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**EASTBOURNE AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF  
COMMERCE, LIMITED (THE)**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

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**EASTBOURNE AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,LIMITED (THE)**

**BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019**

	Notes	2019 £	£	2018 £	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	3	423,761		190,180	
Investment properties	4	590,625		403,125	
			<u>1,014,386</u>		<u>593,305</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	6	55,445		14,814	
Cash at bank and in hand		43,518		95,243	
			<u>98,963</u>		<u>110,057</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	7	(75,250)		(68,013)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>23,713</u>		<u>42,044</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>1,038,099</u>		<u>635,349</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	8	(395,071)		-	
<b>Provisions for liabilities</b>	9	(38,994)		(36,682)	
<b>Net assets</b>			<u>604,034</u>		<u>598,667</u>
<b>Reserves</b>					
Revaluation reserve	11	46,865		46,865	
Income and expenditure account		557,169		551,802	
<b>Members' funds</b>			<u>604,034</u>		<u>598,667</u>

The directors of the company have elected not to include a copy of the income and expenditure account within the financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

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**BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)**  
**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019**

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The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 23 July 2020 and are signed on its behalf by:



N C Beckhurst  
Director

**Company Registration No. 00208991**

# **EASTBOURNE AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,LIMITED (THE)**

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

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### **1 Accounting policies**

#### **Company information**

Eastbourne and District Chamber of Commerce,Limited (The) is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 49 Gildredge Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN21 4RY.

#### **1.1 Accounting convention**

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 as applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime. The disclosure requirements of section 1A of FRS 102 have been applied other than where additional disclosure is required to show a true and fair view.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### **1.2 Income and expenditure**

Turnover represents amounts receivable for memberships, meetings and events and property rents net of VAT.

#### **1.3 Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land & buildings	50 years straight line on buildings element only
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	5 - 10 years

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is credited or charged to surplus or deficit.

# **EASTBOURNE AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,LIMITED (THE)**

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

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### **1 Accounting policies (Continued)**

#### **1.4 Investment properties**

Investment property, which is property held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, is initially recognised at cost, which includes the purchase cost and any directly attributable expenditure. Subsequently it is measured at fair value at the reporting end date. The surplus or deficit on revaluation is recognised in profit or loss.

Where fair value cannot be achieved without undue cost or effort, investment property is accounted for as tangible fixed assets.

#### **1.5 Impairment of fixed assets**

At each reporting period end date, the company reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any). Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the company estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted.

If the recoverable amount of an asset (or cash-generating unit) is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset (or cash-generating unit) is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised immediately in surplus or deficit, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation decrease.

Recognised impairment losses are reversed if, and only if, the reasons for the impairment loss have ceased to apply. Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (or cash-generating unit) is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset (or cash-generating unit) in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in surplus or deficit, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the reversal of the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation increase.

#### **1.6 Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

# **EASTBOURNE AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,LIMITED (THE)**

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

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### **1 Accounting policies (Continued)**

#### **1.7 Financial instruments**

The company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the company's balance sheet when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

##### **Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

##### **Classification of financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities.

##### **Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors, bank loans, loans from fellow group companies and preference shares that are classified as debt, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### **1.8 Taxation**

The tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax.

## **EASTBOURNE AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,LIMITED (THE)**

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

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#### **1 Accounting policies (Continued)**

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. The company's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting end date.

Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all timing differences and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits. Such assets and liabilities are not recognised if the timing difference arises from goodwill or from the initial recognition of other assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the tax profit nor the accounting profit.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each reporting end 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. Deferred tax is charged or credited in the profit and loss account, except when it relates to items charged or credited directly to equity, in which case the deferred tax is also dealt with in equity. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when the company has a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets and liabilities and the deferred tax assets and liabilities relate to taxes levied by the same tax authority.

#### **1.9 Employee benefits**

The costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense, unless those costs are required to be recognised as part of the cost of stock or fixed assets.

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

#### **1.10 Group accounts**

The financial statements present information about the company as an individual undertaking and not about its group. The company and its subsidiary undertaking comprise a small-sized group. The company has therefore taken advantage of the exemptions provided by section 399 of the Companies Act 2006 not to prepare group accounts.



**EASTBOURNE AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,LIMITED (THE)****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019****2 Employees**

The average monthly number of persons (including directors) employed by the company during the year was 3 (2018 - 3).

	<b>2019 Number</b>	<b>2018 Number</b>
Total	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

**3 Tangible fixed assets**

	<b>Land and buildings</b>	<b>Plant and machinery etc</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 January 2019	187,500	32,822	220,322
Additions	419,994	12,529	432,523
Transfers	(187,500)	-	(187,500)
At 31 December 2019	<u>419,994</u>	<u>45,351</u>	<u>465,345</u>
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>			
At 1 January 2019	-	30,142	30,142
Depreciation charged in the year	8,400	3,042	11,442
At 31 December 2019	<u>8,400</u>	<u>33,184</u>	<u>41,584</u>
<b>Carrying amount</b>			
At 31 December 2019	<u>411,594</u>	<u>12,167</u>	<u>423,761</u>
At 31 December 2018	<u>187,500</u>	<u>2,680</u>	<u>190,180</u>

# **EASTBOURNE AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,LIMITED (THE)**

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

### **4 Investment property**

	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>
<b>Fair value</b>	
At 1 January 2019	403,125
Transfers	187,500
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At 31 December 2019	590,625
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Investment property comprises 6 & 7 Hyde Gardens, Eastbourne. The fair value of the investment property has been arrived at on the basis of a valuation carried out on 29 January 2019 by R Price FRICS of Martin Lacey Buckley Ltd, Chartered Surveyors. The valuation was made on the basis of market value in accordance with the requirements of the RICS Valuation - Professional Standards July 2017 incorporating the IVSC International Valuation Standards and Professional Standards UK July 2017.

### **5 Subsidiaries**

#### **Controlling interest**

The Chamber has voting control of Eastbourne & District Enterprise Agency Limited, a company which is limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

Details of the company's subsidiaries at 31 December 2019 are as follows:

<b>Name of undertaking</b>	<b>Registered office</b>	<b>Nature of business</b>
Eastbourne & District Enterprise Agency Limited	England & Wales	Enterprise Agency

The aggregate capital and reserves and the result for the year of the subsidiaries noted above was as follows:

<b>Name of undertaking</b>	<b>Profit/(Loss) for the year 31 March 2019 £</b>	<b>Capital and Reserves 31 March 2019 £</b>
Eastbourne & District Enterprise Agency Limited	(52,554)	161,619

The investments in subsidiaries are all stated at cost.

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**6 Debtors**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Trade debtors	9,358	11,970
Amounts due from group undertakings	41,168	-
Other debtors	4,919	2,844
	<u>55,445</u>	<u>14,814</u>

**7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Bank loans	11,463	-
Trade creditors	14,946	4,242
Amounts owed to group undertakings	-	13,750
Corporation tax	1,546	9,961
Other creditors	47,295	40,060
	<u>75,250</u>	<u>68,013</u>

**8 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Bank loans and overdrafts	<u>395,071</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Creditors which fall due after five years are as follows:</b>		
	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Payable by instalments	<u>395,071</u>	<u>-</u>

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**9 Deferred taxation**

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset where the company has a legally enforceable right to do so. The following is the analysis of the deferred tax balances (after offset) for financial reporting purposes:

	<b>Liabilities 2019 £</b>	<b>Liabilities 2018 £</b>
<b>Balances:</b>		
Accelerated capital allowances	2,312	-
Investment property	36,682	36,682
	<u>38,994</u>	<u>36,682</u>
		<b>2019 £</b>
<b>Movements in the year:</b>		
Liability at 1 January 2019		36,682
Charge to profit or loss		2,312
		<u>38,994</u>
Liability at 31 December 2019		<u>38,994</u>

**10 Members' liability**

The company is limited by guarantee, not having a share capital and consequently the liability of members is limited, subject to an undertaking by each member to contribute to the net assets or liabilities of the company on winding up such amounts as may be required not exceeding 25 pence per member. At the year end, there were 500 members (2018: 500 members).

**11 Revaluation reserve**

	<b>2019 £</b>	<b>2018 £</b>
At the beginning of the year	46,865	-
Revaluation surplus arising in the year	-	46,865
	<u>46,865</u>	<u>46,865</u>
At the end of the year	<u>46,865</u>	<u>46,865</u>

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**12 Audit report information**

As the income statement has been omitted from the filing copy of the financial statements, the following information in relation to the audit report on the statutory financial statements is provided in accordance with s444(5B) of the Companies Act 2006:

The auditor's report was unqualified.

The senior statutory auditor was Mr Malcolm Preece BA FCA DChA.

The auditor was Price & Company.