

Registered Industrial and Provident Society No 23202R

Registered Housing Association No SL3224

**Plumlife Homes Limited
Report and Financial Statements
For the Year ended 31 March 2010**

PLUMLIFE HOMES LIMITED
Year ended 31 March 2010

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ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

Board

Chairman
Vice Chairman
Other Members

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P. Stott

Registered Numbers

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Industrial and Provident Society No:
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PLUMLIFE HOMES LIMITED
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REPORT OF THE BOARD

The Board presents its report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2010.

Principal activities

Plumlife Homes Limited's principal activity is the management of shared ownership housing and private housing schemes in the context of its membership of the Great Places Housing Group.

Business review

The surplus for the year ended 31 March 2010 was £120,000 (2009: £36,000). At the year-end the reserves amounted to £901,000 (2009: £781,000).

Staircasing (sale of equity tranches in properties) and sales activity has continued to slow with only 3 staircasings taking place, yielding a net gain on disposal of £67,000.

In respect of the year ended 31 March 2010 a gift aid payment of £700,000 (2009: £502,000) was made on 31st March 2010 to Great Places Housing Association.

Housing property assets

Details of changes to the Association's property assets are shown in note 12 of the financial statements.

Trade creditors

The Association's trade creditors fall into three main categories – contractors engaged under formal contracts, utilities and others. The Association has a policy of paying contractors in accordance with contractual terms, utilities upon receipt of invoice and others by at least the end of the month following that of invoice.

Donations

During the years ended 31 March 2010 and 2009 the Association has made no political contributions and any charitable donations were made during the course of its ordinary activities.

Post balance sheet events

We consider that there have been no events since the year-end that have had a significant effect on the Association's financial position.

Employees, diversity and equal opportunities

The strength of the Association lies in the quality and commitment of its employees, and our ability to meet our objectives and commitments to tenants, residents, leaseholders and the community in an efficient and effective manner depends on their contribution.

The Association uses a variety of methods to provide information on its objectives, progress and activities. We seek the views of employees on all matters of common interest and concern and upon the best methods by which to achieve our overall objectives. As part of this process, we have established a formal staff association, which meets at least quarterly. As part of the consultative and feedback process, the group undertakes an externally managed and confidential annual staff survey and feeds the results of this into its Human Resource plans.

We are committed to equal opportunities and in particular we support the employment of disabled people. The Association has, and continually reappraises, a full and comprehensive policy of diversity and equal opportunities.

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Health and safety

The Board is aware of its responsibilities on all matters relating to health and safety. The Association has prepared detailed health and safety policies and provides staff training and education on health and safety matters.

Corporate Governance and the role of the Board

The rules governing the operations of the Association comprise the Model Rules 1998 formulated by the National Housing Federation (NHF). Plumlife Homes Limited also complies with the NHF Code of Governance (revised).

Board members are drawn from a wide background and are selected to ensure they bring relevant experience, skills, diversity and understanding to the discussions and decision making process of the Board.

The Board meets formally at least 6 times a year for regular business including approval of the annual budget and business plan. Internal and external audit issues are addressed by the group audit committee, together with all matters affecting internal controls assurance.

Board members and executive directors

The directors of the Association comprise the members of the Board and a senior executive officer. Details of the members of the Board and senior executive officer who served in the year ending 31 March 2010 are set out on page 1. All have served throughout the year and to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

Tenant involvement

We actively encourage tenants' involvement in decision-making by promoting tenant involvement. We have four tenant board members on our board and clear reporting arrangements between tenant groups and the Board.

Internal controls assurance

The Board acknowledges its overall responsibility for establishing, maintaining and monitoring the whole system of internal control and for reviewing its effectiveness. This responsibility applies to all activities within the Association.

The system of internal control is designed to manage, rather than eliminate, the risk of failure to achieve business objectives, and to provide reasonable, and not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss.

The process for identifying, evaluating and managing the significant risks faced by the Association is ongoing, and has been in place throughout the period commencing 1 April 2009 up to the date of approval of the report and financial statements. The Association is currently reviewing the way it undertakes the compilation of its risk register so that this process will be enhanced in future.

Key elements of the control framework include:

- approved terms of reference for the Board and delegated authorities for its committees and the executive team;
- clearly defined management responsibilities for the identification, evaluation and control of significant risks;
- a group audit committee with clear terms of reference and delegated authority;
- a three year Internal audit programme delivered by an external provider;
- ongoing management review of key internal processes;
- undertaking benchmarking and external review of performance and processes;
- robust strategic and business planning processes, with detailed financial budgets and forecasts, subject to external validation;

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- formal recruitment, retention, induction, training and development policies for all staff;
- established risk assessment and appraisal procedures for all major new initiatives and development schemes;
- a sophisticated approach to treasury management which is subject to external review each year;
- regular reporting to the appropriate Board, committee or management team, on key business objectives, targets and outcomes;
- Board approved policies for staff conduct, whistle-blowing, and for dealing with fraud and misappropriation, covering prevention, detection and reporting of fraud, and the recovery of assets;
- a fraud register that is maintained and is regularly reviewed by the audit committee; and
- regular monitoring of loan covenants, cash flow requirements and future requirements for new loan facilities.

The Board cannot delegate ultimate responsibility for the system of internal control, but it can, and has, delegated authority to the audit committee to regularly review the effectiveness of the system of internal control.

The Board has noted that the Group's Audit Committee that it has received a report regarding the effectiveness of the system of internal control for the Association, and the annual report of the internal auditor, and that the committee has conducted its own review of the effectiveness of the systems currently in place.

The Board confirms that it is satisfied that there are ongoing processes in place to identify, evaluate, control and manage any significant risks faced by the organisation. These processes have been in place during the year under review, up to the date of the annual report and accounts and they are regularly reviewed by the Board.

REPORT OF THE BOARD

Statement of the responsibilities of the Board for the report and financial statements

The Board is responsible for preparing the report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The Industrial and Provident Societies Acts and registered social landlord legislation in the United Kingdom require the Board to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Association at the end of the year and of the surplus of the Association for the year then ended.

In preparing these financial statements the Board is required to:

- selected suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- follow applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting by registered social landlords (2008), subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The Board is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which 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 Industrial and Provident Societies Acts 1965 to 2002, the Housing Act 1996 (to 31 March 2010), the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 (from 1 April 2010) and the Accounting Requirements for Registered Social Landlords General Determination 2006. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Association and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Board is responsible for ensuring that the report of the Board is prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting by registered social landlords (2008).

The Board is responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information on the group's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of the financial statements and other information included in annual reports may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Operating and Financial Review

The Association has decided not to include an Operating and Financial Review (OFR), however a Group OFR has been included in the financial statements of its parent company Great Places Housing Group.

Going Concern

After making enquiries, the Board has a reasonable expectation that the Association has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, being a period of twelve months after the date on which the report and financial statements are signed. For this reason, it continues to adopt the going concern basis in the financial statements.

REPORT OF THE BOARD

Annual general meeting

The annual general meeting will be held on Wednesday 1 September 2010 at Southerngate, Manchester.

Disclosure of information to auditors

At the date of making this report each of the Association's Board members, as set out on page 1, confirm the following:

- so far as each Board member is aware, there is no relevant information needed by the Association's auditors in connection with preparing their report of which the Association's auditors are unaware; and
- each Board member has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself aware of any relevant information needed by the Association's auditors in connection with preparing their report and to establish that the Association's auditors are aware of that information.

External auditors

A resolution to re-appoint Grant Thornton UK LLP will be proposed at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

The report of the Board was approved on 27 July 2010 and signed on its behalf by:



Phil Elvy
Secretary

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PLUMLIFE HOMES LIMITED

Independent auditor's report to the members of Plumlife Homes Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Plumlife Homes Limited (the association) for the year ended 31 March 2010 which comprise the income and expenditure account, the balance sheet and notes 1 to 25.

This report is made solely to the association's members, as a body, in accordance with regulations made under Section 4 of the Friendly and Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1968. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the association'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 association and the association's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of the board and auditors

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the financial statements in accordance with the applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out in the Statement of the responsibilities of the Board (on page 5).

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you, our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view in accordance with Chapter 9 of the Friendly and Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1968, and whether the financial statements are in compliance with Chapter 127, Part II, Chapter 4 of the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 and the Accounting Requirements for Registered Social Landlords General Determination 2006.

In addition, in accordance with Chapter 9 of the Friendly and Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1968 we report to you if, in our opinion, the association has not kept proper books of account, or maintained a satisfactory system of control, or the financial statements are not in agreement with the books of account of the society, or we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

We read the other information accompanying the financial statements and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

Basis of audit opinion

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

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PLUMLIFE
HOMES LIMITED**

Opinion

In our opinion:

- the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the association's affairs as at 31 March 2010 and of its income and expenditure, for the year then ended; and
- the financial statements are in compliance with Chapter 127, Part II, Chapter 4 of the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 and the Accounting Requirements for Registered Social Landlords General Determination 2006.

Grant Thornton UK LLP

Grant Thornton UK LLP
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditor
Manchester
11/8/10

PLUMLIFE HOMES LIMITED
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

For the year ended 31 March 2010

	Note	2010	2009
		£'000	£'000
Turnover	3	2,223	1,230
Operating costs	3	(1,420)	(731)
Operating surplus	4	803	499
Surplus on sale of fixed assets – housing properties	5	67	75
Interest receivable	6	3	40
Interest payable and similar charges	7	(23)	(62)
Surplus on ordinary activities before taxation		850	552
Gift aid payment	8	(700)	(502)
Tax on surplus on ordinary activities	9	(30)	(14)
Surplus for the financial year	20	120	36

All amounts relate to continuing activities.

There were no other gains or losses arising during the year other than the surplus for the year.

Historical cost surpluses and deficits were identical to those shown in the income and expenditure account.

The notes on pages 11 to 26 form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET

At 31 March 2010

	2010	2009
	£'000	£'000
	Note	
Tangible fixed assets		
Housing properties at cost	12 3,610	3,670
Social housing grant	12 (2,454)	(2,492)
Depreciation	12 (99)	(90)
	<u>1,057</u>	<u>1,088</u>
Current assets		
Debtors	13 491	514
Cash at bank and in hand	1,175	1,130
	<u>1,666</u>	<u>1,644</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	14 (1,362)	(1,429)
Net current assets	<u>304</u>	<u>215</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	<u><u>1,361</u></u>	<u><u>1,303</u></u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	15 460	522
Capital and reserves		
Share capital	19 -	-
Revenue reserve	20 901	781
Association's funds	<u>901</u>	<u>781</u>
	<u><u>1,361</u></u>	<u><u>1,303</u></u>

The notes on pages 11 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 27 July 2010 and signed on its behalf by:

Leslie S Corp
 Board member

J. McGowan
 Board member

[Signature]
 Secretary

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31 March 2010

- 1. Legal status**
The Association is registered under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965 and is registered with the TSA as a registered provider.
- 2. Accounting policies**

Basis of accounting

The financial statements of the Association are prepared in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (UK GAAP) and Statements of Recommended Practice: Accounting by registered social landlords, issued in January 2008 (SORP 2008) and comply with the Accounting Requirements for registered social landlords General Determination 2006.

Cash flow statement

Under Financial Reporting Standard 1, the Company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds that a parent undertaking includes the Company in its own published consolidated financial statements.

Turnover

Turnover comprises rental income receivable in the year, income from shared ownership first tranche sales and other services included at the invoiced value (excluding VAT) of goods and services supplied in the year.

Income from first tranche sales is recognised at the point of legal completion of the sale.

Value added tax

The Association is registered for value added tax (VAT) as part of the Great Places Group VAT registration. A large proportion of its income, rents and service charges, is exempt for VAT purposes thus giving rise to a partial exemption calculation.

Interest payable

Interest payable is charged to the income and expenditure account in the year.

Pensions

The Association participates in the Social Housing Pension Scheme (SHPS). For SHPS, it has not been possible to identify the share of underlying assets and liabilities belonging to individual participating employers. The income and expenditure charge represents the employer contribution payable to the scheme for the period.

Housing properties

Housing properties are principally properties which are available for rent on a shared ownership basis and are stated at cost less social housing and similar grant and depreciation. Cost includes the cost of acquiring land and buildings, development costs, interest charges incurred during the development period and expenditure incurred in respect of improvements.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

Donated land

Land donated by local authorities and others is added to cost at the market value of the land at the time of the donation. Where the land is not related to a specific development and is donated by a public body an amount equivalent to the increase in value between market value and cost is added to other grants. Where the donation is from a non-public source, the value of the donation is included as income.

Social housing grant

Social housing grant (SHG) is receivable from the HCA (formerly the Housing Corporation) and is utilised to reduce the capital cost of housing properties, including land costs. SHG due from the HCA or received in advance is included as a current asset or liability. SHG received in respect of revenue expenditure is credited to the income and expenditure account in the same period as the expenditure to which it relates.

SHG is subordinated to the repayment of loans by agreement with the HCA. SHG released on sale of a property may be repayable but is normally available to be recycled and is credited to a Recycled Capital Grant Fund and included in the balance sheet in creditors.

Other grants

Other grants are receivable from local authorities and other organisations. Capital grants are utilised to reduce the capital costs of housing properties, including land costs. Grants in respect of revenue expenditure are credited to the income and expenditure account in the same period as the expenditure to which they relate.

Depreciation of housing properties

Freehold land is not depreciated. Depreciation of buildings is charged so as to write down the net book value of housing properties to their estimated residual value, on a straight-line basis, over their estimated useful economic lives in the business. The depreciable amount is arrived at on the basis of original cost, less the proportion of SHG and other grants attributable at a rate of 1% - 2% per annum.

Properties held under leases are amortised over the life of the lease or their estimated useful economic lives in the business, if shorter.

Impairment

Housing properties which are depreciated over a period in excess of 50 years are subject to impairment reviews annually. Other assets are reviewed for impairment if there is an indication that impairment may have occurred.

Where there is evidence of impairment, fixed assets are written down to their recoverable amount. Any such write down is charged before arriving at operating surplus.

Properties for sale

Shared ownership first tranche sales are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost comprises materials, direct labour and direct development overheads. Net realisable value is based on estimated sales price after allowing for all further costs of completion and disposal.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

Taxation

The Association does not have charitable status and is therefore liable to corporation tax. An estimate of the corporation tax liability due in respect of the taxable surplus for a financial period is charged in the Income and Expenditure Account of the period and that amount is carried as a creditor until the liability is agreed with the Inland Revenue and is paid. Once the actual liability is agreed, any under or over provisioning is charged in or written back through the Income and Expenditure Account. Gift aid payments are made to minimise any corporation tax liability.

Deferred taxation

The payment of taxation is deferred or accelerated because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for accounting and taxation purposes. Except as noted below, full provision for deferred taxation is made under the incremental liability method on all timing differences that have arisen, but not reversed by the balance sheet date.

In accordance with FRS 19, deferred tax is not provided for gains on the sale of non-monetary assets, if the taxable gain will probably be rolled over.

Deferred tax is measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods when the timing differences are expected to reverse, based on tax rates and law enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

Service charge sinking funds

Service charge sinking funds are held on the balance sheet within creditors.

Forfeited/cancelled shares

Shares in the Association issued to members are not transferable. Upon a shareholder ceasing to be a member, his/her share is forfeited and the value is credited to the revenue reserve.

PLUMLIFE HOMES LIMITED
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3 Particulars of turnover, cost of sales, operating costs and operating surplus

	2010		2009	
	Turnover £'000	Operating Costs £'000	Operating Costs £'000	Operating surplus £'000
Social housing lettings	237	(17)		220
Other social housing activities				
Managed properties	1,071	(1,013)		58
Homebuy direct income	729	(311)		418
Marketing income	186	(79)		107
	1,986	(1,403)		583
	2,223	(1,420)		803
	235	(57)		178
Social housing lettings				
Other social housing activities				
Managed properties	617	(612)		5
Marketing income	378	(62)		316
	995	(674)		321
	1,230	(731)		499

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**3. Particulars of turnover, cost of sales, operating costs and operating surplus
(continued)**

	2010	2009
Particulars of income and expenditure from social housing lettings		
Low Cost Home Ownership	£'000	£'000
Rents net of identifiable service charges	237	235
Service charge income	-	-
Turnover from social housing lettings	237	235
Management	(13)	(14)
Services	(22)	(17)
Bad debts	28	(17)
Depreciation of housing properties	(10)	(9)
Operating costs on social housing lettings	(17)	(57)
Operating surplus on social housing lettings	220	178
Void losses	-	-

4. Operating surplus

The operating surplus is arrived at after charging:

	2010	2009
	£'000	£'000
Depreciation of housing properties	10	9
Amortisation of goodwill	-	16
Auditors' remuneration (including VAT)	4	4
- for the audit of the financial statements	3	3
- for other services relating to taxation	-	-

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

5. Surplus on sale of fixed assets – housing properties

	2010	2009
	£'000	£'000
Disposal proceeds	129	130
Carrying value of fixed assets	(24)	(20)
	105	110
Capital grant recycled (note 17)	(38)	(35)
	67	75

6. Interest receivable and other income

	2010	2009
	£'000	£'000
Interest receivable and similar income	3	40
	3	40

7. Interest payable and similar charges

	2010	2009
	£'000	£'000
Loans and bank overdrafts	23	62
	23	62

8. Gift aid

	2010	2009
	£'000	£'000
Payment made as gift aid in accordance with s339 (7AA) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988	700	502

A payment was made on 31st March 2010 to Great Places Housing Association of £700,000 (2009: £502,000) in respect of the year ended 31 March 2010. For the purposes of s338 of the Income & Corporation Taxes Act 1988, the Association deemed this to be a charge on income in the accounting period ended 31 March 2010 thereby reducing its liability to corporation tax for that year to £42,172 (2009: £nil).

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9. Tax on surplus on ordinary activities

	2010	2009
	£'000	£'000
Current tax		
UK corporation tax charge for year	42	14
Adjustments in respect of prior years	-	-
	<u>42</u>	<u>14</u>
Deferred tax		
Net origination and reversal of timing differences	(12)	-
	<u>30</u>	<u>14</u>
	<u><u>(12)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>
Current tax reconciliation		
Surplus on ordinary activities	<u>153</u>	<u>50</u>
Whereon corporation tax at the standard rate of 28% (2009: 28%)	43	14
Effects of:		
Income not taxable for tax purposes – fixed assets	(16)	(19)
Chargeable gains	9	19
Other short term timing differences	7	5
Utilisation of tax losses and other deductions	-	(3)
Marginal relief	(1)	(2)
Current tax charge	<u>42</u>	<u>14</u>

Factors that may affect future tax charges

A deferred tax asset of £11,693 (2009: £nil) is recognised on the Association's DVI losses. The amount unprovided for is £nil (2009: £21,582).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

10. Directors and members

The directors of the Association are the members of the Board including the senior executive officer.
 The senior executive officer who served during the year was an employee of Great Places Housing Group Limited and there were no emoluments paid to him by Plumlife Homes. The senior executive officer's emoluments are disclosed in the Great Places Housing Association accounts. No emoluments were paid to members of the Board during the year (2009: £Nil).
 Note the Plumlife Homes Board received remuneration of £8,000 (2009: £5,000) from Great Places Housing Group Limited, the Association's parent company.

11. Employees

Average monthly number of employees expressed as full time equivalents:

	2010	2009
	No	No
Administration	10	7
	10	7

Employees costs:

	2010	2009
	£'000	£'000
Wages and salaries	209	147
Social security costs	18	13
Other pension costs	10	13
	237	173

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

11. Employees (continued)

Social Housing Pension Scheme

Plumlife Homes Limited participates in the Social Housing Pension Scheme (SHPS). The Scheme is funded and is contracted out of the state scheme. SHPS is a multi-employer defined benefit scheme. Employer participation in the Scheme is subject to adherence with the employer responsibilities and obligations as set out in the "SHPS House Policies and Rules Employer Guide".

The scheme operated a single benefit structure, final salary $1/60^{\text{th}}$ accrual rate until March 2007. From April 2007 there are three benefit structures available, namely:

- Final salary with a $1/60^{\text{th}}$ accrual rate.
- Final salary with a $1/70^{\text{th}}$ accrual rate.
- Career average revalued earnings with a $1/60^{\text{th}}$ accrual rate.

From April 2010 there are a further two benefit structures available, namely:

- Final salary with a $1/80^{\text{th}}$ accrual rate.
- Career average revalued earnings (CARE) with a $1/80^{\text{th}}$ accrual rate.

A defined contribution structure will be made available from 1 October 2010.

An employer can elect to operate different benefit structures for their active members and their new entrants. An employer can only operate one open benefit structure at any one time. An open benefit structure is one which new entrants are able to join.

The Association has elected to operate the final salary with a $1/60^{\text{th}}$ accrual rate benefit structure for active members as at 31st March 2007 and the career average revalued earnings with a $1/60^{\text{th}}$ accrual rate benefit structure for new entrants from 1st April 2007. This does not reflect any benefit structure changes made from April 2010.

The Trustee commissions an actuarial valuation of the Scheme every three years. The main purpose of the valuation is to determine the financial position of the Scheme in order to determine the level of future contributions required, in respect of each benefit structure, so that the Scheme can meet its pension obligations as they fall due. From April 2007 the split of the total contribution rate between member and employer is set at individual employer level, subject to the employer paying no less than 50% of the total contribution rate. From April 2010 the requirement for employers to pay at least 50% of the total contribution no longer applies.

The actuarial valuation assesses whether the Scheme's assets at the valuation date are likely to be sufficient to pay the pension benefits accrued by members as at the valuation date. Asset values are calculated by reference to market levels. Accrued pension benefits are valued by discounting expected future benefit payments using a discount rate calculated by reference to the expected future investment returns.

During the accounting period the Association paid contributions at the rate of 12.3% to 14.05%. Member contributions varied between 4.7% and 8.45% depending on their age. As at the balance sheet date there were 4 active members of the Scheme employed by the Association. The annual pensionable payroll in respect of these members was £80,000. The Association continues to offer membership of the Scheme to its employees.

It is not possible in the normal course of events to identify on a reasonable and consistent basis the share of underlying assets and liabilities belonging to individual participating employers. This is because the Scheme is a multi employer scheme where the Scheme assets are co-mingled for investment purposes, and benefits are paid from total Scheme assets. Accordingly, due to the nature of the Scheme, the accounting charge for the period under FRS17 represents the employer contribution payable.

The last formal valuation of the Scheme was performed at 30 September 2008 by a professionally qualified actuary using the Projected Unit Method. The market value of the Scheme's assets at the valuation date was £1,527 million. The valuation revealed a shortfall of assets compared with the value of liabilities of £663 million, equivalent to a past service funding level of 69.7%.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

11. Employees (continued)
Social Housing Pension Scheme

The financial assumptions underlying the valuation as at 30 September 2008 were as follows:

	<u>% p.a.</u>
Valuation Discount Rates	
Pre retirement	7.8
Non Pensioner Post retirement	6.2
Pensioner Post retirement	5.6
Pensionable earnings growth	4.7
Price inflation	3.2
Pension Increases	
Pre 88 GMP	0.0
Post 88 GMP	2.8
Excess over GMP	3.0

Expenses for death in service insurance, administration and PPF levy are included in the contribution rate.

The valuation was carried out using the following demographic assumptions:

Mortality pre retirement – PA92 Year of Birth, long cohort projection, minimum improvement 1%pa.

Mortality post retirement – 90% S1PA Year of Birth, long cohort projection, minimum improvement 1%pa.

The long-term joint contribution rates that will apply from April 2010 required from employers and members to meet the cost of future benefit accrual were assessed at:

Benefit structure	Long-term Joint Contribution Rate (% of pensionable salaries)
Final salary with 1/60 th accrual rate	17.8
Final salary with 1/70 th accrual rate	15.4
Career average revalued earnings (CARE) with a 1/60 th accrual rate	14.9
Final salary with a 1/80 th accrual rate	13.5
Career average revalued earnings (CARE) with a 1/80 th accrual rate	11.9

If an actuarial valuation reveals a shortfall of assets compared to liabilities the Trustee must prepare a recovery plan setting out the steps to be taken to make up the shortfall.

Following consideration of the results of the actuarial valuation it was agreed that the shortfall of £663 million would be dealt with by the payment of deficit contributions of 7.5% of pensionable salaries, increasing each year in line with salary growth assumptions, from 1 April 2010 to 30 September 2020, dropping to 3.1% from 1 October 2020 to 30 September 2023. Pensionable earnings at 30 September 2008 are used as the reference point for calculating these deficit contributions. These deficit contributions are in addition to the long-term joint contribution rates set out in the table above.

Employers that participate in the Scheme on a non-contributory basis pay a joint contribution rate (i.e. a combined employer and employee rate).

Employers that have closed the Scheme to new entrants are required to pay an additional employer contribution loading of 3.0% to reflect the higher costs of a closed arrangement.

A small number of employers are required to contribute at a different rate to reflect the amortisation of a surplus or deficit on the transfer of assets and past service liabilities from another pension scheme into the SHPS Scheme.

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11. Employees (continued) **Social Housing Pension Scheme**

Employers joining the Scheme after 1 October 2002 that do not transfer any past service liabilities to the Scheme pay contributions at the ongoing future service contribution rate. This rate is reviewed at each valuation and applies until the second valuation after the date of joining the Scheme, at which point the standard employer contribution rate is payable. Contribution rates are changed on the 1 April that falls 18 months after the valuation date.

A copy of the recovery plan, setting out the level of deficit contributions payable and the period for which they will be payable, must be sent to the Pensions Regulator. The Regulator has the power under Part 3 of the Pensions Act 2004 to issue scheme funding directions where it believes that the actuarial valuation assumptions and/or recovery plan are inappropriate. For example the Regulator could require the Trustee strengthens the actuarial assumptions (which would increase the scheme liabilities and hence impact on the recovery plan) or impose a schedule of contributions on the Scheme (which would effectively amend the terms of the recovery plan). The Regulator is currently in the process of reviewing the recovery plan for SHPS in respect of the September 2008 actuarial valuation. A response from the Regulator is expected in due course.

The Scheme Actuary has prepared an Actuarial Report that provides an approximate update on the funding position of the Scheme as at 30 September 2009. Such a report is required by legislation for years in which a full actuarial valuation is not carried out. The funding update revealed an increase in the assets of the Scheme to £1,723 million and indicated an increase in the shortfall of assets compared to liabilities to approximately £738 million, equivalent to a past service funding level of 70.0%.

As a result of pension scheme legislation there is a potential debt on the employer that could be levied by the Trustee of the Scheme. The debt is due in the event of the employer ceasing to participate in the Scheme or the Scheme winding up.

The debt for the Scheme as a whole is calculated by comparing the liabilities for the Scheme (calculated on a buyout basis i.e. the cost of securing benefits by purchasing annuity policies from an insurer, plus an allowance for expenses) with the assets of the Scheme. If the liabilities exceed assets there is a buy-out debt.

The leaving employer's share of the buy-out debt is the proportion of the Scheme's liability attributable to employment with the leaving employer compared to the total amount of the Scheme's liabilities (relating to employment with all the currently participating employers). The leaving employer's debt therefore includes a share of any 'orphan' liabilities in respect of previously participating employers. The amount of the debt therefore depends on many factors including total Scheme liabilities, Scheme investment performance, the liabilities in respect of current and former employees of the employer, financial conditions at the time of the cessation event and the insurance buy-out market. The amounts of debt can therefore be volatile over time.

The estimated employer debt on withdrawal from the Social Housing Pension Scheme on the financial position of the scheme as at 30 September 2009 for the Associations' 4 active pension members is disclosed in the accounts of Great Places Housing Association.

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12. Tangible fixed assets – housing properties

Housing properties	Shared Ownership Total £'000
Cost	
At 1 April 2009	3,670
Disposals	(60)
At 31 March 2010	<u>3,610</u>
Social housing grant	
At 1 April 2009	2,492
Additions	-
Disposals	(38)
At 31 March 2010	<u>2,454</u>
Depreciation and Impairment	
At 1 April 2009	90
Charged in year	10
Released on disposal	(1)
At 31 March 2010	<u>99</u>
Net book value	
At 31 March 2010	<u>1,057</u>
At 31 March 2009	<u>1,088</u>
Housing properties book value, net of depreciation and grants	
2010	2009
£'000	£'000
Freehold land and buildings	437
Long leasehold land and buildings	651
	<u>1,088</u>
Social housing grant	
2010	2009
£'000	£'000
Total accumulated social housing grant received or receivable at 31 March:	
Capital grant	2,492
Revenue grant	2,185
	<u>4,677</u>

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13. Debtors

	2010	2009
	£'000	£'000
Due within one year		
Rent and service charges receivable	268	355
Less: provision for bad and doubtful debts	(41)	(53)
	<u>227</u>	<u>302</u>
Due from group undertakings	2	60
Deferred tax	12	-
Other debtors	173	112
Prepayments and accrued income	77	40
	<u>491</u>	<u>514</u>

14. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2010	2009
	£'000	£'000
Debt (note 16)	54	44
Trade creditors	46	29
Rent and service charges received in advance	65	159
Amounts owed to group undertakings	37	322
Leaseholder sinking funds	861	699
Corporation tax	42	14
Other creditors	13	41
Accruals and deferred income	244	121
	<u>1,362</u>	<u>1,429</u>

Cash balances totalling £861,000 (2009: £699,000) are held in trust for leaseholders.

15. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2010	2009
	£'000	£'000
Debt (note 16)	460	522
	<u>460</u>	<u>522</u>

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16. Debt analysis

	2010	2009
	£'000	£'000
Loans are repayable as follows:		
Due within one year	54	44
Between one and two years	54	45
Between two and five years	162	186
After five years	244	291
	<u>514</u>	<u>566</u>

Loans are repayable at varying rates of interest in instalments. Housing loans are secured by specific charges on the association's housing properties.

17. Recycled capital grant fund

	2010	2009
	£'000	£'000
At 1 April	-	-
Grants recycled	38	35
Interest accrued	-	-
Transfers to other group members	(38)	(35)
At 31 March	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

18. Deferred Tax

	2010		2009	
	Provided	Unprovided	Provided	Unprovided
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
At 1 April	-	5	-	-
Movement	12	(5)	-	5
At 31 March	<u>12</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5</u>
Comprising:				
Short term timing differences	12	-	-	5

19. Non-equity share capital

	2010	2009
	£	£
Shares of £1 each issued and fully paid		
At 1 April	25	29
Shares issued during the year	2	-
Shares surrendered during the year	(5)	(4)
At 31 March	<u>22</u>	<u>25</u>

The shares provide members with the right to vote at general meetings, but do not provide any rights to dividends or distributions on a winding up.

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20. Reserves

	Revenue Reserves £'000
At 1 April 2009	781
Surplus for the year	120
At 31 March 2010	<u>901</u>

21. Financial commitments

The Association has no capital commitments as at 31 March 2010 (31 March 2009: £nil).

22. Contingent liabilities

The Association had no contingent liabilities at 31 March 2010 (31 March 2009: £nil).

23. Related parties

The Plumlife Homes Board has four tenant Board members. Their tenancies are on normal commercial terms and they cannot use their position to their advantage.

One member of the Board is employed by First Choice Homes in Oldham and is on the Local Housing Board of Oldham Metropolitan Council, a local authority having nomination rights over tenancies for certain Great Places Housing Group properties. All transactions with the council are on normal commercial terms and the Board member is not able to use his position to his advantage.

The Company has taken advantage of the exemptions available under Financial Reporting Standard 8 not to disclose transactions between Group Companies. There are no other related party transactions to disclose.

24. Accommodation in management and development

At the end of the year accommodation in management for each class of accommodation was as follows:

	2010 No.	2009 No.
Low cost home ownership	165	157
Total owned	<u>165</u>	<u>157</u>
Accommodation managed for others	2,220	2,180
Total managed	<u>2,385</u>	<u>2,337</u>

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25. Ultimate controlling party

The ultimate controlling party of the Association is Great Places Housing Group Limited ('Great Places'), which is a company registered under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965 and a registered provider under the Housing and Regeneration Act. The consolidated accounts of Great Places Housing Group Limited can be obtained from Great Places Housing Group Limited, Southern Gate, 729 Princess Road, Manchester, M20 2LT.