Directors' report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2002

Registered Number 18487



Aberdeen Association of Social Service

Operating as Voluntary Service Aberdeen

(A company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital)

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for the year ended 31 March 2002

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Directors' report for the year ended 31 March 2002

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 March 2002. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the memorandum and articles of association and the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities, except as set out in note 2 regarding the treatment of capital receipts and related amortisation.

Principal activities

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The principal activities of the company are to provide for the general welfare of children, families, the old, the handicapped, the disabled, and the needy who are partially or wholly unable to provide for themselves, and to act in co-operation with the statutory authorities and other organisations, voluntary or otherwise, engaged in the furtherance of general welfare.

Charitable status

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and governed by its memorandum and articles of association. It has been granted charitable status by the Inland Revenue with a charity registration number of SC012950.

Result for the year

The deficit for the year amounted to £195,000 (2001: Surplus £173,000).

Annual report 2002

The directors' report and financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Annual Report 2002, which describes the charity's objects and reviews the development, activities and achievements of the charity during the year. The Annual Report 2002 also lists the principal officers and advisors of the charity along with details of donations and legacies received during the year.

Copies of the Annual Report 2002 are available from the Secretary.

Review of financial position

During the year the company has applied its incoming resources in meeting the charitable objectives of its member societies. The company's heritable property, summarised in Note 25, continues to be used in furtherance of these charitable objectives. The directors consider the financial position of the company at 31 March 2002 to be satisfactory, taking account of the financial implications of their future plans.

The directors confirm that on a fund by fund basis, the charity's assets are available and adequate to fulfil the obligations of the charity.

Investment powers

Under the memorandum and articles of association, the directors have the power to make any investment for the benefit of the charity but not for the avoidance of tax.

Directors

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The directors who held office during the year and up to the date of this report were:

Mrs E Lyall A Amoore M Archibald I E Maclean Mrs V J Maltin J M Bremner A D Burns J McDonald J Butler K Petrie A Robb J Clark N Esslemont A Robertson E Flett Mrs O Rutherford W Good P Staite Mrs A R G Henderson J Stevenson Ms H A Kelman H J Tocher M F Watson Ms F Kennedy

Cllr J Lamond

G Kyle

The directors have subscribed to the funds of the company a minimum of £10.00 annually. No director has any interest in the funds of the company.

R J Williamson

During the year the following directors were appointed:

J Clark 29 November 2001 N Esslemont 29 November 2001 J McDonald 31 January 2002 A Amoore 28 March 2002 K Petrie 28 March 2002

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the company to maintain adequate reserves to:

- provide protection against fluctuations in income from donations and other sources;
- provide a major source of income to underwrite the cost of providing care services for people in need in the community; and
- fund new services and capital expenditure such as the provision of housing with care to replace residential care homes for older people.

The directors consider the actual unrestricted funds at 31 March 2002 of £3,344,000 to be adequate.

Investment policy

The investment portfolio is managed on a discretionary basis. The fund is invested primarily to generate a minimum annual income from a balanced portfolio of UK and overseas equities and fixed interest securities. The fund follows a medium risk investment strategy and the performance is measured against the W. M. Constrained by Income Charity benchmark.

Investment Performance Review

After carrying out a review of the company's investment performance against its policy, the board appointed Newton Investment Management Ltd with effect from 17 August 2001 in place of Bell Lawrie White.

Over the year to end of March 2002, the minimum income target was achieved although the market value of the fixed assets investments fell by 2.7%. A substantial restructuring of the portfolio was undertaken by Newton Investment Management Ltd to align the portfolio with the W. M. Constrained by Income Charity benchmark, and this accounted for the realised losses sustained.

Risk management

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The directors have carried out an assessment of the major risks to which the company is exposed, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate those risks.

Employment of disabled persons

The company gives full and fair consideration to the employment of disabled persons, having regard to the individual's particular aptitudes and abilities and the requirement of the employment.

Employee involvement

Regular meetings are held between the management and staff and copies of the minutes of the board and Committee meetings are available to all employees.

Statement of directors' responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year that 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. The directors are required to prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors confirm that suitable accounting policies have been used and applied consistently. They also confirm that reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates have been made in preparing the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2002 and that applicable accounting standards have been followed.

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 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.

Auditors

The auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers, have indicated their willingness to continue in office, and a resolution concerning their reappointment will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

By order of the Board

Millram Howie

WILLIAM HOWIE

Secretary 18 July 2002

Independent auditors' report to the members of Aberdeen Association of Social Service

We have audited the financial statements on pages 6 to 24.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors also act as trustees for the charitable activities of Aberdeen Association of Social Service. Their responsibilities for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards are set out in the statement of directors' responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the directors' report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the charitable 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 transactions is not disclosed.

We read the other information contained in the Annual Report 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 Auditing Standards 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 charitable 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 of the state of the charitable company's affairs at 31 March 2002 and of its net incoming resources and application of resources and its income and expenditure, and cash flows for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

PricewaterhouseCoopers

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Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

Aberdeen

18 July 2002

Income and expenditure account for the year ended 31 March 2002

	Note	2002	2001
·	_	£'000	£'000
Income	3	9,214	8,337
Operating expenditure	4	(9,633)	(8,746)
Operating deficit	7	(419)	(409)
Net investment income	8	484	517
Realised (loss)/gain on sale of investments		(260)	65
(Deficit)/surplus for the financial year		(195)	173

All the above results are from continuing activities.

There is no material difference between the (deficit)/surplus for the financial year stated above and its historical cost equivalent.

Statement of total recognised gains and losses for the year ended 31 March 2002

	Note	2002	2001
	<u> </u>	£'000	£'000
(Deficit)/surplus for the financial year		(195)	173
Unrealised gain/(loss) on investments	10	38	(541)
Total recognised losses for the year		(157)	(368)

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Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 March 2002

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endow- ment funds	Total 2002	Restated Total 2001
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Incoming resources				,			
Donations, legacies and similar incoming resources	3	204	74	1,329	-	1,607	1,824
Activities in furtherance of the charity's object	3	-	12	8,336	· -	8,348	7,522
Activities for generating funds	3	131	-	-	-	131	139
Investment income	8	215	-	269	-	484	517
Total incoming resources		550	86	9,934		10,570	10,002
Resources expended							
Cost of generating funds	4	(105)	-	(138)	-	(243)	(220)
Charitable expenditure	4	(447)	(103)	(9,077)		(9,627)	(8,944)
Total resources expended	4	(552)	(103)	(9,215)		(9,870)	(9,164)
Net incoming resources/ (resources expended)		(2)	(17)	719	-	700	838
Gain/(loss) on investments:							
Realised		(110)	-	(150)	-	(260)	65
Unrealised	10	7	-	31	-	38	(541)
Net movement in funds		(105)	(17)	600	-	478	362
Fund balances at 1 April		3,449	517	14,804	7	18,777	18,415
Fund balances at 31 March		3,344	500	15,404	7	19,255	18,777

Balance sheet as at 31 March 2002

	Note	2002	2002	Restated 2001	Restated 2001
		£'000	£'000	£,000	£,000
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	9		9,095		8,898
Investments	10		7,502		7,711
			16,597		16,609
Current assets					
Stock	11	28		28	
Debtors	12	596		393	
Investments	13	2,200		1,500	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,157		1,466	
			3,981		3,387
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14		(1,323)		(1,219)
Net current assets			2,658		2,168
Net assets	19		19,255		18,777
Reserves					
Endowment funds	15		7		7
Restricted funds					
- Capital receipts fund	16		7,952		7,317
- Other funds	16		7,452		7,487
Designated funds	17		500		517
Unrestricted funds	18		3,344		3,449
Total funds			19,255		18,777

The financial statements on pages 6 to 24 were approved by the board of directors on 18 July 2002 and were signed on its behalf by:

F Kennedy

Director

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Cash flow statement for the year ended 31 March 2002

	Note	2002 £'000	2001 £'000
Net cash outflow from operating activities	20	(428)	(304)
Returns on investments and servicing of finance			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Dividends received		353	350
Interest received		131	167
Net cash inflow from returns on investments and servicing of finance	8	484	517
Capital expenditure and financial investment	110		
Receipts from sale of investments		4,410	1,899
Receipts from sale of tangible fixed assets		85	518
Payments to acquire investments		(4,094)	(1,898)
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets		(609)	(1,997)
Grants repaid		-	(257)
Capital receipts		872	1,148
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities		664	(587)
Management of liquid resources			
Net movement on money market deposits		(700)	500
Increase in cash	21	20	126

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2002

1 Principal accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom, the Companies Act 1985 and the Statement of Recommended Practice – "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued in October 2000, except as set out in note 2 regarding the treatment of capital receipts and related amortisation.

Basis of accounting

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The financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis of accounting, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

Change in accounting policy

The company has amended its accounting policy in respect of the treatment of capital receipts.

In previous years, contributions received towards expenditure on fixed assets were treated as deferred capital receipts in the balance sheet, and credited to the income and expenditure account and the statement of financial activities over the related depreciation period.

The policy is amended to credit all capital receipts to restricted incoming resources in the year of receipt. In the income and expenditure account, capital receipts are credited to restricted funds and amortised over the lives of the related fixed assets (refer to note 2).

Incoming resources

Income is recognised in the period in which the company is entitled to receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. Income is deferred only when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Resources expended

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT which cannot be recovered. This is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for expenditure.

Costs of activities in furtherance of the charity's objects

Expenditure incurred directly for activities of the charity is charged to those activities.

Management and administration expenditure

Management and administration expenditure comprises expenditure relating to the administration function.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £5,000 or more are capitalised in the balance sheet at cost. Land is not depreciated. Depreciation is provided in the year in which the fixed assets are brought into use. The rates of depreciation used are calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset evenly over its expected useful life as follows:

Buildings

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20-50 years

Motor vehicles

5 years

Furnishings and equipment

5 years

Fixed asset investments

Investment are valued at market value at the balance sheet date.

Realised and unrealised gains and losses

Realised gains and losses are applied to the income and expenditure account in the year they occur. Unrealised gains and losses are held over and applied to the income and expenditure account only when they become realised gains and losses through sale of the investments involved.

Stocks

A valuation of farm stocks is carried out by an independent valuer. Stocks are stated in accordance with this valuation.

Operating leases

Costs in respect of operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as incurred over the lease term.

Pension

The company has adopted the transitional arrangements of FRS17 'Retirement Benefits' in the accounts.

The company contributes to two pension schemes, The Pension Trust and Scottish Teachers Superannuation Scheme. The Pension Trust is a defined contribution scheme and the pension costs charged to the income and expenditure account are the contributions payable in the year. Scottish Teachers Superannuation Scheme is a defined benefit scheme. Contributions to the fund are advised by the Scottish Office Pension Agency and are charged to the income and expenditure account so as to spread the cost of pensions over the period during which the company benefits from the employees' services.

Funds

Endowment funds represent funds earmarked by the donor to be held as capital.

Restricted funds represent funds earmarked either by the donor or by the terms of an appeal for particular projects.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Board for particular projects.

Unrestricted funds are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects of the company at the discretion of the directors.

All funds held by the individual charities are available for use only according to the objectives of each society.

2 Treatment of capital receipts and related amortisation

Under the Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2000), the income and expenditure account on page 6 should reflect the statement of financial activities (SOFA) on page 7. During the year the company changed its accounting policy on the treatment of capital receipts in the SOFA and balance sheet to comply with SORP 2000. However, the new policy does not extend to the income and expenditure account. Hence, the statement of financial activities includes the capital receipts and excludes the amortisation of these receipts over the lives of the related fixed assets.

The company does not consider it appropriate to include the capital receipts in the income reported in the income and expenditure account. These receipts do not reflect the revenue income of the company and the company considers that inclusion of these receipts would be misleading for the majority of the company's stakeholders. The capital receipts have therefore been excluded from the income reported in the income and expenditure account.

Similarly, the company considers that it should credit the amortisation of the capital receipts in the operating expenditure of the company to offset the related depreciation charge.

A reconciliation between the net movement in funds reported in the statement of financial activities and the (deficit)/surplus for the year reported in the income and expenditure account is given below:

	2002	Restated 2001
	£'000	£'000
Net movement in funds per statement of financial activities (page 7)	478	362
Capital receipts	(872)	(1,148)
Amortisation of capital receipts	237	161
Disposals of fixed assets funded by capital receipts	-	257
Unrealised (gain)/loss on investments	(38)	541
(Deficit)/surplus for the year per income and expenditure account (page 6)	(195)	173

3 Income

Income comprises:

	2002	Restated 2001
	£'000	£'000
Donations, legacies and similar incoming resources		
Donations, subscriptions and covenants	665	622
Capital receipts	872	1,148
Revenue legacies	70	54
	1,607	1,824
Activities to further the charity's objects		
Board charges	6,462	5,521
Revenue grants	1,810	1,932
Farm revenue	76	69
	8,348	7,522
Activities to generate funds		
Thrift shop revenue	131	139
Total income	10,086	9,485
Reconciliation of total income to income reported in the income and expe	enditure account:	
		Restated
	2002	2001
		£,000
Total income (as above)	10,086	9,485
Less: capital receipts	(872)	(1,148)
Income per income and expenditure account (page 6)	9,214	8,337

4 Analysis of total resource expended

	2002 £'000	Restated 2001 £'000
Cost of generating funds		
Fundraising and publicity	170	164
Thrift shop expenses	54	53
Investment management fees	19	3
	243	220
Charitable expenditure		
Costs of activities in furtherance of the charity's objects:		
Social work and community services	1,593	1,294
Financial and material aid	87	92
Holidays and outings	25	25
Mental health services	1,339	1,281
Services for the elderly	3,458	3,362
Children's services	1,961	1,694
Learning disabilities	324	319
Farm expenses	82	83
Other	7	11
(Gain)/loss on sale of tangible assets	(49)	54
Depreciation	376	289
Management and administration	424	440
	9,627	8,944
Total resources expended	9,870	9,164

Reconciliation of total resources expended to operating expenditure reported in the income and expenditure account:

	2002 £'000	Restated 2001 £'000
Total resources expended (as above)	9,870	9,164
Less: Amortisation of capital receipts	(237)	(161)
Disposals of fixed assets funded by capital receipts	<u> </u>	(257)
Operating expenditure per income and expenditure account (page 6)	9,633	8,746

5 Directors' emoluments

The directors of the Board received nil emoluments (2001: £nil) and were not paid or reimbursed for expenses (2001: £nil) during the year.

£3,000 (2001: £3,000) was incurred during the year for the purchase of insurance to indemnify the directors against the consequences of any neglect or defaults.

6 Employee information

The average monthly number of persons employed by the company during the year was 543 (2001:531). This includes 6 (2001:6) staff for whom the company acts as the formal employer on behalf of other voluntary agencies.

	2002	2001
	£,000	£'000
Wages and salaries	6,383	6,021
Social security costs	481	462
Other pension costs (Note 26)	201	185
Total direct costs of employment	7,065	6,668

There is one employee (2001: one) whose emoluments for the year were greater than £50,000 and falls between the banding £50,000 - £59,999 (2001: £50,000 - £59,999). The employee is a member of The Pension Trust and contributions amounting to £6,000 (2001: £6,000) were made to his pension scheme during the year.

7 Operating deficit

Operating deficit is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2002	2001
	£'000	£,000
Auditors' remuneration - audit	8	8
- other services	1	3
Depreciation	376	289
Amortisation of capital receipts	(237)	(161)
(Gain)/loss on sale of tangible assets	(49)	54
Operating lease rentals for plant and machinery	· -	1

8 Investment income

	2002	2001
	£'000	£'000
Income from listed fixed asset investments	353	350
Other interest receivable and similar income	131	167
	484	517

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Heritable property	Motor vehicles	Furnishings and equipment	Assets under construction	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cost					
At 1 April 2001	7,065	287	553	3,107	11,012
Additions	146	58	146	259	609
Disposals	(45)	(79)	-	-	(124)
Transfers	3,044	-	267	(3,311)	-
At 31 March 2002	10,210	266	966	55	11,497
Depreciation					
At 1 April 2001	1,438	226	450	-	2,114
Charge for the year	208	37	131	-	376
Disposals	(9)	(79)	-	-	(88)
At 31 March 2002	1,637	184	581	-	2,402
Net book amount					
At 31 March 2002	8,573	82	385	55	9,095
At 31 March 2001	5,627	61	103	3,107	8,898

There is a standard security held by Scottish Homes over Woodgrove to the value of £489,564, plus 4% interest over base rate from the date of default. The primary condition is that a service shall operate on an agreed basis in the subjects for a period of 10 years. This service commenced on 1 February 1997.

There is a standard security held by Scottish Homes over Cloverfield Grove to the value of £875,546 plus 4% interest over base rate from the date of default. The primary condition is that a service shall operate on an agreed basis in the subjects for a period of ten years. This service commenced on 18 April 2001.

10 Fixed asset investments

		£'000
Market value at 1 April 2001		7,711
Acquisitions at cost		4,094
Disposals at cost or opening market value		(4,670)
Unrealised gain on investments		38
Net movement in cash held awaiting investment		329
Market value at 31 March 2002		7,502
Historical cost at 31 March 2002		6,642
nvestments at market value include:	2002 £²000	2001 £'000
UK listed investments		
- Fixed interest securities		
	1,432	906
- Equity shares	1,432 4,250	906 5,613
- Equity shares - Investment trusts and unit trusts	,	, , , ,
	4,250	5,613

No investment amounted to greater than 5% of the total market value of investments at 31 March 2002 (2001: nil).

11 Stocks

The amounts attributable to different categories are as follows:

	2002	2001
	£'000	£'000
Livestock	17	18
Crops	2	1
Seeds, manure and feeding stuffs	9	9
	28	28

12 Debtors

	2002	2001
	£'000	£'000
Amounts falling due within one year		
Other debtors	584	382
Amounts falling due after more than one year		
Other debtors	12	11
	596	393

13 Current asset investments

Current asset investments relate to amounts held on short term deposits.

14 Creditors – amounts falling due within one year

	2002	2001
	£'000	£'000
Other creditors	266	127
Taxation and social security	166	150
Accruals	891	942
	1,323	1,219

15 Endowment funds

	Balance at 31 March 2001 £'000	31 March		Resources expended	Gain/(loss) on investments	Balance at 31 March 2002
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
James Mackie Bequest	3	-	-	-	3	
Coutts Trust Fund	1	-	-	-	1	
Thomson Trust Fund	1	-	-	-	1	
Burton Memorial Fund	2	_	-	_	2	
	7	-	_	<u>-</u>	7	

16 Restricted funds

	Restated 31 March 2001 £'000	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gain/(loss) on investments	31 March 2002
		£'000 £'000		£'000	£'000
Capital receipts fund	7,317	872	(237)	-	7,952
Other funds	7,487	9,062	(8,978)	(119)	7,452
	14,804	9,934	(9,215)	(119)	15,404

Capital receipts fund relates to amounts incurred or committed on the acquisitions of fixed assets.

17 Designated funds

	Balance at 31 March 2001 £'000	31 March resources expended		Balance at 31 March 2002				
		£'000	£'000	£'000				
Repairs, renewals and improvements	390	-	•	390				
Staff training reserve	127	86	(103)	110				
	517	86	(103)	500				

18 Unrestricted funds

	Balance at 31 March 2001 £'000	Incoming resources	Resources expended £'000	Gain/(loss) on investments	Balance at 31 March 2002 £'000
		£'000		£'000	
Unrestricted funds	3,449	550	(552)	(103)	3,344

19 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£,000	£'000
Fund balances at 31 March 2002 are represented by:-					
Tangible fixed assets	2,145	-	6,950	-	9,095
Investments	2,220	500	4,775	7	7,502
Current assets	~	-	3,981	-	3,981
Current liabilities	(1,021)	_	(302)	-	(1,323)
	3,344	500	15,404	7	19,255

20 Reconciliation of deficit for the year to net cash outflow from operating activities

	2002	2001
	£'000	£'000
Operating deficit for the year	(419)	(409)
Depreciation	376	289
Amortisation of capital receipts	(237)	(161)
(Gain)/loss on sale of tangible assets	(49)	54
Increase in stocks	-	(3)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(203)	171
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	104	(245)
Net cash outflow from operating activities	(428)	(304)

21 Analysis of changes in net funds

	At 1 April 2001	Cash flows	At 31 March 2002
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cash at bank and in hand	1,466	(309)	1,157
Cash held in the UK awaiting investment (Note 10)	189	329	518
	1,655	20	1,675

22 Contingent liabilities and financial commitments

	2002	2001
Capital expenditure	£'000	£'000
Approved by the directors but not yet contracted for	3,800	2,500
Approved by the directors and contracted for	160	340

23 Taxation

The Inland Revenue has granted the company charitable status and accordingly no provision for taxation is required.

24 Member's liability

Member's liability is limited by guarantee not in excess of £1 per member.

25 Heritable property

The company owned, at 31 March 2002, the following subjects in Aberdeen:-

Cloverfield Grove, Residential Care for Older People

Forestgait, Residential Care for Older People

Fountville, Residential Care for Older People

Ruthrieston Home, Residential Care for Older People

Millbank House, 139 Hardgate

Woodgrove, Nursing Care for Older People with Dementia

Sheltered Housing Flats – 1 – 20 Forestgait Lodge, Kings Gate/Richmondhill Place

Special Purpose Housing – Flats 1 – 5, 56 Loanhead Terrace

Broomhill Leisure Centre, Broomhill Road

Woodside Leisure Centre, Clifton Road

Richmondhill House, Richmondhill Place

Children's Centre, Richmondhill Place

Linn Moor Residential School, Peterculter

2 staff houses - Linn Moor School, Peterculter

Thrift Shops:-

- 206 King Street
- 82 King Street
- 431 George Street
- Gallowgate

38 - 45 Castle Street

Easter Anguston, Peterculter:-

- buildings and land
- 2 staff houses
- Crichton House
- 14 Dalmaik Terrace, Peterculter
- 4 Crown Crescent, Peterculter
- 40 Crown Crescent, Peterculter
- Craigton Grove

St Aubin's Project:

- 87 South Anderson Drive
- 318 Great Western Road
- Northfield Lodge

26 Pension costs

During the year, the company contributed to two pension schemes for certain employees. The details of these schemes are shown below:

a) The Pensions Trust

This is a defined contribution scheme. The assets of this scheme are held separately from those of the company. A charge of £190,000 (2001:£176,000) has been made in the year. Contributions totalling £16,000 (2001:£15,000) were payable to the pension fund at 31 March 2002 and are included in creditors.

b) Scottish Teachers Superannuation Scheme

This is a defined benefit scheme which is externally funded and contracted out of State Earnings-Related Pension Scheme. The assets of the scheme are in a separate trustee-administered fund. It is not possible to identify each employer's share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the scheme and hence contributions to the scheme are accounted for as if it were a defined contribution scheme. The cost recognised in the income and expenditure account being equal to the contributions payable to the scheme for the year.

The latest actuarial valuation of the scheme was at 31 March 1996. The assumptions which have the most significant effect on the result of the valuation are those relating to the rate of return on investments (i.e. the valuation interest rate) and the rates of increase in salary and pension. In relation to the past liabilities the financial assumptions were derived from market yield rates prevailing at the valuation date. It was assumed that the valuation rate of interest would be 8.5% per annum, salary increases would be 6.5% per annum and pensions would increase by 5% per annum.

At the valuation date, the actuarial value of the assets of the scheme was £6,890 million and the value of the liabilities was £7,120 million leaving a balance of liability of £230 million. A supplementary contribution by employers at the rate of 0.75% a year from 1 April 2002 would meet the balance of liability as at 31 March 1996 by the expiry of a period of 40 years commencing on 1 April 2002. The total contributions payable from 1 April 2002 would then be 13.15% which, compared with the current rate of 12.9%, represents an increase of 0.25%.

Surpluses or deficits which arise at future valuations may impact on the company's future contribution commitment. The next formal actuarial valuation is due as at 31 March 2001 when the above rates will be reviewed.

The total STPS pension cost for the company was £11,000 (2001: £9,000). This includes £1,000 (2001: £1,000) outstanding contributions at the balance sheet date. The contributions rate payable by the company was 6.9% of pensionable salaries.

Financial Summary of Individual Societies for the year ended 31 March 2002

	Income £'000	Expenditure £'000	Surplus/ (deficit) £'000
Voluntary Service Aberdeen	1,407	(1,465)	(58)
Aberdeen Children' Society	214	(220)	(6)
AgeCare Aberdeen	3,966	(4,045)	(79)
Easter Anguston	466	(452)	14
Linn Moor Residential School	1,951	(1,932)	19
Richmondhill House	327	(333)	(6)
St Aubin's Project	1,308	(1,307)	1
Aberdeen Council for Voluntary Organisations	215	(203)	12
Charities Aid	11	(13)	(2)
Legacies	70	-	70
Gain on sale of tangible assets	-	49	49
Consolidation adjustments – transfer between funds	-	51	51
Reclassification of amortisation of capital receipts	(237)	237	-
Net investment income	(484)	-	(484)
	9,214	(9,633)	(419)
Net investment income			484
Realised loss on investments			(260)
Deficit for the financial year			(195)