Directors' Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 December 2013

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## County & District Properties Limited **Company Information**

Directors

A Wyllie A O Bickerstaff T G Bowen

Company secretary

T A Wood

Registered office

Costain House

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Maidenhead Berkshire SL6 4UB

Auditor

KPMG Audit Plc

15 Canada Square

London E14 5GL

## County & District Properties Limited Directors' Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2013

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2013

#### Directors of the company

The directors who held office during the year were as follows

A Wyllie

A O Bickerstaff

M F Burdes (resigned 31 August 2013)

T G Bowen (appointed 21 October 2013)

#### Principal activity

The principal activity of the company is property development, investment and management

#### 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 each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware, and each director has taken all the steps that he/she ought to have taken as a director to make himself/herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information

#### Reappointment of auditor

KPMG Audit Plc have notified the Company that they will be resigning as auditors with effect from 07 May 2014 and have provided the Company with a statement under section 519 of the Companies Act 2006 confirming that there are no circumstances connected with their ceasing to hold office that they consider should be brought to the attention of the Company's members or creditors

The Directors have approved a resolution to appoint KPMG LLP to act as auditors of the Company with effect from 07 May 2014 until further notice

Approved by the Board on 17 April 2014 and signed on its behalf by

T A Wood

Company secretary

## County & District Properties Limited Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year Under that law, the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law) Under company law, the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently,
- · make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

## Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of County & District Properties Limited

We have audited the financial statements of County & District Properties Limited for the year ended 31 December 2013, set out on pages 6 to 12 The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

This report is made solely to the company's members, 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 company's members 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 company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities (set out on page 3), the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit, and express an opinion on, the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

#### Scope of the audit of the financial statements

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the Financial reporting council's website at www frc org uk/auditscopeukprivate

#### Opinion on the financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2013 and of its loss for the year then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice,
   and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006

#### Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements

#### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us, or
- · the financial statements 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
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime in not preparing a strategic report

## Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of County & District Properties Limited

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Andrew Marshall (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of KPMG Audit Plc, Statutory Auditor

15 Canada Square London E14 5GL

23 April 2014

# County & District Properties Limited Profit and Loss Account for the Year Ended 31 December 2013

	Note	2013 £	2012 £
Turnover		388,124	348,761
Cost of sales		(436,068)	(414,845)
Gross loss		(47,944)	(66,084)
Administrative expenses  Loss on ordinary activities before investment income and interest		<u>-</u> (47,944)	(66,084)
Interest payable and similar charges	3	(8,040)	(7,806)
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation		(55,984)	(73,890)
Loss for the financial year		(55,984)	(73,890)

All activities relate to continuing operations

The company has no recognised gains or losses for the year other than the results above

(Registration number: 00675355)

### **Balance Sheet at 31 December 2013**

	Note	2013 £	2012 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	5	199,889	199,889
Current assets			
Debtors	6	24,196,145	24,277,666
Creditors Amounts falling due within one year	8	(474,979)	(550,516)
Net current assets		23,721,166	23,727,150
Total assets less current liabilities		23,921,055	23,927,039
Provisions for liabilities	9	(106,000)	(56,000)
Net assets		23,815,055	23,871,039
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	10	93,650,203	93,650,203
Share premium account	11	1,064,434	1,064,435
Profit and loss account	1.1	(70,899,582)	(70,843,599)
		23,815,055	23,871,039

Approved by the Board on 17 April 2014 and signed on its behalf by

T G Bowen Director

## County & District Properties Limited Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2013

#### 1 Accounting policies

#### Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards

#### Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

Under Financial Reporting Standard 1 (revised), the company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds that the ultimate parent company includes the company in its own published consolidated financial statements

#### Turnover

Turnover represents gross rental and management income from properties (excluing value added tax)

#### Investment properties

Certain of the company's properties are held for long-term investment. Investment properties are accounted for in accordance with SSAP 19, as follows

No depreciation is provided in respect of investment properties and they are held at open market value. The surplus or deficit on revaluation is transferred to the revaluation reserve unless a deficit below original cost, or its reversal, on an individual investment property is expected to be permanent, in which case it is recognised in the profit and loss account for the year.

This treatment as regards the company's investment properties may be a departure from the requirements of the Companies Act concerning the depreciation of fixed assets. However, these properties are not held for consumption but for investment and the directors consider that systematic annual depreciation would be inappropriate. The accounting policy adopted is therefore necessary for the financial statements to give a true and fair view. Depreciation or amortisation is only one of many factors reflected in the annual valuation and the amount which might otherwise have been shown cannot be separately identified or quantified.

#### Deferred tax

Deferred tax has been recognised as a liability or asset, except as otherwise required by FRS 19 'Deferred Tax', if transactions have occurred at the balance sheet date that give rise to an obligation to pay more taxation in future, or a right to pay less taxation in future. An asset is not recognised to the extent that the transfer of economic benefit in future is uncertain. Deferred tax assets and liabilities have not been discounted.

#### 2 Operating loss

No emoluments were paid to the directors of the company during the year (2012 nil) There were no staff employed during the year (2012 nil)

Loss on ordinary activities is stated after charging	2013	2012
	£	£
Rentals paid under operating leases	294,325	307,150
Auditor's remuneration - audit	2,000	2,000

## County & District Properties Limited Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2013

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There were no fees paid to KPMG Audit Plc for services other than the statutory audit of the company The audit fee was borne by another group company

#### 3 Interest payable and similar charges

	2013 £	2012 £
Interest on loans from group undertakings	8,040	7,806
	8,040	7,806

#### 4 Taxation

#### Factors affecting current tax charge for the year

The differences are reconciled below

	2013 £	2012 £
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	(55,984)	(73,890)
Corporation tax at 23 25% (2012 24 5%)	(13,016)	(18,103)
Other timing differences	11,625	(16,905)
Group relief free of charge	1,391	35,008
Total current tax		-

#### Factors that may affect future tax charges

The company has deferred tax assets being other timing differences that have not been recognised on the basis that their future economic benefits was not assured as at the balance sheet date. Tax relief will be obtained if suitable profits arise in future accounting periods. The amount not recognised at the end of the period was £22,260 (2012 £12,880).

#### 5 Tangible fixed assets

The investment properties were valued by the directors at 31 December 2013 at £199,889 (2012 £199,889)

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2013

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	Investment properties £	Total £
Cost or valuation		
At 1 January 2013	199,889	199,889
Net book value		
At 31 December 2013	199,889	199,889
At 31 December 2012	199,889	199,889
6 Debtors		
	2013	2012
	£	£
Trade debtors	68,980	159,748
Amounts owed by group undertakings	24,000,000	24,000,000
Other debtors	4,283	15,794
Prepayments and accrued income	122,882	102,124
	24,196,145	24,277,666

#### 7 Cash at bank

The company's bankers have the right to set off the company's bank balance when in credit against borrowings by Richard Costain Limited

#### 8 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2013 £	2012 £
Amounts owed to group undertakings	317,024	455,010
Accruals and deferred income	157,955	95,506
	474,979	550,516

#### 9 Provisions

	Void space provisions	Total £
At 1 January 2013	56,000	56,000

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2013

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Charged to the profit and loss accoun	t		50,000	50,000
At 31 December 2013			106,000	106,000
Expected to be utilised over the next	2 years		<del></del>	
10 Share capital				
Allotted, called up and fully paid sl	hares			
	201. No.	3 £	2012 No.	2 £
	No.	L	ivo.	I.
Ordinary shares of £1 each	93,650,203	93,650,203	93,650,203	93,650,203
11 Reserves				
		Share premium account £	Profit and loss account	Total £
At I January 2013		1,064,434	(70,843,598)	(69,779,164)
Loss for the year			(55,984)	(55,984)
At 31 December 2013		1,064,434	(70,899,582)	(69,835,148)
12 Reconciliation of movement in share	reholders' funds			
			2013 £	2012 £
Loss attributable to the members of the	ne company		(55,984)	(73,890)
Net reduction to shareholders' funds			(55,984)	(73,890)
Shareholders' funds at 1 January			23,871,039	23,944,929
Shareholders' funds at 31 December			23,815,055	23,871,039

# County & District Properties Limited Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2013

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#### 13 Contingent liabilities

The company has entered into cross guarantees together with the ultimate parent company and certain fellow group undertakings for overdraft facilities made available to the group At 31 December 2013, these liabilities amounted to £25,000,000 (2012 £nil)

There are also contingent liabilities in respect of guarantees of performance bonds and other undertakings entered into in the ordinary course of business by fellow group undertakings

#### 14 Other financial commitments

Annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases of land and buildings on leases expiring between two and five years amounted to £307,150 (2012) expiring after five years £307,150)

#### 15 Related party transactions

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS8 "Related Party Disclosures" from disclosing transactions with other members of the group

#### 16 Control

The company is controlled by Costain Group PLC the largest and the smallest group of undertakings for which group financial statements are drawn up is that of the ultimate parent undertaking, Costain Group PLC, a company registered in England and Wales

Copies of the group financial statements of Costain Group PLC may be obtained from the registered office of the company, Costain House, Vanwall Business Park, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 4UB