Registration number: 00675355

## County & District Properties Limited

Directors' Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 December 2014

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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

Vanwall Business Park

Maidenhead Berkshire SL6 4UB

**Auditor** 

KPMG LLP

15 Canada Square

London E14 5GL

# County & District Properties Limited Directors' Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2014

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2014.

## Directors of the company

The directors who held office during the year were as follows:

A Wyllie

A O Bickerstaff

T G Bowen

#### Principal activity

The principal activity of the company is property development 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

The auditor KPMG LLP is deemed to be reappointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board on 22 April 2015 and signed on its behalf by:

T A Wood Company secretary

Vanwall Business Park Maidenhead

Berkshire SL6 4UB

## 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; 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 2014, 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 auditor

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 2014 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; or
- the directors were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare 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 LLP, Statutory Auditor

KPMG LLP 15 Canada Square London E14 5GL

24 April 2015

# County & District Properties Limited Profit and Loss Account for the Year Ended 31 December 2014

|   | Note | 2014<br>£ | 2013<br>£ |
|---|------|-----------|-----------|
| Turnover  |      | 449,549   | 388,124   |
| Cost of sales   |      | (479,840) | (436,068) |
| Gross loss  |      | (30,291)  | (47,944)  |
| Administrative expenses  Loss on ordinary activities before investment income and |      | -         |           |
| interest  |      | (30,291)  | (47,944)  |
| Interest payable and similar charges  | 3    | (6,797)   | (8,040)   |
| Loss on ordinary activities before taxation                                       |      | (37,088)  | (55,984)  |
| Loss for the financial year   |      | (37,088)  | (55,984)  |

All activities relate to continuing operations.

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

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## **Balance Sheet at 31 December 2014**

|  | Note | 2014<br>£    | 2013<br>£    |
|--|------|--------------|--------------|
| Fixed assets                                   |      |              |              |
| Tangible fixed assets                          | 5    | 199,889      | 199,889      |
| Current assets                                 |      |              |              |
| Debtors  | 6    | 24,128,862   | 24,196,145   |
| Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year | 8    | (444,784)    | (474,979)    |
| Net current assets                             |      | 23,684,078   | 23,721,166   |
| Total assets less current liabilities          |      | 23,883,967   | 23,921,055   |
| Provisions for liabilities                     | 9    | (106,000)    | (106,000)    |
| Net assets                                     |      | 23,777,967   | 23,815,055   |
| Capital and reserves                           |      |              |              |
| Called up share capital                        | 10   | 93,650,203   | 93,650,203   |
| Share premium account                          | 11   | 1,064,434    | 1,064,434    |
| Profit and loss account                        | 11   | (70,936,670) | (70,899,582) |
|  |      | 23,777,967   | 23,815,055   |

Approved by the Board on 22 April 2015 and signed on its behalf by:

T G Bowen
Director

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2014

## 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).

#### Tangible fixed assets

Freehold land held for development is held at cost

#### Depreciation

No depreciation is provided in respect of freehold land.

#### Deferred tax

Deferred tax is recognised, without discounting, in respect of all timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes, which have arisen but not reversed by the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax is measured at the rates that are expected to apply in the periods when the timing differences are expected to reverse, based on the tax rates and law enacted at the balance sheet date.

A net deferred tax asset is regarded as recoverable and therefore recognised only to the extent that, on the basis of all available evidence, it can be regarded as more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted.

### 2 Operating loss

No emoluments were paid to the directors of the company during the year (2013: nil). There were no staff employed during the year (2013: nil).

| Loss on ordinary activities is stated after charging: | 2014    | 2013    |
|---|---------|---------|
|   | £       | £       |
| Rentals paid under operating leases                   | 307,150 | 294,325 |
| Auditor's remuneration - audit                        | 2,000   | 2,000   |

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

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2014

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## 3 Interest payable and similar charges

|   | 2014<br>£ | 2013<br>£ |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Interest on loans from group undertakings | 6,797     | 8,040     |
|   | 6,797     | 8,040     |

#### 4 Taxation

## Factors affecting current tax charge for the year

The differences are reconciled below:

|  | 2014<br>£        | 2013<br>£         |
|--|------------------|-------------------|
| Loss on ordinary activities before taxation<br>Corporation tax at 21.5% (2013: 23.25%) | (37,088) (7,974) | (55,984) (13,016) |
| Other timing differences Group relief free of charge                                   | 7,974            | 11,625<br>1,391   |
| Total current tax  | <u>-</u>         | -                 |

## 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 £21,200 (2013: £22,260).

## 5. Tangible fixed assets

| Cost                                     | Land held for development, £ | Total, £ |
|--|------------------------------|----------|
| At 1st January 2014 and 31 December 2014 | 199,889                      | 199,889  |
| Net Book Value                           |                              |          |
| At 31 December 2014                      | 199,889                      | 199,889  |
| At 31 December 2013                      | 199,889                      | 199,889  |

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2014

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## 6 Debtors

|  | 2014<br>£            | 2013<br>£  |
|--|----------------------|------------|
| Trade debtors                                    | 117,017              | 68,980     |
| Amounts owed by group undertakings Other debtors | 24,000,000<br>11,845 | 24,000,000 |
|  | 24,128,862           | 24,196,145 |

## 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

|                                    | 2014<br>£ | 2013<br>£ |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Trade creditors                    | 115,626   | -         |
| Amounts owed to group undertakings | 217,637   | 317,024   |
| Other creditors                    | 111,521   | 157,955   |
|                                    | 444,784   | 474,979   |

## 9 Provisions

|                     | Void space<br>provisions<br>£ | Total<br>£ |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| At 1 January 2014   | 106,000                       | 106,000    |
| At 31 December 2014 | 106,000                       | 106,000    |

Expected to be utilised over the next 2 years.

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2014

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## 10 Share capital

| Allotted, called up and fully paid s  | hares            |                                  |                         |              |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
|                                       | 201              | 2014                             |                         | 3            |
|                                       | No.              | £                                | No.                     | £            |
| Ordinary shares of £0.01 each         | 9,365,020,300    | 93,650,203                       | 9,365,020,300           | 93,650,203   |
| 11 Reserves                           |                  |                                  |                         |              |
|                                       |                  | Share<br>premium<br>account<br>£ | Profit and loss account | Total<br>£   |
| At 1 January 2014                     |                  | 1,064,434                        | (70,899,582)            | (69,835,148) |
| Loss for the year                     |                  |                                  | (37,088)                | (37,088)     |
| At 31 December 2014                   |                  | 1,064,434                        | (70,936,670)            | (69,872,236) |
| 12 Reconciliation of movement in sha  | reholders' funds |                                  |                         |              |
|                                       |                  |                                  | 2014<br>£               | 2013<br>£    |
| Loss attributable to the members of t | he company       |                                  | (37,088)                | (55,984)     |
| Net reduction to shareholders' funds  |                  |                                  | (37,088)                | (55,984)     |
| Shareholders' funds at 1 January      |                  |                                  | 23,815,055              | 23,871,039   |
| Shareholders' funds at 31 December    |                  |                                  | 23,777,967              | 23,815,055   |

## 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 2014, these liabilities amounted to £Nil (2013: £25,000,000).

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.

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2014

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#### 14 Other financial commitments

Annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases of land and buildings on leases expiring in the next year amounted to £307,150 (2013: expiring in one to two 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.