**Annual Report and Financial Statements** 

For the year ended 31 March 2022



# ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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# OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

#### **DIRECTORS**

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M Owen

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G Guest J Whitfield

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J Oates

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#### **AUDITOR**

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#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The directors present their Annual Report and the audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2022.

This directors' report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies entitled to the small companies' exemption.

#### **BUSINESS REVIEW AND PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

The principal activity of the Company is to manage a fund of £20.1 million established by the North East Local Enterprise Partnership (NELEP) on behalf of the North East Investment Fund (NEIF) ("the fund"). The primary objective of the fund is to provide finance to be used by borrowers for residential and commercial property development projects in the NELEP area. Investments will be in the form of debt finance consisting of loans where the principal amount is generally between £250,000 and £2,000,000. There is a requirement that the funds managed by this company will be invested across the NELEP areas of the North East of England, namely County Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside and Sunderland.

On 22 December 2021, a Deed of Amendment and Restatement to the limited partnership, NEIF LP, agreement included an increase to the original commitment to the fund of £10.0m by £10.1m, bringing the total commitment to £20.1m.

The financial position of the company is set out in the balance sheet on page 10. Since inception the fund has made 39 investments totalling £19,904,825 (2021: 28 investments totalling £11,874,206).

#### **GOING CONCERN**

The Company is financed through fees received for the provision of fund management services. The fund management service arrangement, together with the management arrangement with the Company's immediate parent undertaking, is structured such that the Company will not make losses for at least the next 12 months subject to compliance with both arrangements. The directors expect the Company to comply with such arrangements for at least the next 12 months. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis of preparing the financial statements.

#### RUSSIAN FORCES ENTERING UKRAINE

On 24 February 2022 Russian forces entered Ukraine, resulting in Western Nation reactions including announcements of sanctions against Russia and Russian interests worldwide and an economic ripple effect on the global economy. The directors have carried out an assessment of the potential impact of Russian forces entering Ukraine on the business, including the impact of mitigation measures and uncertainties, and have concluded that the greatest impact is expected to be from the economic ripple effect on the global economy, but it is not currently possible to determine the amount of potential impairment.

### DIRECTORS

The directors of the Company, who served throughout the year and subsequently to the date of this report unless stated otherwise, are as shown on page 1.

#### **DIRECTORS' INDEMNITIES**

The Development Bank of Wales Group has made qualifying third-party indemnity provisions for the benefit of all directors, the cost of which was not recharged to the Company. These were in force during the financial year and remained in force at the date of approval of the financial statements.

#### POLITICAL DONATIONS

The company made no political donations during 2022 (2021: nil)

#### SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

There are no subsequent events to report.

#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

#### **AUDITOR**

In the case of each of the persons who are directors of the Company at the date when this report is approved:

- so far as each of the directors is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware; and
- each of the directors have 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.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of s418 of the Companies Act 2006.

Development Bank of Wales plc (the "Group") of which the Company is a subsidiary, undertook a procurement exercise for external audit services during the 2022 financial year and Mazars LLP were subsequently appointed.

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

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J Oates

Company Secretary 30 September 2022

#### **DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT**

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 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), including FRS 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework". 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 then 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 NORTH EAST PROPERTY (GP) LIMITED

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of North East Property (GP) Limited (the 'company') for the year ended 31 March 2022 which comprise the profit and loss account, balance sheet, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework.

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 March 2022 and of its result 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.

#### 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 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 going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF NORTH EAST PROPERTY (GP) LIMITED

#### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. 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.

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 course of 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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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.

#### Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report.

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, 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.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF NORTH EAST PROPERTY (GP) LIMITED

## Responsibilities of Directors

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement set out on page 4 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 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 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 the financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud.

Based on our understanding of the company and its industry, we considered that non-compliance with the following laws and regulations might have a material effect on the financial statements: employment regulation, health and safety regulation and anti-money laundering regulation.

To help us identify instances of non-compliance with these laws and regulations, and in identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect to non-compliance, our procedures included, but were not limited to:

- Inquiring of management and, where appropriate, those charged with governance, as to whether the company
  is in compliance with laws and regulations, and discussing their policies and procedures regarding compliance
  with laws and regulations;
- Inspecting correspondence, if any, with relevant licensing or regulatory authorities;
- Communicating identified laws and regulations to the engagement team and remaining alert to any indications
  of non-compliance throughout our audit; and
- Considering the risk of acts by the company which were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF NORTH EAST PROPERTY (GP) LIMITED

We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the preparation of the financial statements, such as tax legislation, pension legislation and the Companies Act 2006.

In addition, we evaluated the directors' and management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements, including the risk of management override of controls, and determined that the principal risks related to posting manual journal entries to manipulate financial performance, management bias through judgements and assumptions in significant accounting estimates, and significant one-off or unusual transactions.

Our audit procedures in relation to fraud included but were not limited to:

- Making enquiries of the directors and management on whether they had knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
- Gaining an understanding of the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud;
- Discussing amongst the engagement team the risks of fraud; and
- Addressing the risks of fraud through management override of controls by performing journal entry testing.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of irregularities including fraud rests with management. As with any audit, there remained a risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal controls.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at <a href="https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities">www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities</a>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### Use of the audit report

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.

Pauline Pélissier

(Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of Mazars LLP

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor

30 Old Bailey

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30 September 2022

# PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT For the year ended 31 March 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
TURNOVER	3	230,042	200,000
Other administrative expenses	4	(230,042)	(200,000)
RESULT BEFORE TAXATION		-	-
Tax on result	6	<u>-</u>	
RESULT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE OWNER OF THE COMPANY	_	<u>-</u>	

All activities derive from continuing operations.

There have been no recognised gains or losses for the current or prior financial year other than as stated in the profit and loss account. Accordingly, no separate Statement of Comprehensive Income is presented.

# BALANCE SHEET As at 31 March 2022

		2022	2021
	Note	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank and in hand	-		2
NET CURRENT ASSETS	-		2
NET ASSETS	=	2	2
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	7	2	2
Profit and loss account	_	<u> </u>	<u>•</u>
TOTAL SHAREHOLDER'S FUNDS	=	2	2

The financial statements of North East Property (GP) Limited, registered number 04069901, were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on the 30 September 2022.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors

Michael Quan

M Owen Director

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY For the year ended 31 March 2022

	Called up share capital £	Profit and loss account £	Total £
Balance at 1 April 2020	2	-	2
Total comprehensive income for the year			
Balance at 31 March 2021	2	-	2
Total comprehensive income for the year			
Balance at 31 March 2022	2	-	2

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. They have been applied consistently throughout the current and prior financial year.

#### Basis of accounting

North East Property (GP) Limited is a Company incorporated in the United Kingdom under the Companies Act 2006. The Company is a private Company limited by shares and is registered in England & Wales. The address of the registered office is given on page 1. The nature of the Company's operations and its principal activities are set out in the Directors' Report on page 2.

The Company meets the definition of a qualifying entity under FRS 100 (Financial Reporting Standard 100) issued by the Financial Reporting Council. These financial statements were prepared in accordance with FRS 101 (Financial Reporting Standard 101) 'Reduced Disclosure Framework' as issued by the Financial Reporting Council

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis and on a going concern basis as discussed in the Director's report on page 2. Historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for the goods and services. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below

As permitted by FRS 101, the Company has taken advantage of the disclosure exemptions available under that standard in relation to business combinations, financial instruments, revenue disclosures, presentation of a statement of cash flows, standards not yet effective and related party transactions. In accordance with the exemption conferred by paragraph 8 (j) of FRS 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework" the Company has not disclosed transactions with other group companies, where 100% of the voting rights are controlled by the Group.

Where required, equivalent disclosures are given in the Group financial statements of Development Bank of Wales plc. The Group financial statements of Development Bank of Wales plc are available to the public and can be obtained as set out in Note 8.

#### Taxation

#### Current tax

Current tax is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date. The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from net profit as reported in the profit and loss account because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible.

### Deferred tax

Deferred tax is the tax expected to be payable or recoverable on differences between the carrying amount of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit and is accounted for using the balance sheet liability method. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which deductible temporary differences can be utilised. Such assets and liabilities are not recognised if the temporary difference arises from the initial recognition of goodwill or from the initial recognition (other than in a business combination) of other assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the taxable profit nor the accounting profit.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each balance sheet date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered.

Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period when the liability is settled, or the asset is realised based on tax laws and rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### Taxation (continued)

#### Deferred tax (continued)

The measurement of deferred tax liabilities and assets reflects the tax consequences that would follow from the manner in which the Company expects, at the end of the reporting period, to recover or settle the carrying amount of its assets and liabilities.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when they relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority and the Company intends to settle its current tax assets and liabilities on a net basis.

#### Current tax and deferred tax for the year

Current and deferred tax are recognised in profit or loss, except when they relate to items that are recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, in which case, the current and deferred tax are also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity respectively.

#### **Turnover**

Turnover represents fund managers' fees. All turnover relates to one class of business and arises in the UK. Revenue is measured based on the consideration specified in a contract with a customer.

Fund managers' fees are recognised when it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Company and the amount of turnover can be measured reliably. The company recognises turnover over the period to which it relates to and when performance obligations have been satisfied (i.e., as the Company renders its services in its role as fund manager).

# 2. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

In the application of the Company's accounting policies, which are described in Note 1 above, the directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

#### Critical judgements in applying the Company's accounting policies

The directors do not consider there to be any critical accounting judgements that could cause a material difference compared to the figures as disclosed in the Annual Report and Financial Statements.

# Key sources of estimation uncertainty

There are no key assumptions concerning the future, and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the balance sheet date, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

#### 3. TURNOVER

An analysis of the Company's turnover is as follows:

202	22 2021
	£
Management fees 230,04	200,000

#### 4. AUDITOR'S REMUNERATION

ACCITOR S REMONERATION	2022 £	2021 £
Fees borne by FW Capital Limited in relation to the audit of the company's annual financial statements	3,280	3,280
Other services: Fees borne by FW Capital Limited in relation to tax compliance services	<del>-</del>	1,421

#### 5. INFORMATION REGARDING DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES

None of the directors received any emoluments from the Company in the current or prior financial year. It is not practicable to allocate their remuneration between their services as directors of this Company and other Group companies. Further details of directors' remuneration are presented in the financial statements of Development Bank of Wales plc and DBW FM Limited.

The directors were the only employees of the Company during the current and prior financial year.

#### 6. TAX ON RESULT

	2022 £	2021 £
Current taxation UK corporation tax charge for the year	-	-
The charge for the year can be reconciled to the result in the profit and loss acco	ount as follows:	
	£	£
Result before tax		<u>-</u>
Tax on result at standard UK corporation tax rate of 19% (2021 - 19%)		
Effects of Income not taxable Effects of group relief/other relief Partnership share	(43,708) - 43,708	(38,000) (56,592) 94,592
Total taxation charge	<u>-</u>	

A deferred tax asset of £3,536 (2021 - £2,687) has not been recognised in respect of timing differences relating to non-trade financial losses and excess management expenses. The asset would have been recognised if there were sufficient suitable future profits to absorb all such assets.

The main rate of corporation tax is 19%. From 1 April 2023 the main rate of corporation tax will be 25% and this rate has been used to calculate deferred tax in these financial statements.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 March 2022

#### 7. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	2022	2021
Authorised and allotted 100 ordinary shares of £1 each	100	100
Allotted, called up and fully paid 2 ordinary shares of £1 each	2	2

The Company has one class of ordinary share which carries no right to fixed income.

#### 8. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY AND CONTROLLING PARTY

The Company's immediate parent undertaking is DBW Managers Limited, a company incorporated in the United Kingdom. Development Bank of Wales plc is the smallest group within which the Company is a member, and for which consolidated financial statements are prepared. Welsh Ministers is the largest group within which the Group results are consolidated. The registered office address of Development Bank of Wales plc is Unit J, Yale Business Village, Ellice Way, Wrexham, LL13 7YL. Copies of the Group financial statements of Development Bank of Wales plc are available from Companies House, Crown Way, Maindy, Cardiff, CF14 3UZ. The consolidated financial statements of Welsh Ministers may be obtained from its registered address, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ.

Development Bank of Wales plc regards the Welsh Ministers, acting through the Welsh Government, as the ultimate parent company and ultimate controlling party.

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#### **BANKERS**

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## **AUDITOR**

Mazars LLP Statutory Auditor London United Kingdom

#### REPORT OF THE MANAGER

The Manager, FW Capital Limited, presents the Annual Report and the audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Under the terms of the Limited Partnership Agreement dated 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017, the Manager is responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102) issued by the Financial Reporting Council, and with the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

The Limited Partnership is classified as a limited partnership and is therefore exempt from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report.

#### **BUSINESS REVIEW AND PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

The Partnership is established as a Limited Partnership under the laws of England and Wales and registered under number LP017936.

The principal activity of the Limited Partnership is to provide finance on a commercial basis to be used by borrowers for residential and commercial property development projects in the North East of England, namely County Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Northumberland, North Tyneside, South Tyneside and Sunderland.

On 22 December 2021, a Deed of Amendment and Restatement to the limited partnership agreement was agreed to increase the original commitment to the fund of £10.0m by £10.1m, bringing the total commitment to £20.1m.

Investment since the inception of the Partnership across the North East is as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Debt	19,904,825	11,874,206

There were no significant events since the balance sheet date.

#### **RESULTS**

The results for the year are set out on page 10.

#### **PARTNERS**

The General Partner of the Partnership during the year was: NE Property (GP) Limited.

The Limited Partners of the Partnership during the year were: NPF 2016 Limited and North West Loans Limited.

# POLICY REGARDING DISTRIBUTIONS OF INCOME AND CAPITAL

Income and capital are distributed in accordance with the Limited Partnership Agreement. The General Partner's share of £230,042 (2021: £200,000) was distributed during the current year and prior period in order to pay the management fee. There were no distributions made to the Limited Partner during the current or prior year.

#### **GOING CONCERN**

The Partnership has no capital committed to it, which is outstanding. There are no indications from the Limited Partner that there is any intention to change the objective of the fund and as such, the Partnership will continue to manage the fund until maturity. The Partnership pays its liabilities (fund management fee and fund operating costs such as audit and legal fees as disclosed in the income statement) from loan repayments received.

#### REPORT OF THE MANAGER

#### **GOING CONCERN (continued)**

As at the signing date, no default event has occurred as specified by the limited partnership agreement. The Partnership has no concerns about the liquidity of its Limited Partners, to meet any contractual funding requests.

The Partners have made an assessment of going concern, taking into account both current performance and the Partnership outlook which considered the impact of the Russian forces entering Ukraine, Covid-19 pandemic and the UK's exit from the EU. As part of the assessment of going concern the Partners made enquiries and reviewed forecasts for the Partnership including considering the recoverability of the outstanding loan investments and investment repayments made and the Partners believe there are no material uncertainties that lead to significant doubt on the Partnership's ability to continue in business over the next 12 months at least.

The Partners concluded that they have a reasonable expectation that the Partnership has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for at least the 12-month period from the date of signing this report. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis of preparing the financial statements.

#### PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The principal risks and uncertainties in the business are detailed in the sections below. Appropriate policies to prevent Money Laundering including Know Your Customer are in place, in accordance with best practice.

#### FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

The principal business of the Partnership is investment and, as such, exposure to and management of portfolio risk is an inherent feature of this activity, particularly given the area of the market in which the Partnership operates. It is not anticipated that this risk will materially increase during the next 12 months.

The Partnership's activities expose it to a number of financial risks including cash flow risk, credit risk and liquidity risk.

# Cash flow and liquidity risk

The Partnership uses funds provided to the Limited Partnership to make loan investments to Small and Medium Enterprises ("SMEs"). The Limited Partnership is charged with facilitating investment of the funds and subsequent management of such investments until maturity. Repayment of the loan investments together with future income, will allow repayment of the loans from partners held on the balance sheet, in accordance with the principal activity of the Partnership. There are no indications from the Limited Partner that there is any intention to change the objective of the funds and as such the Limited Partnership will continue to manage the fund until maturity.

#### Credit risk

Credit risk is the potential risk that a customer will fail to meet its financial obligations to the Partnership as they become due. Credit risk arises from loan investments in companies. The Partnership has no significant concentration of credit risk as its exposure is spread over a number of companies. Portfolio executives of the GP maintain close relationships with the companies that the Partnership has made loans to, in order to monitor credit risk. Where any company becomes distressed, the Partnership endeavours to support the company in order to realise the best outcome for the company and the Partnership.

The Partnership does not anticipate any significant impact on its credit risk because of the nature of the loan arrangements that it enters into:

- the maximum loan to value is 65%,
- the Fund has a first charge on the building development and;
- exits first on disposal of the development.

#### REPORT OF THE MANAGER

#### RUSSIAN FORCES ENTERING UKRAINE

On 24 February 2022 Russian Forces entered Ukraine, resulting in Western Nation reactions including announcements of sanctions against Russia and Russian interests worldwide and an economic ripple effect on the global economy. The Partners have carried out an assessment of the potential impact of Russian Forces entering Ukraine on the business, including the impact of mitigation measures and uncertainties, and have concluded that the greatest impact is expected to be from the economic ripple effect on the global economy. It is not currently possible to determine the amount of potential impairment to investments but the Partners do not anticipate the impact to be significant or material in the next 12 months.

#### **POLITICAL DONATIONS**

The company made no political donations during 2022 (2021: nil)

## SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

There are no subsequent events to report.

#### **AUDITOR**

In so far as the Manager is aware:

- There is no relevant audit information of which the Partnership's auditor is unaware; and
- The Manager has taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of s418 of the Companies Act 2006.

Mazars LLP have been appointed as the Partnership's auditor to hold office until the General Partner determines otherwise.

By order of the Manager

Michael Quan

M Owen Director

FW Capital Limited

29 July 2022

#### MANAGER'S RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The Limited Partnership Agreement requires the Manager to be responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law as applied to qualifying partnerships by the Partnerships (Accounts) Regulations 2008 (the "Regulations") requires the Manager to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Manager has prepared the Limited Partnership's Financial Statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law), including. FRS 102. Under company law as applied to qualifying partnerships the Manager 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 Limited Partnership and of the profit or loss of the Limited Partnership for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Manager is 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, subject to any material departures disclosure and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to do so.

The Manager is also responsible for the management of the Limited Partnership in accordance with its Limited Partnership Agreement and is required to keep proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Limited Partnership's transactions and which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Limited Partnership and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Limited Partnership Agreement. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Limited Partnership and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of North East Property LP (the 'qualifying partnership') for the year ended 31 March 2022 which comprise Profit and Loss Account, Balance Sheet, Reconciliation of Movements in Partners' Interests and Reserves, Cash Flow Statement, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the qualifying partnership's affairs as at 31 March 2022 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, as applied to qualifying partnerships.

# 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 qualifying partnership 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 going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the managers' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the qualifying partnership's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the managers with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

#### Other information

The managers 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 we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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.

# Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006 as applied to qualifying partnerships

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

- the information given in the managers' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the managers' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the qualifying partnership and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the managers' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 as applied to qualifying partnerships 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 managers' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.
- the managers were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the managers' report.

## **Responsibilities of Managers**

As explained more fully in the managers' responsibilities statement set out on page 5, the managers 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 managers 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 managers are responsible for assessing the qualifying partnership'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 managers either intend to liquidate the qualifying partnership 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 the financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud.

Based on our understanding of the Qualifying Partnership and its industry, we considered that non-compliance with the following laws and regulations might have a material effect on the financial statements related to anti-bribery, fraud, health and safety regulation, anti-money laundering regulation; and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements.

To help us identify instances of non-compliance with these laws and regulations, and in identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect to non-compliance, our procedures included, but were not limited to:

- Inquiring of the managers as to whether the qualifying partnership is in compliance with laws and regulations, and discussing their policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations;
- Inspecting correspondence, if any, with relevant licensing or regulatory authorities;
- Communicating identified laws and regulations to the engagement team and remaining alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout our audit; and
- Considering the risk of acts by the qualifying partnership which were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud.

In addition, we evaluated the managers' incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements, including the risk of management override of controls, and determined that the principal risks related to posting manual journal entries to manipulate financial performance, management bias through judgements and assumptions in significant accounting estimates, in particular in relation to valuation of financial assets and significant one-off or unusual transactions.

Our audit procedures in relation to fraud included but were not limited to:

- Making enquiries of the managers on whether they had knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
- Gaining an understanding of the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud;
- · Discussing amongst the engagement team the risks of fraud; and
- Addressing the risks of fraud through management override of controls by performing journal entry testing.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of irregularities including fraud rests with management. As with any audit, there remained a risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at <a href="https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities">www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities</a>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

### Use of the audit report

This report is made solely to the qualifying partnership's members as a body in accordance with the Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 as applied to qualifying partnerships. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the qualifying partnership's managers 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 qualifying partnership and the qualifying partnership's managers as a body for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Pauline Pélissier (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of Mazars LLP

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor

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29 July 2022

# PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT For the year ended 31 March 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
TURNOVER	3	667,321	486,379
Administrative expenses	5	(238,606)	(208,240).
OPERATING PROFIT FOR THE YEAR		428,715	278,139
Interest Received	6	1,056	19,711
PROFIT FOR THE YEAR BEFORE TAX		429,771	297,850
PROFIT FOR THE YEAR ATTRIBUTABLE TO PARTNERS		429,771	297,850

All results relate to continuing activities.

There have been no recognised gains or losses for the current or prior financial year other than as stated in the profit and loss account. Accordingly, no separate Statement of Comprehensive Income is presented.

### BALANCE SHEET As at 31 March 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
CURRENT ASSETS Debtors	8		
- due within one year - due after one year	,	7,146,293 301,726	4,992,354 568,632
Cash and cash equivalents	11	6,007,024	3,355,665
		13,455,043	8,916,651
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	9	(109,736)	(274,859)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		13,345,307	8,641,792
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year	9	(375,000)	(300,000)
NET ASSETS		12,970,307	8,341,792
Represented by: Capital contribution accounts - Partners' capital		1,000	1,000
Loan accounts - Loans from partners		12,304,936	8,106,192
Income accounts - Profits/(losses) attributable to partners		664,371	234,600
		12,970,307	8,341,792

The financial statements of The North East Property Limited Partnership, registered number LP017936, were approved by the Partners and authorised for issue on 29 July 2022.

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Michael Quan

For and behalf of the General Partner, North East Property (GP) Limited

# RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN PARTNERS' INTERESTS AND RESERVES For the year ended 31 March 2022

	Partners' capital £	Loans from partners £	(Loss)/profit attributable to partners	Total partners' interests £
Partners' interests				
At 1 April 2020	1,000	8,737,982	(63,250)	8,675,732
Profit for the financial year			297,850	297,850
Partners' interests after profit for the financial period	1,000	8,737,982	234,600	8,973,582
Funds repaid to partners		(631,790)		(631,790)
At 31 March 2021	1,000	8,106,192	234,600	8,341,792
Profit for the financial year	<u> </u>		429,771	429,771
Partners' interests after profit for the financial year	1,000	8,106,192	664,371	8,771,563
Funds repaid to partners		4,198,744		4,198,744
Partners' interests at 31 March 2022	1,000	12,304,936	664,371	12,970,307

The total capital committed by the Limited Partner is £1,000 (2021: £1,000), this was unpaid as at the current and prior year end and is included within the debtor balance for the current and prior year end.

# CASH FLOW STATEMENT For the year ended 31 March 2022

	Note	£	2022 £	£	2021 £
NET CASH (OUTFLOW)/INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	10		(1,548,441)		(1,933,530)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES Interest received		1,056		19,711	
NET CASH INFLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			1,056		19,711
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES Partners' loans introduced/(repaid)		4,198,744		(631,790) ———	
NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			4,198,744		(631,790)
NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS			2,651,359		(2,545,609)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	11		3,355,665		5,901,274
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	11		6,007,024		3,355,665

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash and short-term bank deposits with an original maturity of three months or less.

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. They have all been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year.

#### General information and the basis of accounting

The North East Property Limited Partnership is a limited partnership (LP) established under the laws of England and Wales and registered under number LP017936. The LP's registered office is Unit J, Yale Business Village, Ellice Way, Wrexham, LL13 7YL. The nature of the LPs operations and its principal activities are set out in the Report of the Manager on page 2.

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis as discussed in the Report of the Manager, under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102) issued by the Financial Reporting Council.

The financial statements are presented in Sterling (£). This is the functional currency of the entity.

#### **Debtors**

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price less any impairment. Loans receivable are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, less any impairment

#### **Impairment of Financial Assets**

Financial assets are assessed for indicators of impairment at each balance sheet date. Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows of the asset have been impacted.

Objective evidence of impairment could include:

- significant financial difficulty of the issuer or counterparty; or
- default or delinquency in interest or principal payments; or
- it becoming probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or financial reorganisation.

For certain categories of financial asset, such as loans receivable, assets that are assessed not to be impaired individually are subsequently assessed for impairment on a collective basis. Objective evidence of impairment for a portfolio of financial assets could include the Partnership's past experience of recovery, and the levels and trends of specific impairments made as well as observable changes in national or local economic conditions that correlate with default.

The impact of forbearance is also considered. Forbearance has not materially impacted impairment provision requirements during the year; the collective provision is deemed to provide sufficient provision for impairment.

The carrying amount of the financial asset is reduced by the impairment loss through the use of an allowance account. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against the allowance account. Changes in the carrying amount of the allowance account are recognised in profit or loss.

#### Financial Liabilities

Financial liabilities are recognised as either financial liabilities at fair value through the profit and loss (FVTPL) or other financial liabilities. Other financial liabilities, including borrowings, are initially measured at fair value, net of transaction costs. Other financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### Creditors

Short term trade creditors and loans from partners are measured at the transaction price.

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### Turnover

Turnover represents interest receivable on loans, arrangement fees and rescheduling and early repayment fees associated with loan investments. Turnover is recognised over the period to which it relates. All turnover relates to one class of business and arises in the UK.

#### Interest receivable

Interest income is recognised when it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Partnership and the amount of revenue can be measured reliably. Interest income is accrued on a time basis, by reference to the principal outstanding and at the effective interest rate applicable, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to that asset's net carrying amount on initial recognition.

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset and of allocating interest income over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts (including all fees on points paid or received that form an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) through the expected life of the financial asset, or, where appropriate, a shorter period.

# 2. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

In the application of the Limited Partnership's accounting policies, which are described in note 1 above, the Manager is required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

#### Critical judgements in applying the Company's accounting policies

There are no critical accounting judgements in applying the Company's accounting policies.

#### Key sources of estimation uncertainty

There are no key assumptions concerning the future, and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the balance sheet date, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

#### 3. TURNOVER

	2022 £	2021 £
Interest receivable on loans	440,175	347,055
Arrangement fees	145,703	90,920
Rescheduling and early repayment fees	81,443	48,404
	667,321	486,379

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 March 2022

#### 4. EMPLOYEES

The North East Property Limited Partnership had no employees during the current or prior financial year.

#### 5. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

	2022 £	2021 £
Other administrative expenses include: Auditor's remuneration - audit General Partner's management fee	5,810 230,042	5,810 200,000

There were non-audit fees during the year of £nil in relation to taxation services (2021: £1,136).

#### 6. INTEREST RECEIVED

	2022 £	2021 £
Bank interest receivable	1,056	19,711

#### 7. TAX ON LOSS

The Partnership is not liable to tax therefore there is no taxation charge for the current or prior financial year.

#### 8. DEBTORS

	2022 £	2021 £
Due within one year: Loans receivable Other Debtors	7,145,293 1,000	4,991,354 1,000
	7,146,293	4,992,354
Due after more than one year: Loans receivable	301,726	568,632
	301,726	568,632

The Partnership entered into agreements to advance loans to Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in the North East of England. The average term of loans entered into is 12 to 18 months. The interest rate inherent in the loans is fixed at the contract date for all of the loan term. The average effective interest rate contracted is approximately 7.1% (2021 – 7.3%) per annum.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 March 2022

#### 9. CREDITORS

	2022 £	2021 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Accruals	31,946	206,946
Other Creditors	77,790	67,913
	109,736	274,859
Amounts falling due after more than one year:		
Accrued fund management fee	375,000	300,000

The accrued fund management fee is non-interest bearing and due within 10 years.

#### 10. NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	2022 £	2021 £
Operating profit	428,715	278,139
Loans made	(8,030,618)	(5,654,615)
Loans recovered	6,143,585	3,296,498
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(90,123)	146,448
Net cash outflow from operating activities	(1,548,441)	(1,933,530)

# 11. ANALYSIS AND RECONCILIATION OF NET DEBT

	At 1 April 2021 £	Cash flow	At 31 March 2022 £
Cash and cash equivalents	3,355,665	2,651,359	6,007,024

# 12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND CONTROLLING PARTY

During the financial year the Partnership paid North East Property (GP) Limited a General Partner's share of £230,042 (2021: £200,000).

The immediate and ultimate parent and controlling party is NPF 2016 Limited whose registered offices are C/O DAC Beachcroft, 36 Gallowgate, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE1 4TD. The partnership is not consolidated into any of its partners' or the ultimate controlling party's financial statements as they are exempt from preparation of consolidated financial statements.