Company Registration No: 03029225

# CVCP PROPERTIES PLC REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2014

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## Officers and professional advisers

**Directors** 

Professor Sir Drummond Bone Professor Sir Graeme Davies Professor Simon Gaskell

Professor Sir Christopher Snowden

Appointed 1 August 2013

**Secretary** 

Mr J Holmes

Registered office

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London WC1H 9HQ

**Bankers** 

National Westminster Bank plc

PO Box 83 Tavistock House Tavistock Square

London WC1H 9XA

**Solicitors** 

DLA Piper UK LLP India Buildings Water Street Liverpool L2 0NH

**Auditors** 

Kingston Smith LLP Devonshire House 60 Goswell Road

London EC1M 7AD

## Strategic report for the year ended 31 July 2014

#### **Review of business**

The leasing of Woburn House remains the principal source of income. All the tenants are higher education sector organisations. The principal tenant is Universities UK, which uses the building as its headquarters and as a conference centre.

The Woburn House accommodation was fully let during the year, and the investment property, a residential flat in Southampton Row, is let out on a commercial basis.

A project to open up space on the ground floor of Woburn House, to provide additional flexible space for meetings, receptions and exhibitions was started in July 2013 and completed in January 2014. A loan received from Universities UK to facilitate the development is disclosed in Note 10. There are no longer any capital commitments relating to this project to disclose in note 14.

Operating profit was £836,567 (2013: £839,200), and taking account of interest receivable of £1,243 (2013: £747) and interest payable of £13,125 (2013: nil), £806,697 (2013: £846,288) is payable to Universities UK under a charitable deed of covenant.

The directors are satisfied that their main objectives are being achieved.

#### **Risk Management**

To minimise the risk of rental voids, CVCP Properties plc markets the building as a hub for the higher education sector. Success in this approach is marked with current long term tenants including Universities UK, the Association of Commonwealth Universities, the Universities and Colleges Employers Association and GuildHE. Other risks are kept under review.

#### **Future Plans**

The directors do not foresee any material change in the company's activities or results over the coming year.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 27 October 2014 and signed on behalf of the Board:

**Professor Simon Gaskell** 

Director

## Directors' report for the year ended 31 July 2014

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2014.

#### **Activities**

The main objectives of the Company are general trading purposes on behalf of its shareholders, specifically for operating Woburn House, a major office and conference centre in Bloomsbury.

All shareholders are UK universities in membership of Universities UK. Universities UK is also a shareholder.

#### Lease and leaseback scheme

A lease and leaseback arrangement was established in 1997 to assist universities and higher education establishments in connection with the construction of new academic buildings. A management fee accrues to the company as a result of this scheme.

#### Results and dividend

The directors do not propose a dividend (2013: £nil). The profit before taxation for the year was £17,988 (2013: loss £6,341). The loss after tax and the payment under deed of covenant to Universities UK has been transferred to the profit and loss account.

#### **Fixed assets**

The Company's main asset is Woburn House, originally purchased in 1995 for £3,000,000. CBRE Limited (regulated by RICS) revalued the building on 23 May 2014, and assessed its value at that date as £18,050,000. The directors do not consider that the value has changed materially since that

The Company also owns an investment property on London's Southampton Row. This property was purchased in 2000 for £355,000. The valuation by CBRE of the long leasehold interest in this property at 23 May 2014 was £875,000.

#### Directors and their interests

The directors as at the approval date are listed on page 1. Directors' benefits in kind are disclosed in Note 3 to the financial statements. None of the directors had a beneficial interest in any contract with the company or any interests in its shares.

#### **Auditors**

A resolution to reappoint Kingston Smith LLP as auditors of the company will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

#### Policy on payment of creditors

The Company operates two policies in respect of payment of creditors. With regards to lease and leaseback arrangements, payment to universities is made on receipt of payment by the university of rent due to CVCP Properties plc. Payment to other creditors is made within 30 days. At the yearend the number of creditor days was 22 days (2013: 77 days). This is an arithmetical calculation and does not reflect the experience of any one creditor.

#### Directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.)

## Directors' report for the year ended 31 July 2014

Company law requires directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the company and of the profit or loss company for that period. In preparing these 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 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 proper accounting records that 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.

#### **Audit information**

So far as each of the directors in office at the time of the Directors' Report is aware:

- There is no relevant information of which the auditors are unaware; and
- They have taken all relevant steps they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

This information is given and should be interpreted in accordance with section 418 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 27 October 2014 and signed on behalf of the Board:

Professor Simon Gasketl

Director

## Independent auditors' report to the shareholders of CVCP Properties plc

We have audited the financial statements of CVCP Properties plc for the year ended 31 July 2014 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses, the Cash Flow statement and the related notes. 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 shareholders, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken for no purpose other than to draw to the attention of the company's shareholders those matters which we are required to include in an auditors' report addressed to them. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to any party other than the company and company's shareholders as a body, for our work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement [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 (APB's) Ethical Standards for Auditors.

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

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition we read all the financial and non-financial information in the directors' report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

#### 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 July 2014 and of its profit 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 matters 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:

# Independent auditors' report to the shareholders of CVCP Properties plc

- 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.

Kingston Smith LCP

James Cross (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of Kingston Smith LLP, Statutory Auditor

13 November 2014

Devonshire House 60 Goswell Road London EC1M 7AD

# Profit and loss account for the year ended 31 July 2014

	Notes	2014 £	2013 £
TURNOVER	2	1,968,714	1,912,705
Administrative expenses Other operating expenses		(102,449) (1,029,698)	(97,950) (975,555)
OPERATING PROFIT	3	836,567	839,200
Interest receivable Interest payable Payment under deed of covenant		1,243 (13,125) (806,697)	747 - (846,288)
PROFIT / (LOSS) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		17,988	(6,341)
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	. 5		· ·
PROFIT / (LOSS) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	•	17,988	(6,341)
Retained profit brought forward		415,969	422,310
RETAINED PROFIT CARRIED FORWARD		433,957	415,969

# Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses

	2014 £	2013 £
PROFIT./ (LOSS) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	17,988	(6,341)
Unrealised surplus on revaluation of properties	5,848,246	-
TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES RELATED TO THE YEAR	6,866,234	(6,341)

The notes on pages 11 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

## Balance sheet as at 31 July 2011.

Notes	2014 £	2013 £
7 6	30,678 18,925,000 18,955,678	15,725 12,685,000 12,700,725
8	213,119 410,033 623,152	244,096 936,032 1,180,128
9	(1,315,429)	(1,483,686)
	(692,277)	(303,558)
	18,263,401	12,397,167
10	(375,000)	(375,000)
•	17,888,401	12,022,167
12 11	433,957	4,800,000 6,806,198 415,969 12,022,167
	7 6 8 9	Notes     £       7     30,678       6     18,925,000       18,955,678       8     213,119       410,033     623,152       9     (1,315,429)       (692,277)     18,263,401       10     (375,000)       17,888,401       12     4,800,000       12,654,444     433,957

The notes on pages 11 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 27 October 2014

Signed on behalf of the Board:

**Professor Simon Gaskell** 

Director

Company number: 03029225

## Cash flow statement for the year ended 31 July 2014

	Notes	2014 £	2013 £
Net cash inflow from operating activities	A	715,738	836,811
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	В	(818,579)	(845,541)
Capital expenditure		(423,158)	-
Financing		-	375,000
(Decrease) / Increase in cash		(525,999)	366,270

## Notes to the cash flow statement for the year ended 31 July 2014

#### RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING PROFIT TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING **ACTIVITIES**

•	2014	2013
	£	£
$\cdot$		
Operating profit	836.567	839,200
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Depreciation charge	16,451	10,042
(Increase) / decrease in debtors	30,977	(132,323)
(Decrease) / Increase in creditors	(168,257)	119,892
Net cash inflow from operating activities	715,738	836,811

#### RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE

	2014 £	2013 £
Payment under deed of covenant Interest received Interest Payable	(806,697) 1,243 (13,125)	(846,288) 747 -
Net cash outflow from returns on investments and servicing of finance	(818,579)	(845,541)

# Cash flow statement for the year ended 31 July 2014

## C. RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO MOVEMENTS IN NET FUNDS

	2014	2013
	£	£
(Decrease) / Increase in cash for period	(525,999)	366,270
Cash inflow from debt	7	(375,000)
Change in net funds	(525,999)	(8,730)
Net funds at 1 August 2013	561,033	569,763
Net funds at 31 July 2014	35,034	561,033

### D. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

•	At 1 August 2013	Cash Flows	At 31 July 2014
	£	£	£
Cash at bank	936,033	(525,999)	410,034
Borrowing	(375,000)	-	(375,000)
Net funds	561,033	(525,999)	35,034

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

#### a. Accounting convention.

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention, modified for the revaluation of investment properties as described in note 1(e).

#### b. Income and expenditure

All income and expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

#### c. Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is calculated on the straight line basis at rates sufficient to write down the assets over their expected useful lives. The rates of depreciation are as follows:

Furniture and equipment:

Over four years Over three years

Computer equipment

Individual assets costing over £2,500 are capitalised.

#### d. Operating leases

Rental costs under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account in equal amounts over the period of the lease.

#### e. Investment properties

Investment properties are valued by the directors at open market value and professionally valued on a periodic basis.

No depreciation is provided in respect of investment properties.

The Companies Act would normally require systematic annual depreciation of all fixed assets. However, the directors believe that the policy of not providing depreciation in respect of investment properties is necessary in order for the financial statements to show a true and fair view.

#### 2. TURNOVER

The main objectives of the company are general trading purposes on behalf of its shareholders. All activities are carried out in the United Kingdom.

#### 3. **OPERATING PROFIT**

Operating profit is stated after charging / (crediting):

	2014 £	2013 £
Rents payable under operating leases Rents receivable in respect of operating leases Depreciation Auditors remuneration:	652,827 (659,750) 16,451	652,827 (659,780) 10,042
In respect of the financial statements In respect of tax compliance Other services and prior year	6,225 970 715	6,100 1,650 2,475
Directors' benefits in kind:		
2012/13 tax year 2013/14 tax year 2014/15 tax year	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	17,114 9,519

#### INFORMATION REGARDING DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES

The company had no employees in either this or the preceding financial year. Income tax and national insurance paid on behalf of one Director who had use of a company flat is shown in note 3. Other directors received no remuneration from the company.

#### 5. TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

#### Analysis of charge in the year

	2014 £	2013 £
United Kingdom corporation tax and total current tax		
Factors affecting the tax charge for the period	·	
	2014 £	2013 £
(Loss) / Profit before taxation	17,988	(6,341)
Taxation on profit at standard United Kingdom rate of tax of 20.0%	3,597	(1,269)
Capital allowances lower than / (in excess of) depreciation	(3,597)	1,269
Tax charge		

#### **Deferred taxation**

The company will continue to pay its taxable profits to Universities UK under the gift aid scheme. Consequently, no provision is made for deferred taxation nor does the company have any deferred tax assets.

#### 6. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	2014 £	2013 £
Investment properties at market value	18,925,000	12,685,000
Investment properties at cost	6,253,768	5,878,802

The directors obtained a professional valuation of Woburn House and Flat 7, Russell Square Mansions from CBRE (Chartered Surveyors) as at 23 May 2014. The new market value of Woburn House and Russell Square Mansions was revealed as £18,050,000 and £875,000 respectively.

#### **TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS** 7.

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			Furniture &
			equipment £
	Cost		L
	At 1 August 2013		255,012
	Additions		31,404
	Disposals		(3,674)
	At 31 July 2014		282,742
	Depreciation		
	At 1 August 2013		239,287
	Charge for the year		16,451
	Disposals		(3,674)
	At 31 July 2014		252,064
	Net book value		
	At 31 July 2014		30,678
	At 31 July 2013		15,725
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8.	DEBTORS		
		2014	2013
		£	£
	Other debtors	64,015	30,970
4	Prepayments and accrued income	149,104	213,126
•		213,119	244,096
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9.	CREDITORS, AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE VEAD		
9.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
		2014	2013
		£	£
	Too do and disease	04.040	0.44.000
	Trade creditors Taxation and social security	84,949 42,028	241,282 22,534
	Other creditors	42,028 806,697	852,431
	Accruals and deferred income	381,755	367,439
		1,315,429	1,483,686
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#### CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2014 £	2013 £
Loans due after more than one year Other creditors	375,000 —	375,000
	375,000	375,000

The loan balance is due for repayment after more than five years, but no later than 25 November 2026. The loan is secured by way of a fixed charge over the Woburn House building. Interest is payable on the loan at 3% above National Westminster Bank plc base rate.

#### RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	Share Capital £	Investment Revaluation Reserve £	Profit & Loss Account £	Total £
At 1 August 2013 Result for the year At 31 July 2014	4,800,000 ———————————————————————————————	6,806,198 5,848,246 12,654,444	415,969 17,988 433,957	12,022,167 5,866,234 17,888,401

Included within the profit and loss account is a sinking fund of £2,699 for repairs and maintenance in accordance with the service charge agreement. This fund is provided towards the cost of the scheduled five-yearly external refurbishment work.

#### CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

•	2014	2013
	£	£.
Allotted and fully paid:		٠.
4,250,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	4,250,000	4,250,000
550,000 6% non-cumulative preference shares of £1 each	550,000	550,000
	4,800,000	4,800,000

The 6% non-cumulative preference shares of £1 each entitle the holder to receive a preferential dividend at the rate of 6% on the paid-up capital in priority to any transfer or any rights of the holders of ordinary shares (non-cumulative). In all other respects the preference shares rank pari passu with ordinary shares and are defined as equity instruments.

#### 13. **OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS**

The company has entered into non-cancellable operating leases with the following annual commitments:

	2014 £	2013 £
Expiring within 2 to 5 years	6,027	6,027

#### 14. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

		2014	2013
		£	£
Contracted	•	-	349,496
		-	349,496

#### **CONTROLLING PARTIES**

All shareholders are UK universities in membership of Universities UK, and Universities UK itself. The financial statements include transactions with Universities UK as follows:

<i>(</i>	2014 £	2013 £
Included in turnover: Rental and service charges	662,848	664,854
Included in debtors: Trade debtors	43,219	29,917
Included in expenditure and other creditors: Payment under deed of covenant	806,697	846,288
Included in trade creditors: Other recharges	33,147	35,805
Included in accruals Loan interest payable	13,125	
Included in creditors falling due after one year: Loans	375,000	375,000
Included in expenditure: Other recharges Loan interest payable	63,968 13,125	74,551 -

#### 16. **RELATED PARTIES**

Wohurn	House	Conference	Centre	Limited
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Woburn House Conference Centre Limited	•	
	2014 £	2013 £
Included in debtors: Trade debtors	16,673	· <u>-</u>
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Medical Schools Council		
Incorporated separately from 1 February 2014		
	2014 £	2013 £
Included in turnover: Rental and service charges	20,798	· <u>-</u>
Included in expenditure and other creditors: Deferred income - Rent and Service charge	6,933_	