

LISTER HOUSING CO-OPERATIVE LIMITED
ANNUAL REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31 March 2025

Registration particulars

Financial Conduct Authority

Co-operative & Community Benefit Societies Act
2014
Registered Number 1876 R(S)

Scottish Housing Regulator

Housing (Scotland) Act 2010
Registered Number HAC150

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STATUTORY INFORMATION

Committee of Management

Mrs L Alexander	Chairperson
Mrs J McCuaig	Secretary
Mr A McDonald	Treasurer
Mr J-L Addams	
Mrs C Littlewood	
Ms L Bald	
Ms S Baxter	
Mrs J Dydak	
Mrs C Goodwin	
Mrs J Leith	
Ms J Renton	
Ms S Bell	

Executive officers

John Rankin	Chief Executive Officer
Mark Stolarek	Housing Officer

Registered office

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External Auditor

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Bankers

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FCA registered number

1876 R(S)

The Scottish Housing Regulator registered number

HAC 150

LISTER HOUSING CO-OPERATIVE LIMITED

ANNUAL REPORT of the COMMITTEE of MANAGEMENT

For the year ended 31 March 2025

The Committee of Management present their Annual Report of the Committee of Management and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Registration details

Lister is registered as a 'Housing Association' with the Scottish Housing Regulator under the Housing (Scotland) Act 2010, registration number HAC150. It is also registered as a Registered Society under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 with the Financial Conduct Authority, registration number 1876R(S). As a fully mutual housing co-operative, Lister gains relief from corporation tax arising from its housing activities. It pays tax on its non-housing activity income.

Principal activity

The principal activity of the Co-operative is the provision of good quality affordable rented housing for those in need. As a fully mutual Co-operative, all Lister tenants are members of the Co-operative and each has a £1 share (which brings no monetary benefits). All members/tenants have a keen interest in both the successful provision of services to tenants and the healthy continuance of the Co-operative.

The aims of the Co-operative

1. To provide housing in central Edinburgh for its members, and for people in housing need including those homeless and those in medical need. The housing shall be of a range of flat sizes and types including mainstream, amenity and wheelchair flats and shared flats for single persons.
2. The housing will be of affordable rents, of good quality and maintained to a high standard, with an accessible, responsive and caring housing service. The Co-operative is to be under its members' control and be democratically run without any discrimination.
3. To promote the development of the community at the Co-operative and with its neighbours.

Structure, governance and management

The Co-operative is controlled by a Committee of Management comprising members elected at the AGM. All Committee members are thus tenants as well. The rules of the Co-operative, based on the Scottish Federation of Housing Association's Model Rules 2020, is the controlling document for the organisation. The Committee of Management meets monthly, apart from in December, and sets out policies, strategies and priorities within which the organisation operates. The day-to-day operation is carried out by the Co-operative staff, who are all on permanent long-term contracts reporting through the CEO, John Rankin, to the Committee of Management.

The daily work is regulated by policies; the key policies include the Standing Orders, the Financial Regulations and the Financial Procedures. There are well established routines for reporting activity to the Committee of Management, including quarterly financial reporting, as well as a detailed Internal Management Plan.

In addition to this work there are a number of external agents and consultants who are involved in reporting to the Committee of Management and the Annual General Meeting of members. The management accounts are prepared by an external agent – Harbour Homes Housing Association. The Financial Statements are reviewed by the external auditor who carries out a full audit.

The Committee of Management engaged Quinn Internal Audit and Business Support Services in 2017 following a joint tendering exercise in conjunction with Manor Estates Housing Association. Finally, the Scottish Housing Regulator (to whom Lister submits regular returns) undertakes regular monitoring and can perform a performance audit visit which would produce a publicly available inspection report. It has other powers that could be used when necessary.

In addition to such formal management and monitoring arrangements, Lister is a member of the Scottish Federation of Housing Associations (SFHA) and Employers in Voluntary Housing (EVH).

Risk management

The Co-operative has an active risk management process, with policies, risk matrix map and a business continuity plan. All major risks are considered so mitigating action can be planned. The health & safety plan is based on the EVH model control manual, enhanced by regular audits by their advisers, ACS Physical Risk Control Ltd. Lister also subscribes to the EVH Landlord H&S manual and the associated audits from ACS.

Key risks include: Internal risks - loss of key staff or committee personnel, fraud, health & safety failures; and these are mitigated by robust policies, procedures, and a range of audits. External risks include: - welfare reform impacts, changes in regulatory requirements, data loss/cyber-security issues and these are mitigated by close attention to external information and advice, active membership of representative bodies and obtaining best-practice advice on IT security and data protection matters.

Business review

The Committee of Management notes that the Co-operative's Statement of Financial Position shows a satisfactory position with net assets of £4.16m (2024: £4.2m). The Co-operative continues to invest in improvements to its properties, including major repairs, cyclical maintenance and the installation and upgrading of gas central heating. The Co-operative funds these programmes either by revenue income or by using reserves. This and other future planned work will enable the flats to be upgraded when scheduled and maintenance carried out promptly. The replacement of certain agreed components is capitalised under the component accounting regulations.

This year the main activities comprised: continuation to completion of a major project to replace the kitchens in our main site properties, and commencement of a major external painting programme, focusing primarily on windows and doors, as well as some energy efficiency work to improve properties.

Key performance indicators

Lister has performed reasonably well this year - we are above our tough rent arrears target of 2.5%, at 3.9% of current arrears. Our former tenant arrears are regularly monitored and where necessary pursued via a specialist debt agency. In terms of voids, at year end there were no void properties across all housing stock. Lister advertises vacant properties on the Edindex Key-to-Choice bidding system, and this continues to proceed smoothly.

Future developments and strategies

Lister has no development opportunities at present or any strong desire or need to expand. There is planned activity in 2025-26 to complete the external painting programme, and to progress the plan for SHNZS.

Committee of Management

The Committee of Management of the Co-operative are listed on the statutory information page at the start of the financial statements.

Senior staff and training

The Co-operative's senior staff member is John Rankin, Chief Executive Officer. Leading the housing management function is Mark Stolarek, an experienced Housing Officer. Staff and Committee members have the opportunity to attend various courses, seminars and events.

Maintenance policies

The Co-operative aims to maintain its properties to a high standard. To this end programmes of cyclical maintenance are carried out and programmes of major repairs to cover for such works. Key identified components are capitalised when replaced.

Rent policy

The Co-operative sets its rents using a rent points system. These points are multiplied by the rent point factor, set by the Committee of Management each year, to give the net rental; on top are any service charges. Rents are reviewed on 1 April each year following consultation with all tenants.

Treasury management

The Co-operative, as a matter of policy, does not enter into transactions of a speculative nature. The surplus funds of Lister are managed carefully using long established banks or building societies.

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ANNUAL REPORT of the COMMITTEE of MANAGEMENT (continued)

For the year ended 31 March 2025

Employee involvement and Health & Safety

Lister encourages employee involvement in all initiatives. A comprehensive Health & Safety Manual backed up by regular inspections and checks is in operation. There are updates every year from our consultants. Lister also uses the EVH model health & safety manual for Landlord services.

Disabled Employees

Applications for employment by disabled persons are given full and fair consideration for all vacancies in accordance with their particular aptitudes and abilities. In the event of employees becoming disabled, every effort is made to retrain them in order that their employment with the Co-operative may continue.

It is the policy of the Co-operative that training, career development and promotion opportunities should be available to all employees.

Reserves

The Co-operative needs to have reserves to ensure the organisation can function into the future and meet its future liabilities, including the major repairs and investment needs of its 185 flats. The revenue reserve of £4.17m reflects primarily the past investment in the housing stock and reserves for future major repairs. The Co-operative has a cash level of £1.99m to support its future plans and operating requirements. The Co-operative reviews its maintenance spending plans regularly and re-assesses them in relation to reserves and cash flows.

Going concern

No material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the ability of the Co-operative to continue as a going concern have been identified by the Committee of Management. The Committee of Management have a reasonable expectation that the Co-operative has adequate resources to continue operating for the foreseeable future. Thus, they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Surplus for the year

The results for the year are shown in the Statement of Comprehensive Income on page 11. A (loss) of (£41k) was the outcome for the year (2024: surplus £26.3k).

Credit payment policy

The policy is payment within 28 days.

Related Party Transactions

All members of the Committee of Management are tenants. Their tenancies are on the Co-operative's normal tenancy terms and they cannot use their position to their advantage. Transactions with the Committee of Management are disclosed in note 24.

Disclosure of information to the auditor

To the knowledge and belief of each of the persons who are members of the Committee of Management at the time the report is approved:

- So far as the Committee members are aware, there is no relevant information of which the Co-operative's auditor is unaware and
- They have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a Committee member in order to make themselves aware of any relevant information, and to establish that the Co-operative's auditor is aware of the information.

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ANNUAL REPORT of the COMMITTEE of MANAGEMENT (continued)

For the year ended 31 March 2025

Statement of committee responsibilities

The Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 and registered social landlord legislation requires that the Committee of Management prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Co-operative and of the surplus or deficit of the Co-operative for that period. In preparing those financial statements the Committee members are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Co-operative will continue in business; and
- prepare a Statement on Internal Financial Control.

The Committee Members are also responsible for:

- keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the Co-operative;
- ensuring that the financial statements comply with the requirements of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014, the Housing Scotland Act 2010 and the Determination of the Accounting Requirements 2024; and
- maintaining a satisfactory system of control over accounting records and transactions, and for safeguarding all assets of the Co-operative and, hence, take reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Auditor

CT Audit Limited were re-appointed as auditor at the September 2024 Annual General Meeting.

The Co-operative will be going out to tender for Audit Services in 2025. The successful firm will be approved at the following Management Committee Meeting. CT Audit Limited will remain appointed until the tender exercise is completed.

The Report of the Committee of Management has been approved on behalf of the Management Committee by

MRS JENNIFER McCUAIG
Secretary

36 Lauriston Place
Edinburgh
EH3 9EZ

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LISTER HOUSING CO-OPERATIVE LIMITED

COMMITTEE of MANAGEMENT STATEMENT on INTERNAL FINANCIAL CONTROLS

For the year ended 31 March 2025

The Committee of Management acknowledge its ultimate responsibility for ensuring that the Co-operative has in place a system of controls that is appropriate to the various business environments in which it operates. These controls are designed to give reasonable assurance with respect to:

- the reliability of financial information used within the Co-operative or for publication;
- the maintenance of proper accounting records; and
- the safeguarding of assets (against unauthorised use or disposition).

It is the Committee of Management's responsibility to establish and maintain systems of internal financial control. Such systems can only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance against material financial mis-statement or loss. Key elements include ensuring that:

- formal policies and procedures are in place, including the documentation of key systems and rules relating to the delegation of powers, which allow the monitoring of controls and restricts the unauthorised use of the Co-operative's assets;
- experienced and suitably qualified staff take responsibility for important business functions. Annual review procedures have been established to maintain standards of performance;
- forecasts and budgets are prepared regularly which allow the Committee of Management and staff to monitor the key business risks and financial objectives, and progress towards financial plans set for the year and the medium term; regular management accounts are prepared promptly, providing relevant, reliable and up-to-date financial and other information and significant variances from budgets are investigated as appropriate; and all significant new initiatives, major commitments and investment projects are subject to formal authorisation procedures, through the Committee of Management.

The Committee of Management reviews reports from Sub Committees, staff and from the external auditors to provide reasonable assurance that control procedures are in place and are being followed. Reports from internal auditors are produced biennially – the last internal audit was conducted in February 2025. Staff reports include a general review of the major risks facing the Co-operative. Formal procedures have been established for instituting appropriate action to correct weaknesses identified from the above reports.

The Committee of Management has reviewed the system of internal financial control in the Co-operative during the year ended 31 March 2025. No weaknesses were found in internal financial controls which could result in material losses, contingencies, or uncertainties which require disclosure in the financial statements or in the auditor's report on the financial statements.

These arrangements are considered appropriate to the scale and range of the Co-operative's activities and comply with the requirements contained in the Scottish Housing Regulator's Guidance and the SFHA's publication "Raising Standards in Housing".

BY ORDER OF THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

MRS JENNIFER McCUAIG
Secretary

Date: 29.07.25

REPORT of the AUDITOR on CORPORATE GOVERNANCE MATTERS

For the year ended 31 March 2025

In addition to our audit of the Financial Statements, we have reviewed your statement on page 6 concerning the Co-operative's compliance with the information required by the Regulatory Standards in respect of internal financial controls contained within the publication "Our Regulatory Framework" and associated Regulatory Advisory Notes which are issued by the Scottish Housing Regulator.

Basis of Opinion

We carried out our review having regard to the requirements on corporate governance matters within Bulletin 2006/5 issued by the Financial Reporting Council. The Bulletin does not require us to review the effectiveness of the Co-operative's procedures for ensuring compliance with the guidance notes, nor to investigate the appropriateness of the reason given for non-compliance.

Opinion

In our opinion the Statement on Internal Financial Controls on page 6 has provided the disclosures required by the relevant Regulatory Standards within the publication "Our Regulatory Framework" and associated Regulatory Advisory Notes issued by the Scottish Housing Regulator in respect of internal financial controls and is consistent with the information which came to our attention as a result of our audit work on the Financial Statements.

Through our enquiry of certain members of the Committee of Management and Officers of the Co-operative and examination of relevant documents, we have satisfied ourselves that the Committee of Management's Statement on Internal Financial Controls appropriately reflects the Co-operative's compliance with the information required by the relevant Regulatory Standards in respect of internal financial controls contained within the publication "Our Regulatory Framework" and associated Regulatory Advisory Notes issued by the Scottish Housing Regulator in respect of internal financial controls.

**CT Audit Limited
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
61 Dublin Street
Edinburgh
EH3 6NL**

Date: 22 August 2025

For the year ended 31 March 2025

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Lister Housing Co-operative Limited (the 'Co-operative') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Changes in Capital and Reserves the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes, 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 Co-operative's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its income and expenditure 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 Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014, Part 6 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2010 and the Determination of Accounting Requirements – 2024.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Association 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 Committee of Management's 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 about the Co-operative'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 Committee of Management with respect of going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Committee of Management is responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- proper books of account have not been kept by the Co-operative in accordance with the requirements of the legislation;
- a satisfactory system of control over transactions has not been maintained by the Co-operative in accordance with the requirements of the legislation;
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the books of account of the Co-operative; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of the Committee of Management

As explained more fully in the Statement of the Committee of Management's Responsibilities set out on page 5, the Committee of Management is 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 Committee of Management determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Committee of Management are responsible for assessing the association'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 Committee of Management either intend to liquidate the association or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

The extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. The objectives of our audit are to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding compliance with laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, to perform audit procedures to help identify instances of non-compliance with other laws and regulations that may have a material effect on the financial statements, and to respond appropriately to identified or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations identified during the audit.

In relation to fraud, the objectives of our audit are to identify and assess the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud, to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud through designing and implementing appropriate responses and to respond appropriately to fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit.

However, it is the primary responsibility of management, with oversight of those charged with governance, to ensure that the entity's operations are conducted in accordance with the provisions of laws and regulations and for the prevention and detection of fraud.

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In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud, the audit engagement team:

- obtained an understanding of the nature of the sector, including the legal and regulatory frameworks that the Co-operative operates in and how the Co-operative is complying with the legal and regulatory frameworks;
- inquired of management and those charged with governance, about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, including any known actual, suspected or alleged instances of fraud; and
- discussed matters about non-compliance with laws and regulations and how fraud might occur including assessment of how and where the financial statements may be susceptible to fraud.

As a result of these procedures, we consider that the most significant laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the financial statements were, but not limited to, FRS 102, Housing SORP 2018, the Scottish Housing Regulator's Determination of Accounting Requirements 2024, the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 and the Housing (Scotland Act) 2010. We performed audit procedures to detect non-compliances which may have a material impact on the financial statements which included reviewing financial statement disclosures against the requirements of the relevant financial reporting standards.

We also performed audit procedures to inquire of management, and those charged with governance whether the Co-operative is in compliance with these laws and regulations, inspected correspondence with regulatory authorities including mandatory submissions to the Regulator, reviewed minutes of meetings of the Committee of Management and relevant sub-committees, and reviewed available online information.

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 auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Co-operative's members, as a body, in accordance with the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014. 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 Co-operative and the Co-operative's members as a body for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

**CT Audit Limited
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
61 Dublin Street
Edinburgh
EH3 6NL**

Date: 22 August 2025

LISTER HOUSING CO-OPERATIVE LIMITED
STATEMENT of COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Turnover	3	1,016,843	991,977
Less: Operating costs	3	(1,096,975)	(949,103)
Operating (deficit)/surplus	3, 8	(80,132)	42,874
Interest Payable-Pension Liability		(5,000)	(2,000)
Interest receivable and other income	5	49,978	45,735
(Deficit)/surplus before taxation		(35,154)	86,609
Taxation	6	(11,085)	(14,196)
(Deficit)/surplus for the year		(46,239)	72,413
Re-measurement caused by pension valuation		4,922	(46,047)
Total comprehensive income for the year		(41,317)	26,366

The results relate wholly to continuing activities.

The financial statements were approved by the Committee of Management and authorised for issue on 29.07.25 and signed on its behalf by:

Mrs Louise Alexander _____ Chairperson

Mrs Jennifer McCuaig

Mr Angus McDonald

The notes on pages 15 to 31 form part of these financial statements

LISTER HOUSING CO-OPERATIVE LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Tangible fixed assets			
Housing properties	9a	7,131,046	7,220,430
Other fixed assets	9b	309,703	309,754
		<u>7,440,709</u>	<u>7,530,184</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	10	81,977	75,964
Cash and bank balances	11	1,989,062	2,021,784
		<u>2,071,039</u>	<u>2,097,748</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(265,386)	(256,371)
Net current assets		<u>1,805,653</u>	<u>1,841,377</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>9,246,402</u>	<u>9,371,561</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	13	(5,029,835)	(5,113,678)
Provisions: taxation including deferred tax	15	(50,062)	(50,062)
Net assets		<u>4,166,505</u>	<u>4,207,821</u>
Capital and reserves			
Share capital	18	235	234
Revenue reserve		4,166,270	4,207,587
Total capital and reserves		<u>4,166,505</u>	<u>4,207,821</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Committee of Management and authorised for issue on 29.07.25 and signed on its behalf by:

Mrs Louise Alexander **Chairperson**

Mrs Jennifer McCuaig **Secretary**

Mr Angus McDonald **Treasurer**

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LISTER HOUSING CO-OPERATIVE LIMITED

STATEMENT of CHANGES In CAPITAL RESERVES

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Share Capital £	Revenue Reserves £	Revaluation Reserves £	Total Reserves £
Balance at 31 March 2024	234	4,207,587	-	4,207,821
Surplus for the year	-	(41,317)	-	(41,317)
Shares issued during the year	15	-	-	15
Shares cancelled during the year	(14)	-	-	(14)
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Balance at 31 March 2025	235	4,166,270	-	4,166,505
	=====	=====	=====	=====

For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Share Capital £	Revenue Reserves £	Revaluation Reserves £	Total Reserves £
Balance at 31 March 2023	239	4,181,221	-	4,181,460
Surplus for the year	-	101,466	-	101,466
Shares issued during the year	5	-	-	5
Shares cancelled during the year	(7)	-	-	(7)
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Balance at 31 March 2024	234	4,207,587	-	4,207,821
	=====	=====	=====	=====

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STATEMENT of CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	£	2025 £	£	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	19	37,315		140,346	
Taxation paid		(11,085)		(14,175)	
			26,230		126,171
Cash inflow from investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(108,931)		(313,912)	
Interest received		49,978		45,735	
			(58,953)		(268,177)
Cash outflow from financing activities					
Issue of share capital		15		8	
Cancelled shares		(14)		(13)	
			1		(5)
Net changes in cash and cash equivalents			(32,722)		(142,011)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April	11		2,021,784		2,163,795
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March	11		1,989,062		2,021,784

Accounting Standards require the Statement of Cash Flows to be accompanied by an 'Analysis of Changes in Net Debt'. 'Net Debt' means debt finance less cash. The Co-operative had no debt finance during 2025 or 2024 and therefore its net debt is simply the negative of its cash balances. Accordingly, the change in net debt is apparent from the Statement of Cash Flows.

The notes on pages 15 to 31 form part of these financial statements

NOTES to the FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 March 2025

1. General information

The financial statements of have been prepared in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland' (FRS102) (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), the Housing SORP 2018 'Statement of Recommended Practice for Registered Housing Providers' and they comply with the Determination of Accounting Requirements 2024, and under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain financial instruments and investment properties at fair value.

The Co-operative is defined as a public benefit entity and thus it complies with all disclosure requirements relating to public benefit entities. The Co-operative is a registered social landlord in Scotland and its registered number is HAC150. The registered address is noted within the statutory information page at the start of the financial statements.

These financial statements represent the results of the Co-operative only and are presented in Pounds Sterling (GBP).

2. Principle accounting policies

The principle accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are noted below. These policies have been applied consistently to all the years presented, in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the Co-operative's financial statements, unless otherwise stated.

(a) Going concern

The Co-operative has healthy cash and net current asset position and thus the Committee of Management are satisfied that there are sufficient resources in place to continue operating for the foreseeable future. Thus, the Committee of Management continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements notwithstanding wider economic challenges.

(b) Turnover

Turnover represents rental and service charge income receivable, fees receivable and revenue grants receivable from the Scottish Government, local authorities and other organisations.

(c) Apportionment of administration expenditure

The allocation of administration expenditure to the different account headings is based upon experience of time output according to activity by staff. The allocation to major repairs, capitalised work and enhancements is based upon 6% of the spending on such repairs (the sums allocated to work capitalised under component accounting thus is allocated to fixed assets). This is to enable future maintenance costing analysis and financial projections to be forecast using predictable amounts – the 6% being based upon typical contract management rates. The allocation to services is based similarly upon 5% of spend. The remaining expenditure is allocated on the basis of 54% to housing management, 44.5% to maintenance and 1.5% to non-housing activities. The allocation of the 44.5% between the 'day-to-day' and 'cyclical' elements of maintenance is done on a pro-rata basis according to their relative spending. The Co-operative does keep these allocations under review though usually maintains allocation stability, which also aids year-on-year comparisons.

2. Principle accounting policies (continued)

(d) Pensions

The Co-operative participates in the Scottish Housing Associations' Pension Scheme (SHAPS) and retirement benefits to employees of the Co-operative are funded by contributions from all participating employers and employees in the Scheme. Payments are made in accordance with periodic calculations by consulting actuaries and are based on pension costs applicable across the various participating Associations taken as a whole.

It has become possible to identify the share of underlying assets and liabilities belonging to individual participating employers and the scheme is now accounted for as a defined benefit plan, as opposed to defined contribution, for the benefit of its employees. No new benefits have been introduced and there is no change to the benefits themselves.

A liability for the Co-operative's obligations under the plan is recognised net of plan assets. The net change in the net defined benefit liability is recognised as the cost of the defined benefit plan during the period. Pension plan assets are measured at fair value and the defined benefit obligation is measured on an actuarial basis using the projected unit method. Actuarial valuations are obtained at least triennially and are updated at each balance sheet date.

(e) Leasing

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged against the Statement of Comprehensive Income on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

(f) Interest income

Interest income is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income using the effective interest method.

(g) Taxation

The Co-operative pays corporation tax on its interest income and commercial letting income. As a Co-operative housing association it is exempt from payment of corporation tax on social lettings activities. Deferred tax is provided on the liability method to take account of timing differences between the treatment for certain items for accounts purposes and the treatment for tax purposes. Tax deferred is accounted for in respect of all material timing differences. Deferred tax assets are only recognised to the extent that they are regarded as recoverable.

(h) Fixed assets – housing land and buildings (Note 9a)

Housing properties are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. The cost of such properties includes the following:

- i Cost of acquiring land and buildings;
- ii Development expenditure including directly attributable overheads; and
- iii Interest charged on the loans raised to finance the scheme.

Expenditure on schemes that are subsequently aborted is written off in the year in which it is recognised that the scheme will not be developed to completion.

2. Principle accounting policies (continued)

(h) Fixed assets – housing land and buildings (continued) (Note 9a)

Works to existing properties will generally be capitalised under the following circumstances:

- i. Where a component of the housing property that has been treated separately for depreciation purposes and depreciated over its useful economic life is replaced or restored; or
- ii. Where the subsequent expenditure provides an enhancement of the economic benefits of the tangible fixed asset in excess of the previously assessed standard of performance. Such enhancement can occur if the improvements result in an increase in rental income, a material reduction in future maintenance costs or a significant extension of the life of the property.

Works to existing properties which fail to meet the above criteria are charged to the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Component accounting was adopted six years ago. The major components are now deemed to be land, structure, pitched roofs, flat roofs, kitchens, bathrooms, HMO capital work and landscaping. Each component has a substantially different economic life and is depreciated over this individual life. Depreciation rates are shown in note (i). This accounting policy is deemed to be more appropriate as it reflects better the actual major components of the Co-operative's housing properties and their individual remaining useful lives.

(i) Depreciation

Housing properties

Depreciation is charged on a straight-line basis over the expected individual economic useful lives of each major component that makes up the housing property as follows:

Land	not depreciated
Structure	over 100 years
Pitched roofs	over 60 years
Flat roofs	over 25 years
Kitchens	over 15 years
Bathrooms	over 25 years
HMO capital works	over 20 years
Landscaping	over 20 years

Other fixed assets

The Co-operative's other fixed assets are written off over their expected useful lives, which are as follows:

Office premises	over 20 years
Office equipment	over 5 years
Garden equipment	over 5 years
Computer equipment	over 4 years

A full year's depreciation is charged on these assets in the year of purchase, but no charge is made in the year of disposal.

(j) Investment properties

Investment properties are properties held for commercial lettings. These properties are held at their market value. The fair value of each property will be considered at each reporting date and any changes will be recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

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2. Principle accounting policies (continued)

(k) Impairment of non-financial assets

At each reporting date, the Co-operative reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets, to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

If the recoverable amount of an asset is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised as an expense immediately, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation decrease. Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised as income immediately, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the reversal of the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation increase.

(l) Financial instruments

The Co-operative only enters into basic financial instruments transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other accounts receivable and payable, loans from banks and related parties.

Financial assets

Debtors

Debtors which are receivable within one year and which do not constitute a financing transaction are initially measured at the transaction price. Trade debtors are subsequently measured at amortised cost, being the transaction price less any amounts settled and any impairment losses.

Where the arrangement with a trade debtor constitutes a financing transaction, the debtor is initially and subsequently measured at the present value of future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument. A provision for impairment of debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the amounts due will not be collected according to the original terms of the contract. Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss for the excess of the carrying value of the trade debtor over the present value of the future cash flows discounted using the original effective interest rate. Subsequent reversals of an impairment loss that objectively relate to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised, are recognised immediately in income and expenditure.

Financial liabilities

Trade creditors

Trade creditors payable within one year that do not constitute a financing transaction are initially measured at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost, being the transaction price less any amounts settled.

Where the arrangement with a trade creditor constitutes a financing transaction, the creditor is initially and subsequently measured at the present value of future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar instrument.

2. Principle accounting policies (continued)

(l) Financial instruments (continued)

Borrowings

Borrowings are initially recognised at the transaction price, including transaction costs, and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and other similar charges.

(m) Rental arrears

Rental arrears represent amounts due by tenants for rental of social housing properties at the year end. Rental arrears are reviewed regularly by management and written down to the amount deemed recoverable. Any provision deemed necessary is shown alongside gross rental arrears in Note 10.

(n) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are highly liquid investments that mature in no more than twelve months from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value.

(o) Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Called up share capital represents the nominal value of shares that have been issued.

(p) Government capital grants

Government capital grants, at amounts approved by The Scottish Government or local authorities, are paid directly to the Co-operative as required to meet its liabilities during the development process. This is treated as a deferred capital grant and is released to income over the useful life of the assets it relates to on completion of the development phase.

(q) Government revenue grants

Government revenue grants are recognised using the accrual model which means the Co-operative recognises the grant in income on a systematic basis over the period in which the Co-operative recognises the related costs for which the grant is intended to compensate.

(r) Non-government capital and revenue grants

Non-government capital and revenue grants are recognised using the performance model. If there are no performance conditions attached the grants are recognised as revenue when the grants are received or receivable. A grant that imposes specific future performance related conditions on the recipient is recognised as revenue only when the performance related conditions are met. A grant received before the revenue recognition criteria are satisfied is recognised as a liability.

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2. Principle accounting policies (continued)

(s) Judgements in applying policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to make estimates and assumptions which affect reported income, expenses, assets, and liabilities. Use of available information and application of judgement are inherent in the formation of estimates, together with past experience and expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results in the future could differ from such estimates.

The Committee of Management are satisfied that the accounting policies are appropriate and applied consistently. Key sources of estimation have been applied as follows:

Estimate	Basis of estimation
Useful lives of property and other fixed assets	The useful lives of property and other fixed assets are based on the knowledge of senior management at the Co-operative, with reference to expected asset life cycles.
The main components of Housing properties and their useful lives	The cost of housing properties is split into separately identifiable components. These components were identified by knowledgeable and experienced staff members and based on costing models.
Recoverable amount of rental and other trade receivables	Rental arrears and other trade receivables are reviewed by appropriately experienced senior management team members on a case-by-case basis with the balance outstanding together with the payment history of the individual tenant being taken into account.
The obligations under the SHAPS pension scheme	This has relied on the actuarial assumptions of a qualified actuary which have been reviewed and are considered reasonable and appropriate.
The valuation of investment property	The investment property was valued by an appropriate employee surveyor using market data at the date of valuation.

3. Particulars of turnover, operating costs and operating surplus

	2025			2024		
	Turnover	Operating Costs	Operating (Deficit)/ Surplus	Turnover	Operating Costs	Operating Surplus
Income and Expenditure from lettings	£	£	£	£	£	£
Social lettings (note 4a)	998,869	(1,091,074)	(92,205)	970,603	(943,639)	26,964
Other activities(note4b)	17,974	(5,901)	12,073	21,374	(5,464)	15,910
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	1,016,843	(1,096,975)	(80,132)	991,977	(949,103)	42,874
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4 (a) Particulars of turnover, operating costs and operating surplus from social letting activities		
	General needs housing	
	2025	2024
	Total	Total
	£	£
Rent receivable net of service charges	915,079	878,299
Service charges	6,615	6,010
Rechargeable Income	-	1,011
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Gross income from rents and service charges	921,694	885,320
Less voids	(5,981)	(14,216)
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Net income from rents and service charges	915,713	871,104
Grants from Scottish Ministers	-	-
Other revenue grants	1,131	17,474
Amortisation of SHG	82,025	82,025
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Total turnover from social letting activities	998,869	970,603
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Management and maintenance administration costs	270,675	265,330
Service costs	6,618	6,145
Planned and cyclical maintenance including major repairs costs	469,541	220,835
Reactive maintenance costs	140,136	229,442
Bad debts – rent and service charges	5,789	5,650
Depreciation of social housing	198,315	216,237
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Operating costs for social letting activities	1,091,074	943,639
	=====	=====
2025 Operating (loss) for social letting activities	(92,205)	-
	=====	=====
2024 Operating surplus for social letting activities	26,964	116,562
	=====	=====

The amount included in service charges receivable which was not eligible for Housing Benefit was £nil (2024: £nil). Included in depreciation of social housing is £nil (2024: £nil) relating to the loss on disposal of components.

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4. (b) Particulars of turnover, operating costs and operating surplus from other activities

	Other income £	Total turnover £	Other operating costs £	2025 Operating surplus £	2024 Operating surplus £
Other activities	17,974	(5,901)	-	12,073	15,910
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Total from other activities – 2025	17,974	(5,901)	-	12,073	15,910
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5. Interest receivable and other income

	2025 £	2024 £
Bank interest received	49,978	45,735
	=====	=====

6. Tax on surplus on ordinary activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Current tax	12,687	14,196
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	(1,602)	-
Deferred Tax	-	-
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Total tax on ordinary activities	11,085	14,196
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The Co-operative is a fully mutual Co-operative and as such the Corporation tax charge only relates to non-housing activities.

	2025 £	2024 £
Factors affecting tax charge for the period:		
(Loss) on ordinary activities before tax	(35,154)	72,413
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Effects of:		
Corporation tax calculated at 25% (2024: 19%)	(8,795)	74,717
Income not chargeable for tax purposes and expenses not deductible	21,482	(60,521)
Adjustments in respect of previous periods	1,602	-
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Total tax expense for the year	11,085	14,196
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7. Employees	2025	2024
	£	£
Staff costs during year		
Wages and salaries	172,563	167,625
Social security costs	11,173	10,141
Other pension costs	17,256	16,763
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	200,992	194,529
	=====	=====

During the year past service deficit contributions of £19,759 (2024: £18,601) were paid. Of this payment, £18,681 (2024: £17,601) was a payment in respect of the SHAPS past service deficit liability. The remainder of £1,078 (2024: £1,000) was pension management costs which have been included in the pension contributions total included in staff costs above.

The average number of persons employed	2025	2024
	No.	No.
Administration and maintenance	5	5
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of which the average full-time equivalent is	4	4
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The Directors are defined as the members of the Committee of Management, the Director and any other person reporting directly to the Director or the Committee of Management whose total emoluments exceed £60,000 per year. No individual earned over this total in the year.

Total expenses reimbursed insofar as not chargeable to UK Income Tax:	2025	2024
	£	£
Director	-	-
Committee of Management	-	-
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Other than the expenses disclosed above, no member of the Co-operative received any remuneration for their services as members of the Committee of Management. No members were employed by the Co-operative in the year.

There were no loans to the Committee members, officers or employees during the year.

Key management personnel consist of the Director and the Housing Officer.

	2025	2024
	£	£
Key management personnel		
Emoluments	108,585	102,440
Employer NI	11,335	10,551
Pension costs	11,409	10,705
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	131,329	123,696
	=====	=====

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8. Operating surplus for the year

	2025	2024
	£	£
The operating surplus for the year is stated after charging:		
Depreciation	198,315	217,222
Operating lease rentals - other	1,071	58
Auditor's remuneration	10,800	10,560
Auditor's remuneration - taxation services	1,275	1,250
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9. (a) Housing properties

Cost

1 April 2024	11,349,432
Additions	108,931
Disposals	(17,810)

31 March 2025	11,440,553

Depreciation

1 April 2024	4,129,002
Charge for the year	198,315
Disposals	(17,810)

31 March 2025	4,309,507

Net book value

31 March 2025	7,131,046
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31 March 2024	7,220,430
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None of the Co-operative's properties were held under lease. In the year £108,931 net of grant was spent on housing properties (2024: £313,912), of this £108,931 (2024: £313,912) was capitalised with the remainder £Nil net of grant (2024: £Nil) being expensed through the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

A sum of £108,931 related to the replacement of components (2024: £313,912) and £Nil related to property improvements (2024: £Nil).

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9. (b) Other fixed assets

	Investment property £	Office £	Office equipment £	Garden equipment £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost						
1 April 2024	309,600	51,258	14,195	708	6,739	382,500
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	-
31 March 2025	309,600	51,258	14,195	708	6,739	382,500
Depreciation						
1 April 2024	-	51,258	14,041	708	6,739	72,746
Charge for year	-	-	51	-	-	51
31 March 2025	-	51,258	14,092	708	6,739	72,797
Net Book Value						
31 March 2025	309,600	-	103	-	-	309,703
31 March 2024	309,600	-	154	-	-	309,754

The investment property was valued in 2024 by the Director, using a valuation method for insurance purposes. No evidence of impairment was identified and no adjustment to the value has been made in the year.

The historical cost of the investment property is £31,235 (2024: £31,235).

10. Amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Rental debtors	43,176	38,375
Provision for bad debts	(18,850)	(14,550)
	24,326	23,825
Prepayments and accrued income	57,651	52,139
	81,977	75,964

There were no amounts falling due after one year.

Movements in the provision for bad debts are included within operating costs.

11. Cash and bank balances

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash in hand and in bank	1,989,062	2,021,784

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12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	2025	2024
	£	£
Corporation tax	12,687	14,196
Other taxes, social security and superannuation	6,331	8,767
Rent in advance	12,897	9,948
Accruals	63,130	59,645
Trade creditors	6,316	(1,210)
Deferred capital grants (note 14)	82,025	82,025
SHAPS deficit repayment plan (note 17)	82,000	83,000
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	265,386	256,371
	=====	=====

13. Creditors: Amounts falling due after one year	2025	2024
	£	£
Commercial lease - deposit	2,210	4,028
Deferred capital grants (note 14)	5,027,625	5,109,650
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	5,029,835	5,113,678
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14. Deferred capital grants	2025	2024
	£	£
Deferred capital grants at 1 April	5,191,675	5,273,700
Released to income in the year	(82,025)	(82,025)
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Deferred capital grants at 31 March	5,109,650	5,191,675
	=====	=====
Split:		
Within one year	82,025	82,025
Within 1 to 2 years	82,025	82,025
Within 2 to 5 years	246,075	246,075
Over 5 years	4,699,525	4,781,550
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Deferred capital grants at 31 March	5,109,650	5,191,675
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15. Deferred taxation	Accelerated capital allowances	Other timing differences	Total
	£	£	£
Provision at 1 April 2024	-	50,062	50,062
Charged to statement of comprehensive income	-	-	-
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Provision at 31 March 2025	-	50,062	50,062
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The reversal of deferred tax assets and liabilities in 2025 is not possible to quantify at this stage as this will depend on the movement in the market value of the investment property.

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16. Financial instruments	2025	2024
	£	£
Financial assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,989,062	2,021,784
Financial assets measured at amortised cost	27,352	27,088
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	2,016,414	2,048,872
	=====	=====
Financial liabilities		
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	69,445	58,434
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Financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise net rental debtors and accrued income.

Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost comprise trade creditors, accruals and the SHAPS deficit repayments plan.

17. Pension commitments

The Co-operative participates in the Scottish Housing Associations' Pension Scheme (the Scheme), a multi-employer scheme which provides benefits to some 150 non-associated employers. The Scheme is a defined benefit scheme in the UK.

The Scheme operates on a 'last man standing' basis, meaning that in the event of an employer withdrawing from the Scheme and being unable to pay its share of the debt on withdrawal then the liability of the withdrawing employer is re-appointed amongst the remaining employers. Therefore, in certain circumstances the Co-operative may become liable for the obligations of a third party.

The last triennial valuation of the scheme for funding purposes was carried out as at 30 September 2021. This valuation revealed a deficit of £27m. A recovery plan was put in place to eliminate the deficit which ran to 30 September 2022.

For accounting purposes, a valuation of the scheme is carried out with an effective date of 30 September each year. The liability figures from this valuation are rolled forward for accounting year-ends from 31 March to 28 February inclusive. The latest accounting valuation was carried out with an effective date of 30 September 2024. The liability figures from this valuation were rolled forward for accounting year-ends from the following 31 March 2024 to 28 February 2025 inclusive.

Present values of defined benefit obligation, fair value of assets and defined benefit asset/(liability)

	2025	2024
	£	£
Fair value of plan assets	555,000	602,000
Present value of defined benefit obligation	637,000	685,000
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Defined benefit liability to be recognised	(82,000)	(83,000)
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17. Pension commitments (continued)

Reconciliation of opening and closing balances of the defined benefit obligation

	2025
	£
Defined benefit obligation at start of period	685,000
Expenses	1,000
Interest expense	33,000
Actuarial losses (gains) due to scheme experience	12,000
Actuarial losses (gains) due to changes in demographic assumptions	-
Actuarial losses (gains) due to changes in financial assumptions	(64,000)
Benefits paid and expenses	(30,000)

Defined benefit obligation at end of period	637,000
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Reconciliation of opening and closing balances of the fair value of plan assets

	2025
	£
Fair value of plan assets at start of period	602,000
Interest income	29,000
Experience on plan assets (excluding amounts included in interest income) - gain (loss)	(47,000)
Contributions by the employer	1,000
Benefits paid and expenses	(30,000)

Fair value of plan assets at end of period	555,000
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The actual return on the plan assets (including any changes in share of assets) over the period ended 31 March 2024 was (£11,000).

Defined benefit costs recognised in statement of comprehensive income

	2025
	£
Expenses	1,000
Net interest expense	4,000

Defined benefit costs recognised in statement of comprehensive income	5,000
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17. Pension commitments (continued)

Defined benefit costs recognised in other comprehensive income

	2025
	£
Experience on plan assets (excluding amounts included in net interest cost) - gain (loss)	(47,000)
Experience gains and losses arising on the plan liabilities - gain (loss)	(12,000)
Effects of changes in the demographic assumptions underlying the present value of the defined benefit obligation - gain (loss)	-
Effects of changes in the financial assumptions underlying the present value of the defined benefit obligation - gain (loss)	64,000

Total amount recognised in other comprehensive income - gain (loss)	5,000
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During 2022/23 the Co-operative was advised that following the triennial valuation no further deficit contribution would be required at this time and as from October 2022, we have stopped paying additional amounts. The next triennial valuation will be undertaken September 2024, following which the actuary will project the liabilities and funding position for the pension fund. Until this is complete it is uncertain what the requirement will be in terms of funding any further deficit position. The position regarding any future deficit payment requirements, if required, is unlikely to be known before September 2025 with any payments, if due, commencing April 2026. Based on the current market movements it is anticipated that there is a likelihood that further contributions from employers will be required, however it is not possible to calculate the impact of this issue with any accuracy beyond the provision for £82,000 which has been made based on the accounting requirements.

In May 2021 the Scheme Trustee (TPT Retirement Solutions) notified employers of a review of historic scheme benefit changes, and this review has raised legal questions regarding whether and when some historic benefit changes should take effect, the outcome of which could give rise to an increase in liabilities for some employers. The Scheme Trustee has determined that it is prudent to seek clarification from the Court on these items, and a date for this has now been set for 2025.

On 4 May 2022, the Scheme Trustee issued an update to employers which included an estimate of the potential additional liabilities at the full scheme level, on a Technical Provisions basis. However, until Court directions are received, it is not possible to calculate the impact on an individual employer basis with any accuracy. As a result of this, no provision will be made for the potential additional liabilities within the financial statements or the related accounting disclosures included in this note.

18. Share capital	2025	2024
	£	£
Shares of £1 fully paid and issued at beginning of year	234	239
Shares issued during year	15	8
Shares cancelled in year	(14)	(13)
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Shares issued at end of year	235	234
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Each member of the Co-operative holds one share of £1 in the Co-operative. These shares carry no rights to dividend or distributions on a winding up. When a shareholder ceases to be a member, that person's share is cancelled and the amount paid thereon becomes the property of the Co-operative. Each member has a right to vote at members' meetings.

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19. Net cash flow from operating activities	2025	2024
	£	£
Surplus for the year	(41,317)	26,366
Adjustments for non-cash items:		
Taxation	11,085	14,196
Depreciation tangible fixed assets	198,315	217,222
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	(6,013)	(4,834)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	9,015	(31,844)
Increase/(decrease) in post-employment benefit obligations	(1,000)	47,000
Release of deferred capital grants	(82,792)	(82,025)
Adjustments for investing and financing activities		
Interest received	(49,978)	(45,735)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	<u>37,315</u>	<u>140,346</u>
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20. Capital commitments

Amounts contracted for but not provided in the financial statements amounted to £Nil (2024: £Nil). Amounts authorised by the Committee of Management but not contracted for amounted to £Nil (2024: £Nil).

21. Financial commitments

At 31 March 2025 the Co-operative had future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below:

	Other	Other
	2025	2024
	£	£
Operating leases payable:		
Within one year	1,071	58
Between one and five years	2,252	3,389
	<u>3,323</u>	<u>3,447</u>
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22. Contingent liabilities

At 31 March 2025 apart from the matter outlined in Note 17 on Pension commitments, the Co-operative had £nil contingent liabilities (2024: £nil).

23. Housing stock

The number of units in management at 31 March 2025 was as follows:

General Housing Needs	2025	2024
	£	£
Rehabilitation	171	171
New build	14	14
	<u>185</u>	<u>185</u>
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There is no Supported or Shared ownership accommodation.

There are no units managed by other bodies.

24. Related party transactions

All members of the Committee of Management are also tenants of the Co-operative. The tenancies of these members are on Scottish Secure Tenancy terms. The total rent receivable in the year relating to tenant Board members is £48,663 (2024: £50,627). The total rent arrears relating to tenant Board members included within debtors at the year-end is £2,081 (2024: £8).