South West territory					
Hub SW NHSL Holdco Ltd <i>(NHS Lanarkshire Health Centre Bundle)</i>	Fixed coupon unsecured loan	£325,055 less £5,212 principal repaid plus £83,489 capitalised interest totals £403,332	10.5%	12/2013	2040
Hub SW Greenfaulds Holdco Ltd	Fixed coupon unsecured loan	£271,509 less £2,793 principal repaid plus £32,308 capitalised interest totals £301,024	2.33% during construction and 10.5% during Operation	01/2015	2041
Hub SW Ayr Holdco Ltd	Fixed coupon unsecured loan	£490,168 less £8,125 principal repaid plus £29,550 capitalised interest totals £511,593	3.78% during construction and 10.65% during operation	01/2016	2042
Hub SW Dalbeattie Holdco Ltd	Fixed coupon unsecured loan	£209,081 plus £15,929 capitalised interest totals £225,010	3.62% during construction and 10.85% during operation	01/2016	2042
Hub SW EALC Holdco Ltd <i>(East Ayrshire Learning Campus)</i>	Fixed coupon unsecured loan	£368,416	3.26% during construction and 10.5% during operation	02/2016	2043
Hub SW Largs Holdco Ltd	Fixed coupon unsecured loan	£391,130	3.41% during construction and 10.15% during operation	05/2016	2043
Hub SW Cumbernauld Holdco Ltd	Fixed coupon unsecured loan	£310,007	3.52% during construction and 10.40% during operation	06/2017	2044
Hub SW QMA Holdco Ltd <i>(Queen Margaret Academy)</i>	Fixed coupon unsecured loan	£233,662	3.46% during construction and 10.45% during operation	11/2017	2044
Hub South West territory total		£2,744,174			

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11a. Financial assets – Subordinated debt (Group) (continued)

Investment In	Investment Type	Value	Interest Rate	Financial Close Date	Redemption Date
Hub West territory					
Hub West Scotland Project Company (No.1) Ltd <i>(Eastwood/Maryhill Health Centre Bundle)</i>	Fixed coupon unsecured loan	£186,042 less £3,389 principal repaid totals £182,653	9.75%	10/2014	2041
Hub West Scotland Project Company (No.2) Ltd <i>(Inverclyde Care Home)</i>	Fixed coupon unsecured loan	£70,413	9.75%	02/2016	2042
Hub West Scotland Project Company (No.3) Ltd <i>(Barrhead High School)</i>	Fixed coupon unsecured loan	£213,748	9.75%	03/2016	2042
Hub West Scotland Project Company (No.4) Ltd <i>(Our Lady & St Patrick's High School)</i>	Fixed coupon Unsecured loan	£228,400	9.75%	03/2016	2042
Hub West Scotland Project Company (No.5) Ltd <i>(Gorbals/Woodside Health Centre)</i>	Fixed coupon unsecured loan	£288,202	9.75%	04/2017	2043
Hub West Scotland Project Company (No.6) Ltd <i>(Blairdardie & Carntyne Primary Schools)</i>	Fixed coupon unsecured loan	£149,300	9.75%	10/2017	2043
Hub West territory total		£1,132,716			

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11a. Financial assets – Subordinated debt (Group) (continued)

Investment In	Investment Type	Value	Interest Rate	Financial Close Date	Redemption Date
Hub East Central territory					
Hub East Central (Levenmouth) Ltd	Fixed coupon unsecured loan	£1,608,000	10%	12/2014	2041
Hub East Central Scotland (Baldrigon) Ltd	Fixed coupon unsecured loan	£299,790	10%	02/2016	2042
Hub East Central (Forfar) Ltd	Fixed coupon unsecured loan	£364,200	10%	06/2015	2041
Hub East Central (SCV) Ltd (<i>Stirling Care Village</i>)	Fixed coupon unsecured loan	£354,500	10%	12/2016	2044
Hub East Central (PSS) Ltd (<i>Pharmaceutical Special Services</i>)	Fixed coupon unsecured loan	£276,200	10%	12/2016	2043
Hub East Central (Bertha Park) Ltd	Fixed coupon unsecured loan	£332,500	10%	09/2017	2044
Hub East Central (Angus Schools) Ltd	Fixed coupon unsecured loan	£155,500	10%	11/2017	2043
Hub East Central territory total		£3,390,690			
Total sub-ordinated debt		£15,122,058			

The most significant risk to the Group is investment performance. Two projects are being monitored closely where operational performance has led senior funders to require delay in making subordinated debt interest payments. The Board do not anticipate any losses as payments are expected to be received in all cases and hence with the exception of minor re-profiling, investments are performing according to their base cases and making returns as anticipated.

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11b. Investments in subsidiary – Company

	Investment in Subsidiary
	£
Cost and Net book value	
At 31 March 2017 and 31 March 2018	1

The Company's investment is in the share capital of Scottish Futures Trust Investments Limited, registered in Scotland.

Nature of business	To hold investments in infrastructure companies, assets and projects across Scotland		
Class of Share Holding	Ordinary 100%	2018 £	2017 £
Aggregate capital and reserves		7,477,628	7,344,140
Profit for the year		723,488	734,753

12. Trade and other receivables

	Group 2018 £	Company 2018 £	Group 2017 £	Company 2017 £
Due in more than 1 year				
Accrued interest income from sub-ordinated debt investments	1,846,666	-	1,650,553	-
Due in less than 1 year				
Other receivables	61,415	61,415	68,557	68,557
Prepayments and accrued interest income	291,778	28,376	201,035	39,979
Amounts due from subsidiary – SFTi	-	1,159,405	-	371,025
Repayable Grant due from subsidiary – SFTi (note 12a)	-	123,717	-	37,322
	353,193	1,372,913	269,592	516,883

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12a. Repayable grants due from subsidiary

	Company 2018	Company 2017
	£	£
At beginning of the year	8,016,346	5,554,737
Increase in period	1,469,189	2,655,131
Repaid in the year	-	(193,522)
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At 31 March 2018	9,485,535	8,016,346
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SFT made a repayable grant of £1,469,189 (2017: £2,655,131) to SFTi during the year. £1,469,189 (2017: £2,641,871) was used to invest in subordinated debt and share capital of SPVs in the year.

The expected repayment profile of the repayable grants is:

	2018	2017
	£	£
< 1 year	123,717	37,322
1-2 years	339,029	123,717
2-5 Years	362,556	555,527
>5 years	8,660,233	7,299,780
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At 31 March 2018	9,435,535	8,016,346
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Disclosed as		
Current assets	123,717	37,322
Non-current assets	9,361,818	7,979,024
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	9,485,535	8,016,346
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12b. Investments - Group

	2018	2017
	£	£
Working Capital Loans		
Cost and Net book value		
At 1 April 2017	100,000	200,000
Repaid in current year	-	(200,000)
Transferred from non-current assets (note 11)	-	100,000
	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
At 31 March 2018	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>

13. Cash and cash equivalents

	Group 2018	Company 2018	Group 2017	Company 2017
	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank	1,968,073	1,108,375	870,874	524,731
Cash on hand	110	110	304	304
	<u>1,968,183</u>	<u>1,108,485</u>	<u>871,178</u>	<u>525,035</u>

14. Trade and other payables

	Group 2018	Company 2018	Group 2017	Company 2017
	£	£	£	£
Other payables (operational expenditure)	447,366	447,366	368,937	368,937
Other taxes and social security	268,924	268,601	214,391	214,075
Other creditors and accruals	534,866	534,838	517,407	517,378
Repayable grants due to the Scottish Government (note 15)	123,717	123,717	37,322	37,322
	<u>1,374,873</u>	<u>1,374,522</u>	<u>1,138,057</u>	<u>1,137,712</u>

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15. Repayable grant due to the Scottish Government

	Group 2018	Company 2018	Group 2017	Company 2017
	£	£	£	£
At beginning of the year	8,016,346	8,016,346	5,630,365	5,630,365
Increase in the period	1,469,189	1,469,189	2,385,981	2,385,981
As at 31 March 2018	<u>9,485,535</u>	<u>9,485,535</u>	<u>8,016,346</u>	<u>8,016,346</u>

The repayable grants are repayable to Scottish Government between September 2017 and March 2044. The expected repayment profile is:

	2018	2017
	£	£
<1 year	123,717	37,322
1-2 years	339,029	123,717
2-5 Years	362,556	555,527
>5 years	8,660,233	7,299,780
At 31 March 2018	<u>9,485,535</u>	<u>8,016,346</u>

	2018	2017
	£	£
Disclosed as		
Current assets	123,717	37,322
Non-current assets	9,361,818	7,979,024
	<u>9,485,535</u>	<u>8,016,346</u>

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16. Accrued income/deferred income – Group and Company

Accrued income/deferred income relates to funding received from Scottish Government in an accounting period which is not matched with the corresponding expenditure within the Financial Statements. As SFT is non-profit making such income is recognised as accrued income if costs exceeds the funding provided or deferred income when funding is received in advance of costs being incurred. Deferred income balances also include funding received to purchase fixed assets.

Included in accrued income greater than one year is funding that will be drawdown in the future from the Scottish Government to meet the pension liability as the Scottish Government has underwritten SFT's participation in the pension scheme.

The accrued/deferred income balances comprise:

	2018	2017
	£	£
Non-current asset		
Accrued income in respect of the pension liability underwritten by the Scottish Government (note 17)	2,700,000	2,217,000
Current asset		
Accrued income due from the Scottish Government relating to costs incurred	-	95,795
Current liability		
Deferred income arising as a result of receiving funding from the Scottish Government in advance of costs being incurred.	(436,875)	-
Deferred income arising as a result of sub debt investment occurring in April 2018	(670,000)	-
Deferred income arising on capital funding received which is released over the expected life of the fixed asset funded in less than one year	(46,507)	(88,016)
	<u>(1,153,382)</u>	<u>(88,016)</u>
	£	£
Non-current liability		
Deferred income arising on capital funding received which is released over the expected life of the fixed asset funded in more than one year.	(11,068)	(44,018)

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16. Accrued income/deferred income – Group and Company (continued)

The movement on the deferred funding relating to the funding of fixed assets is:

	2018	2017
Fixed asset deferred income	£	£
As at beginning of period	(132,034)	(220,050)
Increase in the period	-	-
Released to statement of income and retained earnings	74,459	88,016
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As at period end	(57,575)	(132,034)
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Split		
Current liabilities	(46,507)	(88,016)
Non-current liabilities	(11,068)	(44,018)
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	(57,575)	(132,034)
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17. Retirement benefits obligation – Group and Company

The Company is an admitted body of the Lothian Pension Fund. The Superannuation Fund is a defined benefit scheme into which employees' and employer's contributions, and interest and dividends from investments are paid and from which pensions, lump sums and superannuation benefits are paid out. Contributions to the scheme are charged to the Statement of Comprehensive Income, so as to spread the cost of pensions over the employees' working lives with the company. The contributions are determined by a qualified actuary on the basis of triennial valuations using the projected unit method. Liabilities are valued on an actuarial basis using the projected unit method, which assesses the future liabilities of the fund discounted to their present value. The most recent formal triennial valuation of the fund was at 31 March 2017 by Hymans Robertson, independent actuaries.

The group financial statements include the results of the IAS 19 valuation carried out, by Hymans Robertson, as at 31 March 2018 which projects forward the results of the 2017 triennial valuation and adjusts for changes in assumptions. SFT's contributions due to the Scheme will be funded by the drawdown of grant from the Scottish Government. The assumptions used in this analysis are determined by Lothian Pension Fund on the advice of Lothian Pension Fund Actuaries, Hymans Robertson, taking into account the requirements of accounting standards.

Each employee is allocated to a duration category (the length of time, from the date of the actuarial report, of the pension obligation), as defined below:

Weighted average duration	Discount rate category
Less than 17 years	Short
Between 17 and 23 years	Medium
More than 23 years	Long

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17. Retirement benefits obligation – Group and Company (continued)

As at 31 March 2018, there were only active and deferred members (former employees of SFT who retain benefits in the pension scheme but no longer pay contributions into the scheme); there were three pensioner members. The defined benefit obligation has a duration of 25.1 (2017: 25.1) years and thus, a long rate discount rate has been applied. The main assumptions used are:

	31 Mar 2018	31 Mar 2017
	% p.a.	% p.a.
Inflation / Pension Increase Rate	2.3%	2.4%
Salary Increase Rate	4.0%	4.4%
Discount Rate	2.7%	2.7%

Mortality

Life expectancy is based on the Funds Vita Curves, with improvements in line with the CMI 2012 model assuming current rates of improvement have peaked and will converge to a long term rate of 1.25% per annum. Based on these assumptions, the average future life expectancies at age 65 are summarised below:

	Males	Females
Current pensioners	21.7 years	24.3 years
Future pensioners	24.7 years	27.5 years

Assets (Employer)

	31 March 2018
	Assets £000
Equities	9,382
Bonds, Debt securities and Funds	3,496
Property	961
Cash	869
Total Market Value of Assets	14,708
Present Value of Scheme of Liabilities	17,408
Net Pension Liability	(2,700)

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17. Retirement benefits obligation – Group and Company (continued)

	31 March 2017
	Assets
	£000
Equities	8,619
Bonds, Debt securities and Funds	3,040
Property	888
Cash	610
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Total Market Value of Assets	13,157
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Present Value of Scheme of Liabilities	15,374
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Net Pension Liability	(2,217)
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Recognition in the Income Statement:

	31 March 2018		31 March 2017	
	£(000)	% of Pay	£ (000)	% of Pay
Current service cost	(1,699)	34.9%	(1,101)	24.1%
Net interest income	(67)	0.1%	(11)	0.2%
Contributions paid in year per IAS 19 valuation	1,147	23.6%	1,063	23.3%
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Total (charge)/income included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income	(619)	1%	(49)	1%
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The IAS 19 pension charge (above) is included within salaries and associated costs in note 7 of the financial statements. The actual pension contribution of the company paid as part of the payroll was £1,146,844 (2017: £1,065,050). This included an additional contribution of £200,000 (2017: £150,000) made in the year. The employer's contribution rate is 20% and the employee's contribution rate ranges from 5.5% to 10.8%.

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17. Retirement benefits obligation – Group and Company (continued)

Analysis of the amount recognised in other comprehensive income

	31 March 2018	31 March 2017
	£ (000)	£ (000)
Actual return less expected return on pension scheme assets	(319)	1,917
Changes in financial assumptions and other experience underlying the present value of scheme liabilities	455	(3,791)
Actuarial gain/(loss)	136	(1,874)

Recognition of defined benefit obligations:

Year Ended	31 March 2018	31 March 2017	31 March 2016	31 March 2015
	£ (000)	£ (000)	£ (000)	£ (000)
Opening Defined Benefit Obligations	15,374	9,676	9,046	4,088
Current Service Cost	1,699	1,101	1,359	1,057
Interest Cost	442	375	328	206
Contributions by Members	434	447	453	387
Actuarial Losses / (Gains)	(455)	3,791	(1,497)	3,318
Past Service Costs/(Gains)	-	-	-	-
Estimated benefits paid	(86)	(16)	(13)	(10)
Closing Defined Benefit Obligations	17,408	15,374	9,676	9,046

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17. Retirement benefits obligation – Group and Company (continued)

Reconciliation of fair value of employer assets:

Year Ended	31 March 2018	31 March 2017	31 March 2016	31 March 2015
	£ (000)	£ (000)	£ (000)	£ (000)
Opening Fair Value of Employer Assets	13,157	9,382	7,375	3,941
Expected Return On Assets	375	364	270	201
Contributions by Members	434	447	453	387
Contribution by Employer	1,147	1,063	1,164	1,100
Actuarial Gains/ (Losses)	(319)	1,917	133	1,756
Estimated Benefits Paid	(86)	(16)	(13)	(10)
Closing Fair Value of Employer Assets	14,708	13,157	9,382	7,375
Closing (Liability)	(2,700)	(2,217)	(294)	(1,671)

Projected IAS 19 charge to be charged to the Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 31 March 2019:

	31 March 2019	
	£(000)	% of pay
Projected Current Service Cost	(1,696)	(34.0%)
Interest on Obligation	(497)	(10.2%)
Interest on Plan Assets	414	8.4%
	(1,779)	
Estimated Employer's contribution for the year ended 31 March 2019	947	
	(832)	

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17. Retirement benefits obligation – Group and Company (continued)

Sensitivity analysis:

Sensitivities at 31 March 2018	Approximate % increase to Employer Obligation	Approximate monetary amount (£000)
0.5% decrease in Real Discount Rate	14%	2,382
0.5% increase in the Salary Increase Rate	3%	607
0.5% increase in the Pension Increase Rate	10%	1,722

18. Share capital and retained earnings – Group and Company

	Group & Company 2018	Group & Company 2017
	£	£
Share capital		
Authorised, issued and fully paid – ordinary shares of £1 each		
As at the beginning and end of the period	2	2

The shares have attached to them full voting and capital distribution (including on winding up) rights. The shares do not confer any rights of redemption and do not confer any rights to a dividend.

The retained earnings reserve comprises the cumulative profits of the group.

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19. Related party transactions

Scottish Ministers

The Company is wholly owned by Scottish Ministers. Details of transactions with the Scottish Government are included below.

	2018	2017
	£	£
<u>Scottish Government Funding received</u>		
Revenue government funding cash received	10,019,491	8,502,785
Capital grant income	431,267	512,215
	<u>10,450,758</u>	<u>9,015,000</u>
	<u><u>10,450,758</u></u>	<u><u>9,015,000</u></u>
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	2018	2017
	£	£
<u>Statement of Comprehensive Income</u>		
Release of deferred capital grants in respect of fixed assets	74,459	88,016
Revenue government funding recognised	9,696,831	11,470,052
Capital grant income	431,267	512,215
	<u>10,202,557</u>	<u>12,070,283</u>
	<u><u>10,202,557</u></u>	<u><u>12,070,283</u></u>

Scottish Government funding is recognised within the Statement of Comprehensive Income to match the corresponding expenditure. Further details are provided in note 5.

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19. Related party transactions (continued)

Scottish Ministers (continued)

The figures above are reflected in the financial statements as follows:

	2018	2017
	£	£
Statement of Financial Position		
Accrued income in respect of the pension liability (note 16)	2,700,000	2,217,000
Deferred income – funding received in advance of costs incurred (note 16)	(1,164,450)	(132,034)
Accrued income – costs incurred in advance of funding	-	95,795
Repayable grants from the Scottish Government (note 15)	9,485,535	8,016,346
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Noble Grossart Limited

Sir Angus Grossart, the retired chairman of the Scottish Futures Trust Limited, is an ultimate controlling shareholder of Noble Grossart Limited.

	2018	2017
	£	£
Statement of Comprehensive Income		
Expense for secretarial and administrative support	-	5,053
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Statement of Financial Position		
Balance included in other creditors and accruals	-	5,053
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Remuneration in respect of the directors was as follows:

	2018	2017
	£	£
Executive directors' emoluments		
Emoluments	338,621	368,327
Pension costs	63,785	69,525
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	402,406	437,852
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Non-executive directors' fees		
	40,300	31,200
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Emoluments (including employers NIC) paid to key management personnel which is the directors and the leadership team	1,401,840	1,404,017
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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19. Related party transactions (continued)

Hub South East Territory

SFTi holds 10% of the share capital of hub South East Scotland Limited and the various special purpose project companies within this territory which are detailed in note 11a.

A Senior Associate Director of SFT, is a non-executive director of hub South East Scotland Limited and the various special purpose project companies but does not have a financial interest in any of them. Details of material transactions with these joint ventures are included below:

	2018	2017
	£	£
<u>Statement of Financial Position</u>		
Financial assets – subordinated debt	3,293,154	3,309,725
Trade and other receivables – accrued interest income	625,747	583,314
Trade and other receivables – hub director fees	1,937	1,894
<u>Statement of Comprehensive Income</u>		
Other income – hub director fees	3,228	3,156
Other income – Interest income	295,424	234,815
Capital grant expenditure	424,730	122,413
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Hub North Scotland Territory

SFTi holds 10% of the share capital of hub North Scotland Limited and the various special purpose project companies within this territory which are detailed in note 11a.

A Senior Associate Director of SFT, is a non-executive director of hub North Scotland Limited and the various special purpose project companies but does not have a financial interest in any of them. Details of material transactions with these joint ventures are included below:

	2018	2017
	£	£
<u>Statement of Financial Position</u>		
Financial assets – subordinated debt	4,561,324	4,593,828
Trade and other receivables – accrued interest income	1,137,874	933,159
<u>Statement of Comprehensive Income</u>		
Other income – Interest income	518,355	508,180
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19. Related party transactions (continued)

Hub East Central Scotland Territory

SFTi holds 10% of the share capital of hub East Central Scotland Limited and the various special purpose project companies within this territory which are detailed in note 11a.

A Senior Associate Director of SFT, is a non-executive director of hub East Central Scotland Limited and the various special purpose project companies but does not have a financial interest in any of them. Details of material transactions with these joint ventures are included below:

	2018	2017
	£	£
<u>Statement of Financial Position</u>		
Financial assets – subordinated debt	3,390,690	2,902,690
<u>Statement of Comprehensive Income</u>		
Other income – interest income	342,005	247,535

Hub West Scotland Territory

SFTi holds 10% of the share capital of hub West Scotland Limited and the various special purpose project companies within this territory which are detailed in note 11a.

A Senior Associate Director of SFT, is a non-executive director of hub West Scotland Limited and the various special purpose project companies but does not have a financial interest in any of them. Details of material transactions with these joint ventures are included below:

	2018	2017
	£	£
<u>Statement of Financial Position</u>		
Financial assets – working capital loans	100,000	100,000
Financial assets – subordinated debt	1,132,716	697,542
Trade and other receivables – accrued interest income	207,710	111,110
<u>Statement of Comprehensive Income</u>		
Other income – interest income	117,208	79,309
Capital grant expenditure	6,535	389,801

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19. Related party transactions (continued)

Hub South West Scotland Territory

SFTi holds 10% of the share capital of hub South West Scotland Limited and the various special purpose project companies within this territory which are detailed in note 11a.

A Senior Associate Director of SFT, is a non-executive director of hub South West Scotland Limited and the various special purpose project companies but does not have a financial interest in any of them. Details of material transactions with these joint ventures are included below:

	2018	2017
	£	£
<u>Statement of Financial Position</u>		
Financial assets – working capital loans	100,000	100,000
Financial assets- subordinated debt	2,744,174	2,053,225
Trade and other receivables – accrued interest income	136,800	182,132
<u>Statement of Comprehensive Income</u>		
Other income – hub director fees	10,853	10,590
Other income – interest income	175,502	101,036
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LAR Housing Trust

LAR Housing Trust was incorporated as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisations (“SCIO”) on 25 April 2014 to assist in the provision of affordable housing. SFTi has the right to appoint a Partner Trustee to the organisation who is one of five Trustees – four being Independent Trustees and one an Executive Trustee. A Senior Associate Director of SFT is currently SFTi’s nominated Trustee. There were no financial transactions between SFT and LAR Housing Trust.

The Edinburgh Homes Delivery Partnership

The Edinburgh Homes Delivery Partnership is a joint venture between City of Edinburgh Council and SFTi to create two LLPs for the delivery of mid-market and market rent accommodation. SFTi does not have joint control or significant influence over either joint venture as SFTi is merely an investor in these joint ventures.

Hub Community Foundation

The Hub Community Foundation was incorporated as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (“SCIO”) on 10 December 2015 to assist in the delivery of community benefits through the hub programme and to provide finance to specific projects delivered by the hub programme. SFTi has the right to appoint a Partner Trustee to the organisation who is one of five Trustees – three being Independent Trustees and one Trustee representing the Private Sector Development Partners. A Senior Associate Director of SFT is currently SFTi’s nominated Trustee. There were no financial transactions between SFT and Hub Community Foundation or its fully owned subsidiary, HCF Investments Limited.

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20. Commitments under operating leases – Group and Company

At 31 March 2018, the Company had outstanding total commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2018	2017
	£	£
Office Premises (rent and service charges)		
Due less than one year	132,855	132,855
Due in more than one year and less than five years	180,882	313,736
Due in more than five years	-	-
	<u>313,737</u>	<u>446,591</u>

21. Financial Instruments

The Group's financial instruments comprise of cash resources which arise directly from its operations and repayable grant from the Scottish Government, subordinated debt issued to hub companies and working capital loans made to hub companies. The Group has not entered into derivatives transactions. Each of the main risk exposures related to financial instruments are considered below.

Interest rate risk

As the Group has no borrowings subject to interest or significant amounts of cash on deposit, for significant periods of time, it has no significant exposure to interest rate risk. Interest rates in respect of subordinated debt investment and working capital loans are fixed.

Credit Risk

The Group does not have a significant concentration of credit risk. Bank deposits are held with major national banks and the principal funder is the Scottish Government.

Liquidity Risk

The Group operates within a budget agreed with the Scottish Government and as such liquidity is not seen as a major risk area.

Fair value of financial assets and liabilities - The directors consider that there is no significant difference between the book value and fair value of the Company's financial assets and liabilities except for equity investments in hub projects whose fair value is estimated to be £200,000 as at 1 April 2017, as disclosed in Note 3.

22. Ultimate Controlling Party

The Company is wholly-owned by the Scottish Ministers.

23. Contingent asset

The Company became an admitted body of the Lothian Pension Fund on 1 May 2009. A Deed of Guarantee and Indemnity exists with Scottish Ministers whereby any default by the Company of monies owed to the Fund will be met by Scottish Ministers.

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Ian Russell (Chairman)

Graeme Bissett (Non-executive Director) – resigned 31 August 2017

James Fletcher (Non-executive Director) – resigned 31 December 2017

Fiona Mackenzie (Non-executive Director)

Carolyn Dwyer (Non-executive Director)

Ann Faulds (Non-executive Director)

Graham Watson (Non-executive Director)

Barry White (Chief Executive) – resigned 9 January 2018

Peter Reekie (Chief Executive) – appointed 10 January 2018

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