GROUP STRATEGIC REPORT,
REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND
CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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COMPANY INFORMATION for the year ended 31 March 2023

DIRECTORS:

C.P. Crane (Chief Executive)

T. Mongan
A. Bhabra
P. Burns
D. Burton
L. Coltman
S. Halkett
S.R.Harcourt
D. Hooper
A. Malik
J. Nollett
F. Sexton
K. M. Shuter
T. Squires
P. Sullivan
S.A. Twigger

T. Willetts

BRANCH DIRECTORS:

T. Squires (Coventry)
T. Mongan (North Warks)
Vacant (Mid Warks)
L. Coltman (South Warks)
K.M. Shuter (Rugby)

REGISTERED OFFICE:

Chamber House 8-9 Innovation Village Cheetah Road

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REGISTERED NUMBER:

02478695 (England and Wales)

AUDITORS:

Dafferns LLP One Eastwood Harry Weston Road Binley Business Park

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GROUP STRATEGIC REPORT for the year ended 31 March 2023

The directors present their strategic report of the company and the group for the year ended 31 March 2023.

REVIEW OF BUSINESS

The full results and financial position of the company are as shown in the annexed financial statements.

This has been my first year as Chief Executive of Coventry and Warwickshire Chamber of Commerce and it has been an honour to act in this role. I took over from Louise Bennett who retired after leading the Chamber for nearly two decades and left a legacy that will last long into the future. The business is strong with good operational income and significant reserves and investments. There is an excellent board of dedicated Non-Executive Directors whose knowledge has been invaluable to me and the team at the Chamber are incredible - hard working, enthusiastic and experts in their specialisms and, importantly, brilliant, engaged members who bring life to everything we do.

As we moved from the impacts of Brexit and COVID, the financial year 2022/23 became a year of recovery, refocus and opportunity. It also held some considerable challenges. The cost of doing business has put considerable pressure on local businesses who have seen surging prices on their energy, wage bills, transport, supply chain and insurance. This has been coupled with a cost of living crisis, meaning their customers often have less money to spend. This resulted in a tough year for membership across the network. We had a net decrease in membership of 45 members (about 4%) and we now stand at 1,034. This performance is better than the national average, which was just under twice this, and good performance considering the difficulties and the cost of doing business. We have had a successful year with membership revenue - suggesting that our new and existing members are happy to engage with us at a higher level.

As we moved out of lockdown, we also had changes to our income to deal with. The end of our Department for International Trade contract, the impending end of European funding and delays to its domestic replacement, a national contraction of the apprenticeship market, and export documentation and chamber customs revenue less than expected have meant that we have had to have a close eye on revenue and made some tough decisions around staff and outgoings.

However, the strength of the business and our excellent relationship with partners and members has meant that we have had a huge amount of success and enjoyed some brilliant events. During 2022/23 we delivered over 80 Business Support workshops and masterclasses and 126 workshops. We delivered 135 intensive business assists (over 12 hours of support) to Coventry and Warwickshire SMEs, supporting them with growth, diversification, strategic planning, marketing and finance. Of these 64 were tourism, hospitality or events based businesses based in Warwickshire. We provided intensive business support (over 12 hours) to 188 Start Ups and newly created businesses across Coventry and Warwickshire between April 2022 and March 2023. Furthermore, we provided intensive business support to 194 Start Ups and supported 25 Coventry based businesses within the tourism, hospitality and events sectors to access over £100k of grant funding for business growth and diversification. We continue to work with Coventry City Council on the proof of concept for Destination Coventry and hope to secure long term status for this by the end of 2023/24.

We ran over 100 events in 2022/23 and held an excellent, sold out economic conference at the Coventry Building Society Arena on 11th November 2022 with a line-up including guest speaker Dr Sabrina Cohen-Hatton, a video from Andy Street and two panel discussions on the current economic climate and developing business confidence. We also got some great coverage from BBC Radio CWR and Global Radio. Our Big Lunch was another big success with a packed room at the IXL in Warwickshire and we were joined by Martha Lane Fox and an incredible dance troupe telling the industrial story of our great region.

We have seen overall growth of 13% across our social media platforms including an increase from 5,861 followers on LinkedIn to 6,966, and focused on our Business Support and International Trade pages to reflect changes to services. We successfully launched the 'Chamber Talks Business' podcast - now in Season 2 with 10 episodes recorded. We have increased video coverage of our events and now ensure we create and share video content following events. We have worked on increasing traffic to our YouTube channel.

GROUP STRATEGIC REPORT for the year ended 31 March 2023

We have met with most local MPs, have regular meetings with local authority leaders, the WMCA Mayor Andy Street and the new Labour Mayoral Candidate Richard Parker, and have met with many members of the cabinet and shadow cabinet, fostering strong relationships with the Skills Minister and the Shadow Business Secretary. We have led on the development of the West Midlands and Warwickshire Local Skills Improvement Plan, an excellent member driven employment land report and held meetings at the House of Commons to look at manufacturing and cost of doing business issues.

This has been a tough year for Chambers and their members across the UK, but Coventry & Warwickshire Chamber remains a stable, strong business at the heart of the local business community and with contacts and networks across the globe. We have big plans for 23/24 and hope that our recovery continues and we continue to set new standards in everything we do.

PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

Principal risks surround the long term legacy of COVID-19. Economic, political and social uncertainties will impact on the delivery of business support and learner contracts which may need to be repurposed to ensure their relevance to Members and the wider business base. Notable challenges will be a forecasted downturn in the uptake of export opportunities and apprenticeships, but such challenges will be met with strong communications and expert advice on the opportunities and benefits to be trading globally, where possible, and to continue to invest in the skills of our current and future workforce.

Coventry & Warwickshire Chamber Group, with its strong brand and reputation and excellence in communications, b2b networking and business support, is expected to remain fairly robust in terms of Membership recruitment and retention, with local businesses recognising the need and benefits of belonging to their local Chamber of Commerce.

Moving forward, delivery of membership will continue to evolve as the Coventry & Warwickshire Chamber seeks to afford a blend of on-line with face-to-face services and support.

Government policy continues to remain a key area of risk for the Coventry & Warwickshire Chamber of Commerce Group in terms of the uncertainty of business support programmes & funding. European funded business support and learner programmes are coming to an end and, as yet, we are only beginning to understand the extent to which these critical programmes will be replaced.

At times of an economic downturn, the business & learner support landscape can become complex and confused with a constant stream of Government led initiatives, making it difficult for local businesses to access and understand the support on offer. Coventry & Warwickshire Chamber of Commerce Group will seek to 'hide the wiring' in this confused landscape and work to ensure membership, business and learner support is simple, accessible and useful.

GROUP STRATEGIC REPORT for the year ended 31 March 2023

FINANCIAL KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Turnover by activity was as follows:

	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Business support activities	1,339	1,323
International Trade support activities	414	852
Membership subscriptions	922	612
Other income	3	11
Training (CWCCT)	1,737	2,082
	4,415	4,881

The group achieved a retained surplus for the year of £29,699 compared to £233,854 in 2022.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

C.P. Crane - Director

Date: 11 September 2023

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS for the year ended 31 March 2023

The directors present their report with the financial statements of the company and the group for the year ended 31 March 2023.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of Coventry and Warwickshire Chamber of Commerce during the year was to carry out all the activities normally associated with a Chamber of Commerce, including lobbying & representation on issues that matter most to business, the provision of business information and value added membership services. The Company also delivered a range of enterprise support interventions, including new start up, coaching and mentoring services.

DIRECTORS

The directors shown below have held office during the whole of the period from 1 April 2022 to the date of this report.

- A. Bhabra
- P. Burns
- D. Burton
- L. Coltman
- S. Halkett
- S.R. Harcourt
- D. Hooper
- A. Malik
- T. Mongan
- J. Nollett
- F. Sexton
- K. M. Shuter
- P. Sullivan
- S.A. Twigger
- T. Willetts

Other changes in directors holding office are as follows:

- L. Bayliss resigned 5 December 2022
- D. Squires resigned 5 December 2022
- I. Coulson resigned 5 December 2022
- T. Squires appointed 27 June 2022
- C.P. Crane appointed 5 December 2022

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Board for the year ended 31 March 2023 comprised an unpaid president, unpaid non-executive directors and the chief executive. The Board has a formal schedule of matters specifically reserved to it for decision, to ensure that the direction and control of the company is firmly its responsibility.

The Finance, Audit and General Purposes Committee is a Board Committee with executive powers comprising seven Directors together with the President and the Chief Executive. The FAGP Committee chairman is Mr Steven Twigger. This committee oversees all aspects of the company's finances, audit, administration and infrastructure and acts as the Remuneration Committee for the consideration of pay award proposals. Minutes of the Committee meetings are circulated to Board members.

There is an agreed procedure for the directors in the furtherance of their duties to take independent professional advice, if necessary, at the company's expense. Directors are required to make a formal declaration of any interests which may conflict with their duties as directors.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS for the year ended 31 March 2023

INTERNAL CONTROL

The directors have overall responsibility for the company's system of internal control.

The Board and its advisory committees meet regularly and have put in place an organisational structure with clearly defined lines of responsibility and delegation of authority. There are established procedures for expenditure approval and for information and reporting systems for monitoring the company's business and its performance, which are formally reviewed on a regular basis.

The directors believe that the company's system of internal control provides adequate assurance that the assets are safeguarded and that transactions and liabilities are properly authorised and recorded. The system also provides assurance that material errors and irregularities can be minimised and detected within a timely period.

PAYMENT POLICY

The Board supports the CBI policy on the timely payment of creditors.

DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS INSURANCE

The company maintains insurance indemnifying the directors and officers against liabilities arising from their duties as directors and officers of the company.

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The directors are responsible for preparing the Group Strategic Report, the Report of the Directors and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and the group and of the surplus or deficit of the group for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's and the group's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and the group and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

So far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information (as defined by Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006) of which the group's auditors are unaware, and each director has taken all the steps that he or she ought to have taken as a director to make himself or herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of such information.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

C.P. Crane - Director

Date: 11 September 2023

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF COVENTRY & WARWICKSHIRE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Coventry & Warwickshire Chamber of Commerce (the 'parent company') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Consolidated Income Statement, Consolidated Other Comprehensive Income, Consolidated Balance Sheet, Company Balance Sheet, Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity, Company Statement of Changes in Equity, Consolidated Cash Flow Statement and Notes to the Consolidated Cash Flow Statement, Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and of the parent company affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of the group's surplus for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information in the Group Strategic Report and the Report of the Directors, but does not include the financial statements and our Report of the Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the Group Strategic Report and the Report of the Directors for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Group Strategic Report and the Report of the Directors have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF COVENTRY & WARWICKSHIRE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the group and the parent company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Group Strategic Report or the Report of the Directors.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the parent company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities set out on page six, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the group's and the parent company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the group or the parent company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

- Enquiry of management, those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Enquiry of entity staff in compliance functions to identify any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations
- Performing audit work over the risk of management override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for bias.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Auditors.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF COVENTRY & WARWICKSHIRE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in a Report of the Auditors and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Geoffrey Cox BA FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of Dafferns LLP One Eastwood Harry Weston Road Binley Business Park Coventry CV3 2UB

Date: 11 September 2023

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT for the year ended 31 March 2023

1	Notes	£	2023 £	202 £	2 £
TURNOVER	3		4,414,935	~	4,880,662
Cost of sales			2,995,254		3,185,471
GROSS SURPLUS			1,419,681		1,695,191
Administrative expenses			1,583,715		_1,530,981
			(164,034)		164,210
Other operating income			157,220		171,834
GROUP OPERATING (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS	5		(6,814)		336,044
Share of operating profit in Associates			22,570		·-
Profit share from West Midlands Chambers of Commerce LLP Interest receivable and similar income	0	11,081		-	
interest receivable and similar income	6	5,224	16,305	218	218
SURPLUS BEFORE TAXATION			32,061		336,262
Tax on surplus	7		2,362		102,408
SURPLUS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	₹		29,699		233,854

COVENTRY & WARWICKSHIRE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (REGISTERED NUMBER: 02478695)

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET 31 March 2023

		202	23	202	.2
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS	0		0.440.700		0 405 460
Tangible assets Investments	9 10		2,140,733		2,135,468
Interest in associate undertakings	10		26,070		3,500
Other investments			341,363		341,363
Investment property	11		890,000		890,000
			2 200 400		2 270 221
			3,398,166		3,370,331
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	12	1,028,204		821,370	
Cash at bank		_3,513,278		3,994,319	
		4,541,482		4,815,689	
CREDITORS		4,541,462		4,015,009	
Amounts falling due within one year	13	966,854		1,245,175	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			3,574,628		3,570,514
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT					
LIABILITIES			6,972,794		6,940,845
	2000				
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES	15		81,700		79,450
NET ASSETS			6,891,094		6,861,395
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RESERVES					444.550
Revaluation reserve	16		441,552		441,552
Investment property revaluation reserve	16		225,495		225,495
Income and expenditure account	16		6,224,047		6,194,348
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			6,891,094		6,861,395

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 11 September 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

C.P. Crane - Director

T. Mongan - Director

COVENTRY & WARWICKSHIRE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (REGISTERED NUMBER: 02478695)

COMPANY BALANCE SHEET 31 March 2023

		20	23	202	22
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9		2,111,798		2,109,569
Investments	10		544,865		544,868
Investment property	11		890,000		890,000
			3,546,663		3,544,437
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CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	12	1,070,056		698,475	
Cash at bank		2,189,235		2,759,212	
		3		2 3	
		3,259,291		3,457,687	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	700,444		898,084	
View Street				₹\$	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			_2,558,847		2,559,603
Loan mon					
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT					
LIABILITIES			6,105,510		6,104,040
	2000				
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES	15		77,000		75,000
NET ASSETS			_6,028,510		6,029,040
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RESERVES					
Revaluation reserve	16		441,552		441,552
Investment property					
revaluation reserve	16		225,495		225,495
Income and expenditure account	16		5,361,463		5,361,993

			6,028,510		6,029,040
Company's (loss)/profit for the financia	al				
year			(530)		172,231

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C.P. Crane - Director

T. Mongan - Director

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY for the year ended 31 March 2023

	Retained earnings £	Revaluation reserve	Investment property revaluation reserve	Total equity £
Balance at 1 April 2021	5,960,494	441,552	225,495	6,627,541
Changes in equity Total comprehensive income	233,854	1-		233,854
Balance at 31 March 2022	6,194,348	441,552	225,495	6,861,395
Changes in equity Total comprehensive income	29,699			29,699
Balance at 31 March 2023	6,224,047	441,552	225,495	6,891,094

COMPANY STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY for the year ended 31 March 2023

	Retained earnings £	Revaluation reserve £	Investment property revaluation reserve	Total equity £
Balance at 1 April 2021	5,189,762	441,552	225,495	5,856,809
Changes in equity Total comprehensive income	172,231			172,231
Balance at 31 March 2022	5,361,993	441,552	225,495	6,029,040
Changes in equity Total comprehensive income	(530)			(530)
Balance at 31 March 2023	5,361,463	441,552	225,495	6,028,510

CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT for the year ended 31 March 2023

	latas	2023 £	2022 £
	Votes	L	2
Cash flows from operating activities Cash generated from operations Tax paid	1	(507,014) (67,772)	529,981 (73,098)
Net cash from operating activities		(574,786)	456,883
Cash flows from investing activities Purchase of tangible fixed assets Interest received Receipt from WMCC LLP		(19,189) 5,224 107,710	(2,546) 218
Net cash from investing activities		93,745	(2,328)
		<u> </u>	
(Decrease)/increase in cash and cash Cash and cash equivalents at	n equivalents	(481,041)	454,555
beginning of year	2	3,994,319	3,539,764
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	2	3,513,278	3,994,319

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT for the year ended 31 March 2023

1. RECONCILIATION OF SURPLUS BEFORE TAXATION TO CASH GENERATED FROM OPERATIONS

	2023 £	2022 £
Surplus before taxation	32,061	336,262
Depreciation charges	13,924	20,030
Profit share in interest in associate	(22,570)	-
Finance income	<u>(16,305</u>)	(218)
The same of the sa	7,110	356,074
(Increase)/decrease in trade and other debtors	(301,963)	51,270
(Decrease)/increase in trade and other creditors	<u>(212,161</u>)	122,637
Cash generated from operations	<u>(507,014)</u>	529,981

2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The amounts disclosed on the Cash Flow Statement in respect of cash and cash equivalents are in respect of these Balance Sheet amounts:

Year ended 31 March 2023

Cash and cash equivalents	31.3.23 £ <u>3,513,278</u>	1.4.22 £ 3,994,319
Year ended 31 March 2022		
	31.3.22	1.4.21
Cash and cash equivalents	3,994,319	3,539,764

3. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

Net cash	At 1.4.22 £	Cash flow £	At 31.3.23 £
Cash at bank	3,994,319	(481,041)	3,513,278
	3,994,319	(481,041)	3,513,278
Total	3,994,319	(481,041)	3,513,278

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 March 2023

1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

Coventry & Warwickshire Chamber of Commerce is a private company, limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the General Information page.

The company's financial statements are presented in pound sterling and this is its functional currency.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements present the results of the Company and its own subsidiaries ("the Group") as if they form a single entity. Intercompany transactions and balances between group companies are therefore eliminated in full.

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the results of business combinations using the purchase method. In the Balance Sheet, the acquiree's identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities are initially recognised at their fair values at the acquisition date. The results of acquired operations are included in the Consolidated Income Statement from the date on which control is obtained. They are deconsolidated from the date control ceases.

Turnover

Turnover, which excludes value added tax, represents the amount invoiced in respect of the group's principal activities. Subscription income is apportioned over the period to which it related. Turnover for the other activities represents amount receivable by the company for the provision of goods and services during the year.

Grants are recognised at the fair value of the asset received or receivable when there is reasonable assurance that the company has complied with conditions attaching to them.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided on the cost of tangible fixed assets, except freehold and long leasehold land and buildings, so as to write off the cost over the term of their useful life.

The annual rates generally used are:-

Office furniture, fittings and equipment

Computer equipment

Motor vehicles

- 10% straight line

- 33 1/3% straight line

- 25% straight line

Freehold and leasehold property are shown at most recent valuation. Any aggregate surplus or deficit arising from changes in fair value is recognised in other comprehensive income.

Investments in associates

Investments in associate undertakings are recognised using the equity method.

Investment property

Investment property is shown at most recent valuation. Any aggregate surplus or deficit arising from changes in fair value is recognised in surplus or deficit.

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the year ended 31 March 2023

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Taxation

Taxation for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in the Consolidated Income Statement, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity.

Current or deferred taxation assets and liabilities are not discounted.

Current tax is recognised at the amount of tax payable using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred taxation

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date.

Timing differences arise from the inclusion of income and expenses in tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in financial statements. Deferred tax is measured using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the year end and that are expected to apply to the reversal of the timing difference.

Unrelieved tax losses and other deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits.

Pension contributions

The group operates defined contribution scheme for its employees. The assets of these schemes are held separately from those of the group in independently administered funds. The pension contribution charge represents amount payable by the group to the schemes.

Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in the profit and loss account in other administrative expenses.

Leasing commitments

Rentals payable and receivable under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

TURNOVER

The turnover and surplus before taxation are attributable to the principal activities of the group.

An analysis of turnover by class of business is given below:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Business support	1,339,134	1,323,241
International trade support	414,009	852,233
Membership subscriptions	922,029	611,805
Other income	3,000	11,000
Training (CWCT)	_1,736,763	2,082,383
	4,414,935	4,880,662

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the year ended 31 March 2023

	for the year ended 31 March 2023		
3.	TURNOVER - continued		
	An analysis of turnover by geographical market is given below:		
		2023 £	2022 £
	United Kingdom	4,414,935	4,880,662
		4,414,935	4,880,662
4.	EMPLOYEES AND DIRECTORS	2023	2022
		£	£
	Wages and salaries Social security costs	2,439,336 241,281	2,484,613 248,853
	Other pension costs	117,947	118,682
		2,798,564	2,852,148
	The average number of employees during the year was as follows:	2023	2022
	Business and Contract Management	58	63
	General Administration and Management	9	8
		<u>67</u>	71
		2023	2022
	Direction I are the second and the second are the s	£ 132,208	£ 110,164
	Directors' remuneration Directors' pension contributions to money purchase schemes	22,276	27,493
	The number of directors to whom retirement benefits were accruing wa	as as follows:	
		2	4
	Money purchase schemes		
5.	OPERATING SURPLUS		
	The operating surplus is stated after charging/(crediting):		
		2023	2022
		£	£
	Depreciation - owned assets Auditors' remuneration	13,924 14,080	20,031 12,800
	Foreign exchange differences	<u>(1,440</u>)	427
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6.	INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME	2023	2022
	B	£	£

Bank interest

218

5,224

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the year ended 31 March 2023

7. TAXATION

Analysis of the tax charge

The tax charge on the surplus for the year was as follows:

Current tax:	2023 £	2022 £
UK corporation tax Prior year tax adjustment	(1,500) 1,612	66,160 11,898
Total current tax	112	78,058
Deferred tax	2,250	24,350
Tax on surplus	2,362	102,408

Reconciliation of total tax charge included in profit and loss

The tax assessed for the year is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK. The difference is explained below:

Surplus before tax	2023 £ 32,061	2022 £ 336,262
Surplus multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2022 - 19%)	6,092	63,890
Effects of: Expenses not deductible for tax purposes Income not taxable for tax purposes Adjustments to tax charge in respect of previous periods Effects of change in tax rates Enhanced capital allowances	510 (5,270) 1,612 333 (915)	160 11,898 26,460
Total tax charge	2,362	102,408

8. INDIVIDUAL INCOME STATEMENT

As permitted by Section 408 of the Companies Act 2006, the Income Statement of the parent company is not presented as part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the year ended 31 March 2023

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Group			Fixtures	
	Freehold property £	Long leasehold £	and fittings £	Totals £
COST OR VALUATION At 1 April 2022 Additions	1,210,000	890,000	844,260 19,189	2,944,260 19,189
At 31 March 2023	1,210,000	890,000	863,449	2,963,449
DEPRECIATION At 1 April 2022 Charge for year	<u>-</u>	-	808,792 13,924	808,792 13,924
At 31 March 2023			822,716	822,716
NET BOOK VALUE At 31 March 2023	1,210,000	890,000	40,733	2,140,733
At 31 March 2022	1,210,000	890,000	35,468	2,135,468
Cost or valuation at 31 March 2023 is repr	esented by:			
Cost or valuation at 31 March 2023 is repr Valuation in 2021 Cost	Freehold property £ 1,210,000	Long leasehold £ 890,000	Fixtures and fittings £ - 863,449	Totals £ 2,100,000 863,449
Valuation in 2021	Freehold property	leasehold £	and fittings £	£ 2,100,000
Valuation in 2021	Freehold property £ 1,210,000	leasehold £ 890,000 —————————————————————————————————	and fittings £ 863,449 863,449	£ 2,100,000 863,449 2,963,449
Valuation in 2021 Cost	Freehold property £ 1,210,000	leasehold £ 890,000 —————————————————————————————————	and fittings £ 863,449 863,449	£ 2,100,000 863,449 2,963,449

The properties were valued on an open market basis at 31 March 2021 by Loveitts Chartered Surveyors.

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the year ended 31 March 2023

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued

THE PROPERTY CONTINUES					
Company					
COST OR VALUATION	Freehold property £	Long leasehold £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £	
At 1 April 2022 Additions	1,210,000	890,000 	249,395 5,657	2,349,395 5,657	
At 31 March 2023	1,210,000	890,000	255,052	2,355,052	
DEPRECIATION At 1 April 2022 Charge for year			239,826 3,428	239,826 3,428	
At 31 March 2023			243,254	243,254	
NET BOOK VALUE At 31 March 2023	1,210,000	890,000	11,798	2,111,798	
At 31 March 2022	1,210,000	<u>890,000</u>	9,569	2,109,569	
Cost or valuation at 31 March 2023 is repr	esented by:				
Valuation in 2021 Cost	Freehold property £ 1,210,000	Long leasehold £ 890,000	Fixtures and fittings £ 	Totals £ 2,100,000 255,052	
	1,210,000	890,000	255,052	2,355,052	
If the properties had not been revalued they would have been included at the following historical cost:					
Cost			2023 £ 	2022 £ 1,943,505	
Aggregate depreciation			494,546	494,546	

The properties were valued on an open market basis at 31 March 2021 by Loveitts Chartered Surveyors.

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the year ended 31 March 2023

10. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Gro 2023 £	2022 £	Comp 2023 £	2022 £
Shares in group undertakings Participating interests Loans to undertakings in which the	26,070	3,500	200,002 3,500	200,005 3,500
company has a participating interest	341,363	341,363	341,363	341,363
	367,433	344,863	544,865	544,868
Additional information is as follows:				
Group				T. L
0007				Interest in associate undertakings £
COST At 1 April 2022 Share of profit/(loss)				3,500 22,570
At 31 March 2023				26,070
NET BOOK VALUE At 31 March 2023				26,070
At 31 March 2022				3,500
Company			Interest	
		Shares in group undertakings £	Interest in associate undertakings £	Totals £
COST At 1 April 2022 Disposals		200,005 (3)	3,500	203,505 (3)
At 31 March 2023		200,002	3,500	203,502
NET BOOK VALUE At 31 March 2023		200,002	3,500	203,502
At 31 March 2022		200,005	3,500	203,505
Group				Loans to associates
At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023				341,363

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the year ended 31 March 2023

10. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS - continued Company

Loans to associates

£

At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023

341,363

Subsidiary Companies

The following companies are all wholly-owned by Coventry & Warwickshire Chamber of Commerce:-

Name

Principal Activity

Provision of

Coventry and Warwickshire Chambers of Commerce Training Limited

Training

Coventry and Warwickshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry Limited

Dormant

The following companies which were fully owned by the Company were dissolved during the year, having formerly been dormant:-

Coventry and Warwickshire Training and Enterprise Council Limited

Business Link Coventry and Warwickshire Limited

West Midlands Gateway Limited

The registered office of the subsidiaries is the same as that of the Company, as disclosed in note 1 to these financial statements.

Associated Undertakings

The company holds 3,500 £1 C Ordinary shares in University of Warwick Science Park Business Innovation Centre Limited, representing 35% of the issued ordinary share capital. The registered office of the associated undertaking is University House, University Of Warwick, Kirby Corner Road, Coventry, CV4 8UW.

The loan balance at the year end was £341,363. The latest audited accounts for the associated company are for the period to 31 July 2022. The retained profit for that year was £985,517 and the aggregate equity shareholders' funds at 31 July 2022 was £74,485.

Other

The company held a 16.7% interest in West Midlands Chambers of Commerce LLP (WMCC LLP). The LLP is being wound up and the final accounts were to 30 June 2022.

11. INVESTMENT PROPERTY

Group

Total

£

FAIR VALUE

At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023

890,000

NET BOOK VALUE

At 31 March 2023

890,000

At 31 March 2022

890,000

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the year ended 31 March 2023

11. INVESTMENT PROPERTY - continued

G	ro	u	p

Fair value at 31 March 2023 is represented by:

Valuation in 2021

£ 890,000

If the investment property had not been revalued it would have been included at the following historical cost:

2023

2022 £

Cost

£ 642,505

642,505

The investment property was valued on an open market basis at 31 March 2021 by Loveitts Chartered Surveyors.

Company

Total £

FAIR VALUE

At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023

890,000

NET BOOK VALUE

At 31 March 2023

890,000

At 31 March 2022

890,000

Fair value at 31 March 2023 is represented by:

Valuation in 2021

£ 890,000

If the investment property had not been revalued it would have been included at the following historical cost:

2023

2022

Cost

£ 642,505 £ 642,505

The investment property was valued on an open market basis at 31 March 2021 by Loveitts Chartered Surveyors.

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the year ended 31 March 2023

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Group		Company	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Trade debtors	659,923	415,070	560,686	290,341
Amounts owed by group undertakings Amounts due from West Midlands	.=	-	205,258	58,681
Chambers of Commerce LLP	_	96,629	-	96.629
Other debtors	9,996	11,083	8,142	9,146
Tax	1,500	=	1,500	
Prepayments and accrued income	356,785	298,588	294,470	243,678
	1,028,204	821,370	1,070,056	698,475

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Group		Company	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Trade creditors	364,501	432,675	215,337	290,343
Tax	11 11	66,160	-	25,000
Social security and other taxes	66,103	53,346	55,857	39,261
Other creditors	68,456	88,856	37,682	59,996
Accruals and deferred income	22,656	38,442	-	-
Accrued expenses	145,984	218,477	92,414	136,265
Deferred income	299,154	347,219	299,154	347,219
	966,854	1,245,175	700,444	898,084

14. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments fall due as follows:

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

Group		
, in the second contract of	2023	2022
Within one year	£	£
Between one and five years	12,385 10,913	12,894 18,093
	10,010	10,000
	23,298	30,987
Company	2000	0000
	2023 £	2022
Within one year	9,385	£ 9,159
Between one and five years	10,293	15,813
	.0,200	10,010
	19,678	24,972

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the year ended 31 March 2023

14. LEASING AGREEMENTS - continued

Total future minimum lease payments receivable under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

Group	2023 £	2022 £
Within one year Between one and five years	74,694 68,470	74,694 143,164
	143,164	217,858
Company	2023 £	2022 £
Within one year Between one and five years	74,694 68,470	74,694 143,164
	143,164	217,858

Lease payments receivable relate to an agreement entered into in February 2016 which was extended during 2020 to lease the ground floor of the property owned and partially occupied by Coventry and Warwickshire Chamber of Commerce.

15. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES

	Grou 2023	p 2022	Comp 2023	any 2022
Deferred tax	£ 81,700	£ 79,450	£ 77,000	£ 75,000
Group				Deferred tax £
Balance at 1 April 2022 Movement in year				79,450 2,250
Balance at 31 March 2023				81,700
Company				Deferred tax £
Balance at 1 April 2022 Movement in year				75,000
Balance at 31 March 2023				77,000

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the year ended 31 March 2023

16. RESERVES

Group

Cloup	Income and expenditure account £	Revaluation reserve £	Investment property revaluation reserve £	Totals £
At 1 April 2022 Surplus for the year	6,194,348 29,699	441,552	225,495	6,861,395 29,699
At 31 March 2023	6,224,047	441,552	225,495	6,891,094
Company	Income and expenditure account £	Revaluation reserve £	Investment property revaluation reserve	Totals £
At 1 April 2022 Deficit for the year	5,361,993 (530)	441,552	225,495	6,029,040 (530)

Income and expenditure account

This represents cumulative surpluses and deficits net of other adjustments.

Revaluation reserve

This represents the cumulative effect of revaluations of tangible fixed assets where a policy of revaluation has been adopted.

Investment property revaluation reserve

Where the investment property is measured at fair value a transfer is made to the reserve, instead of a transfer to retained earnings, to assist with the identification of the revaluation.

17. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The group operates a defined contribution scheme for employees. Contributions to the scheme during the financial year amounting to £117,947 (2022: £118,692) have been charged to the profit and loss account. At 31 March 2023 there were £17,091 (2022: £16,412) of contributions that had not been paid over to the pension scheme.

18. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Key management personnel compensation, including employers national insurance, in the year totalled £461,677 (2022: £392,735).