(a company limited by guarantee)

Report and Financial Statements

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# REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2006

### OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

### DIRECTORS

Ian C F Swithenbank Sir Brian Briscoe Lord Paul Hanningfield Christopher White Milner Whiteman OBE

### **SECRETARY**

John Rees

### REGISTERED OFFICE

Local Government House Smith Square London SW19 3HZ

### **BUSINESS ADDRESS**

Layden House 76-86 Turnmill Street London EC1M 5QU

### **BANKERS**

HSBC Plc

### **SOLICITORS**

Beachcroft Wansbroughs

### **AUDITORS**

Deloitte & Touche LLP St Albans

### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2006.

#### **ACTIVITIES**

The Local Government Management Board (a company limited by guarantee) from the 1 April 1999 is a property company renting its premises to the Improvement and Development Agency for Local Government and the Employers' Organisation who are engaged in the provision of advice and other services to Local Authorities in England and Wales.

#### REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS

The previous trading activities of the company were transferred on 1 April 1999 to two new companies: The Improvement and Development Agency for Local Government and the Employers' Organisation for Local Government. The new companies continue to provide services to Local Authorities from the premises owned by the company for an agreed rental.

On 1 April 2000, the company transferred its interest in The Local Government Information House Limited to The Improvement and Development Agency for Local Government.

The directors consider there to be no significant developments in the near future.

#### DIVIDENDS

The articles of the company do not permit the payment of a dividend.

#### **FUTURE PROSPECTS**

The company will retain the freehold premises at Layden House, charging a rental to the new trading companies.

### DIRECTORS

The names of the directors who served throughout the year and since the year end are set out on page 1. Directors become members of the company on appointment and provide a guarantee of £1 each during the period of their appointment.

### PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

Each of the persons who is a director at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- so far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors
  are unaware; and
- the directors have taken all the steps that he/she ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself/herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of s234ZA of the Companies Act 1985.

### **AUDITORS**

A resolution for the reappointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as auditors of the company is to be proposed at a forthcoming General Meeting.

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on behalf of the Board

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## STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

United Kingdom company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and the group as at the end of the financial year and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed; 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 proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. 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.

The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the company website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements differs from legislation in other jurisdictions.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT BOARD

We have audited the financial statements of the Local Government Management Board a company limited by guarantee for the year ended 31 March 2006 which comprise the income and expenditure account, the balance sheet, cash flow statement and notes i to vi, and the related notes 1 to 15. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies and notes set out therein.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. 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

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out in the statement of directors' responsibilities. Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant United Kingdom legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework, and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We report to you whether in our opinion the information given in the directors' report is consistent with the financial statements. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed.

We read the directors' report and the other information contained in the annual report for the above year as described in the contents section and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements.

### Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion, we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

### Opinion

In our opinion:

- the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 March 2006 and of its surplus for the year then ended;
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985; and
- the information given in the directors' report is consistent with the financial statements.

Deloitte & Touche LLP

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

St Albans

Date 24 Jan 2006

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# INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT Year ended 31 March 2006

	Note	2006 £000	2005 £000
Income Administrative expenses	2	570 (229)	490 (199)
OPERATING SURPLUS	5	341	291
Interest receivable and similar income Interest payable and similar expenditure	6	(46)	(91)
SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR		295	203

All income and expenses in the current financial year have been derived from continuing operations.

A Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses has not been prepared as there have not been any recognised gains or losses other than the surplus for the year and the preceding year.

## BALANCE SHEET 31 March 2006

	Note	2006 £000	2005 £000
FIXED ASSETS Tangible assets	8	4,202	4,396
CURRENT ASSETS Debtors	9	<u>17</u>	17
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	10	(293)	(608)
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		(276)	(591)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		3,926	3,805
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year	11	(183)	(357)
NET ASSETS		3,743	3,448
ACCUMULATED FUNDS	12	3,743	3,448

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on Espaul 9 2006.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors

Brian Briscoe

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Director

# CASH FLOW STATEMENT Year ended 31 March 2006

	Note	2006 £000	2005 £000
Net cash inflow from operating activities	i	554	454
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	ii	(46)	(88)
Net cash inflow before the management of liquid resources and financing		508	366
Management of Liquid Funds	iii	-	101
Financing	iv	(508)	(467)
(Decrease)/ increase in cash		<u>-</u>	

# NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT Year ended 31 March 2006

# i. RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING SURPLUS TO NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	ACTIVITIES		
		2006 £000	2005 £000
	Operating surplus Depreciation (Increase)/Decrease in debtors	341 194	291 193 (17)
	Increase/(Decrease) in creditors and provisions	19	(13)
	Net cash inflow from operating activities	554	454
ii.	RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE		
		2006 £000	2005 £000
	Interest paid Interest received	(46)	(91) 3
		(46)	(88)
iii.	MANAGEMENT OF LIQUID RESOURCES		
		2006 £000	2005 £000
	Cash Flow from money market deposits		101
iv.	FINANCING	2006 £000	2005 £000
	Repayment of borrowings	(508)	(467)
		(508)	(467)

# NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT Year ended 31 March 2006

# v. RECONCILIATION OF NET CASHFLOW TO NET FUNDS

	2006 £000	2005 £000
(Decrease)/ increase in cash in year Net repayment of borrowings Cash from movement in liquid resources	508 	467 (101)
Change in net debt Net funds at start of year	508 (894)	366 (1,260)
Net funds at end of year	(386)	(894)

# vi. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT

	At 1 April 2005 £000	Cashflows £000	Non Cashflow Changes £'000	At 31 March 2006 £000
Cash at bank Debt due within one year Debt due after one year	(537) (357)	537 (29)	(203)	(203)
	(894)	508	<del>-</del>	(386)

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 31 March 2006

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards. The particular accounting policies adopted are described below.

### Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

The company has availed itself of Paragraph 3 (3) of Schedule 4 of the Companies Act 1985 and adapted the Companies Act formats to reflect the special nature of the company's activities.

### Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided on cost in equal annual instalments over the estimated useful lives of the assets. The rates of depreciation are as follows

Freehold buildings	2% per annum
Computer equipment	33% per annum
Furniture and fittings	10% per annum

Land is not depreciated.

#### Income

Income represents the amount receivable as rents and services provided (excluding Value Added Tax). Note 2 gives further analysis of income which is generated entirely in the UK.

### 2. INCOME

	2006 £000	2005 £000
Rents received	570	490

### 3. DIRECTORS EMOLUMENTS

None of the directors received any emoluments in respect of their services to the company and its subsidiaries (2005: £nil). There were no retirement benefits accruing to the directors in respect of qualifying services to the company.

### 4. STAFF COSTS

The company had no employees during the current and preceding financial year.

### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 31 March 2006

### 5. OPERATING SURPLUS

	2006 £000	2005 £000
Operating surplus is after charging: Depreciation and amortisation	194	193
Auditors' remuneration - audit fee	1	1
INTEREST PAYABLE	2006	2005
Bank loans	<b>£000</b> 46	<b>£000</b> 91

### 7. TAXATION

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The Local Government Management Board is exempt from tax on its income and gains by virtue of its status as a Local Authority Association under Section 519(3) of the Taxes Act 1988. It is exempt from capital gains tax under Section 271(3) of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992.

# 8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold land and buildings £000	Computer equipment £000	Furniture and fittings	Total £000
Cost At 1 April 2005 and 31 March 2006	4,793	721	976	6,490
Accumulated depreciation At 1 April 2005 Charge for the year	816 96	721	557 98	2,094 194
At 31 March 2006	912	721	655	2,288
Net book value At 31 March 2006	3,881		321	4,202
At 31 March 2005	3,977	<u> </u>	419	4,396

### 9. DEBTORS

	2006 £000	2005 £000
Other debtors	17	17

# 10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

2006	2005
£000	£000

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 31 March 2006

	293	608
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Other creditors	7	11
Bank loans	203	537
Trade creditors	83	60

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 31 March 2006

#### CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR 11.

	2006 £000	2005 £000
Bank loans	183	357
Loans are repayable by instalments: Due within one year Between one and two years Between two and five years	203 167 16	537 235 122
	386	894
Amounts falling due within one year Amounts falling due after one year	203 183	537 357
	386	894 ————

A loan is secured on the freehold premises of the company at Turnmill Street. This loan bears interest at a rate of 8.75% per annum fixed over the term of the loan and is repayable in equal quarterly instalments, starting in September 1999.

#### STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN ACCUMULATED FUNDS 12.

STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN ACCOMMENTED 10122	2006 £000	2005 £000
Surplus of income over expenditure for the year Opening accumulated funds	295 3,448	203 3,245
Closing accumulated funds	3,743	3,448

The accumulated funds are not distributable to the members by way of dividend. The accumulated funds of the company are allocated as follows:

•	2006 £000	2005 £000
Funding of assets Building repair reserve Contingency allowance	3,413 320 10	3,118 320 10
	3,743	3,448

### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 31 March 2006

### 13. CONTROLLING ENTITY

The controlling entity is the Local Government Association.

### 14. MEMBERS

The company is incorporated as a company limited by guarantee having no share capital and, in accordance with the Memorandum of Association, every member is liable to contribute a sum of £1 in the event of the company being wound up. At 31 March 2006 there were 6 members.

### 15. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The company rents premises to the Improvement and Development Agency for Local Government and the Employers' Organisation who are under the common control of the Local Government Association. Rent receivable is shown in note 2. In addition, on 1 April 1999, the company transferred certain assets and liabilities relating to its previous trading activities at book value to the Improvement and Development Agency for Local Government and the Employers' Organisation.

At 31 March 2006, the company owed £58,094 (2005: £54,418) to the Improvement and Development Agency for Local Government and £4,206 (2005: £4,206) to the Employers' Organisation.

At 31 March 2006, the company was indebted to the Local Government Information House and the Local Government Association, both related parties, in the sum of £1,609 (2005: £1,609) and £20,000 (2005: £nil) respectively.