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**NORTH AYRSHIRE VENTURES TRUST**  
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020**

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS  
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**Trustees**

William John Kirkwood  
Audrey Sutton  
Zoe Nix (appointed 15 May 2019)  
Louise McPhater  
Alan McDonald  
Ann Robertson  
Alan Hill  
Derek McCrindle  
Craig Hatton

**Company registered number**

SC200851

**Charity registered number**

SC029608

**Registered office and principal trading address**

Cunninghame House  
Friars Croft  
Irvine  
North Ayrshire  
KA12 8EE

**Company secretary**

Aileen Craig

**Independent auditors**

French Duncan LLP  
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors  
133 Finnieston Street  
Glasgow  
G3 8HB

**Bankers**

Santander  
Bridle Road  
Bootle  
Merseyside  
L39 4GB

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**Solicitors**

North Ayrshire Council  
Legal Services  
Cunninghame House  
Irvine  
KA12 8EE

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT**  
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The Trustees (who are also directors of the charity for the purpose of Company Law) present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the charitable company for the year 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020. The Annual Report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the company qualifies as small under section 383, the Strategic Report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 is not required.

**Objectives and activities**

**a. Policies and objectives**

The principal activity of the Trust is the promotion, for public benefit, of urban or rural regeneration in areas of social or economic deprivation in North Ayrshire.

Its main objectives are to support the following purposes:

- 1) To relieve poverty among the residents of the local government area of North Ayrshire.
- 2) To advance education among residents of North Ayrshire, particularly among the unemployed.
- 3) To promote other schemes of a charitable nature for benefit of the residents of North Ayrshire.
- 4) To promote the advancement of citizenship or community development, including rural or urban regeneration and the promotion of civil responsibility, volunteering, the voluntary sector or the effectiveness or efficiency of charities.
- 5) To promote training in skills of all kinds, particularly such skills as will assist residents of North Ayrshire in obtaining paid employment.

**b. Strategies for achieving objectives**

North Ayrshire Ventures Trust operates a grant programme to enable voluntary, community and social enterprises in North Ayrshire to explore new opportunities to help them grow in size, improve long term sustainability and increase their impact, through grants of up to £30,000.

The trust focuses on projects and ideas which have the potential to make a difference to the lives of North Ayrshire residents. The trust complements other grant funds already in existence, and invites ambitious applications, which promote changing the way things are currently done, or which are far reaching in their outcomes.

**c. Activities undertaken to achieve objectives**

Success is measured through the outcomes delivered by the projects supported by the trust. This will be assessed through post project evaluations which will be used to demonstrate the tangible benefits derived from each of the projects and will be subject to Board reports throughout the year.

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**Objectives and activities (continued)**

**d. Grant-making policies**

The emphasis of the fund is on transformation and on developing ways of working which provide long term sustainable solutions for the residents of North Ayrshire.

The fund is intended to enable projects or services to either become more self-sustaining or to deliver a lasting legacy for the local community. Applications are considered for projects lasting for multiple years but the fund is not available as a long-term source of funding for projects or services.

The beneficiaries of the grant making programme are charities, voluntary organisations, social enterprises, community based organisations, volunteering bodies, co-operatives, housing associations, and credit unions whose annual income is £300,000 or less.

Details of how to apply to this trust, together with the relevant forms, are available on the Trust's website:

<https://navt.org.uk/how-to-apply>

**Achievements and performance**

**a. Review of activities and key financial indicators**

During the year to 31 March 2020 the Trust has continued to utilise the income from investment properties to provide grant support to a variety of Community Groups and Social Enterprises in furtherance of its main objectives. In addition, the Trust continued to commit funds transferred from the former Irvine Bay Urban Regeneration Company in support of a range of regeneration projects with the geographical area covered by the former Company.

**Financial review**

**a. Results**

The total income for the year was £505,513 (2019 - £568,187).

The total expenditure for the year was £1,076,133 (2019 - £1,495,147). Most of the expenditure relates to the payment of committed grants from the funds transferred from Irvine Bay Urban Regeneration Company in prior years. These funds are restricted.

During the current year the charity incurred a deficit of £1,316,620 (2019 - £1,443,888), after a loss on revaluation of investment properties of £746,000 (2019 - loss of £516,928).

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**Financial review (continued)**

**b. Going concern**

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charitable company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

Since March 2020, the UK and the world has faced unprecedented uncertainty and disruption as a result of COVID-19. The trustees have considered the effects of this pandemic on the operations and any going concern implications for the charity post year-end, and full details are noted in section 2.2 in accounting policies.

**c. Reserves policy**

Funds are classed as unrestricted and restricted and are used for the furtherance of the charity's activities to meet objectives noted above.

At 31 March 2020, the total unrestricted funds were £2,575,050 (2019 - £3,126,224) and total restricted funds were £5,403,695 (2019 - £6,169,141).

In line with the Trust's reserves policy, a balance equivalent to one year's operating costs will be maintained, with all remaining funds available for utilisation in line with the Trust's objectives.

**Structure, governance and management**

**a. Constitution**

The company, which is a recognised charity in Scotland, is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association on 11 October 1999.

The principal object of the charitable company is to provide grant funding to allow organisations to focus on transformation and on developing ways of working which provide long term sustainable solutions for the residents of North Ayrshire.

**b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees**

The Trust can have a maximum of 9 directors at any given time, 4 appointed directors and 5 co-opted directors. Appointed directors are nominated by North Ayrshire Council in accordance with the provisions contained in the Articles of Association. Co-opted directors are nominated by the existing directors but their appointment must be ratified by North Ayrshire Council. In considering potential Trustees consideration is given to the skills of existing board members.

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**Structure, governance and management (continued)**

**c. Organisational structure and decision-making**

The Trust is managed entirely by its Trustees.

The work of the Trust Board is underpinned by the officers of North Ayrshire Council who provide information and support the administration of the grant application process for the board.

The Board of Trustees are the key management personnel of the Trust who direct and control the organisation. The Trustees give their time freely and no Trustee remuneration was made during the year. No Trustees expenses were paid during the year.

The day to day operations of the Trust are performed by officers of North Ayrshire Council. These officers give their time freely and no officer remuneration was made during the year.

The following provide services to the Trust:

Connected Communities: provide the administrative support to process all the applications and awards of the grant. They also monitor the expenditure by following up with the grant awardees.

Finance and Corporate Support: provide the board with financial advice as well as recording and monitoring all income and expenditure.

Legal Services: acts as company secretary and advise on all legal matters.

Estates Services: manage the properties owned by the Trust.

**d. Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees**

New Trustees are given an extensive briefing on the objectives and activities of the Trust by the Chairperson.

**e. Asset and risk management**

The principle risks faced by the Trust lie in the capacity of the fund to support projects and the risk that projects fail to deliver their key objectives and meet the objectives of the Trust. Mitigations have been put in place to ensure that these risks are managed and controlled and include: -

- Ensuring projects are only funded which can be supported by the resources of the trust
- Having robust application, vetting and post project review processes in place including the reporting of key milestones and outcomes.

**Plans for future periods**

The Trust continues to build on the significant investment in Community Groups and Social Enterprises already undertaken and looks forward to supporting future grant applications which further the main objectives of the Trust.

The Trust will also continue to work closely with North Ayrshire Council to identify investment opportunities in suitable regeneration projects within the geographical area covered by the former Irvine Bay Urban Regeneration Company.

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**Statement of Trustees' responsibilities**

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the Trustees 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 of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) 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 charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**Disclosure of information to auditors**

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' Report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditors are aware of that information.

**Auditors**

French Duncan LLP are deemed to be re-appointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

In preparing this report, the Trustees have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

**Audrey Sutton** 

Date: 1 December 2020

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF NORTH AYRSHIRE VENTURES TRUST**

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**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of North Ayrshire Ventures Trust (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2020 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, 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 charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2020 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including 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 Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 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 charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charitable company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

**Emphasis of matter**

We draw attention to the disclosures in note 11 to the financial statements, which describes the material valuation uncertainty related to the investment properties as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our opinion is not qualified in respect of this matter.

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**Other information**

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Auditors' Report 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 there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

**Opinion 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 Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate and proper accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees' Report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report.

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**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) 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 Trustees 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 Trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable 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 Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditor under section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and under the Companies Act 2006 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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 Auditors' 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.

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](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Auditors' Report.

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**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006, and to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's trustees and Trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' 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 charitable company, its members, as a body, and its trustees, as a body for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



**Antony J Sinclair (Senior Statutory Auditor)**

for and on behalf of

**French Duncan LLP**

Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors

133 Finnieston Street

Glasgow

G3 8HB

Date: 8 December 2020

French Duncan LLP are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	<i>Total funds 2019 £</i>
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	4	19,361	-	19,361	-
Investments	5	484,630	-	484,630	560,687
Other income		1,522	-	1,522	7,500
<b>Total income</b>		<b>505,513</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>505,513</b>	<b>568,187</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities	6	310,687	765,446	1,076,133	1,495,147
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>310,687</b>	<b>765,446</b>	<b>1,076,133</b>	<b>1,495,147</b>
Net losses on investment property		(746,000)	-	(746,000)	(516,928)
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(551,174)</b>	<b>(765,446)</b>	<b>(1,316,620)</b>	<b>(1,443,888)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		3,126,224	6,169,141	9,295,365	10,739,253
Net movement in funds		(551,174)	(765,446)	(1,316,620)	(1,443,888)
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>2,575,050</b>	<b>5,403,695</b>	<b>7,978,745</b>	<b>9,295,365</b>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 15 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

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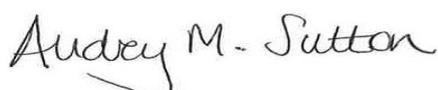
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 MARCH 2020**

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Investment property	11	1,830,000	2,596,000
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	12	6,846,742	7,366,143
Cash at bank and in hand		-	246,200
		<u>6,846,742</u>	<u>7,612,343</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(317,199)	(309,121)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>6,529,543</u>	<u>7,303,222</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>8,359,543</u>	<u>9,899,222</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	14	(380,798)	(603,857)
<b>Total net assets</b>		<u><u>7,978,745</u></u>	<u><u>9,295,365</u></u>
<b>Charity funds</b>			
Restricted funds	16	5,403,695	6,169,141
Unrestricted funds	16	2,575,050	3,126,224
<b>Total funds</b>		<u><u>7,978,745</u></u>	<u><u>9,295,365</u></u>

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements, which constitute the annual financial statements required by the Companies Act 2006 and for circulation to the members, were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



**Audrey Sutton**

Date: 1 December 2020

The notes on pages 15 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020**

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	19	(47,118)	31,006
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Proceeds from the sale of tangible fixed assets		20,000	185,000
<b>Net cash provided by investing activities</b>		<b>20,000</b>	<b>185,000</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Repayments of borrowing		(219,082)	(215,177)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>		<b>(219,082)</b>	<b>(215,177)</b>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		246,200	829
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	20	<b>-</b>	<b>246,200</b>

The notes on pages 15 to 26 form part of these financial statements

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**1. General information**

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and the registered office is Cunninghame House, Friars Croft, Irvine, North Ayrshire, KA12 8EE. The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity.

**2. Accounting policies**

**2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

North Ayrshire Ventures Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

**2.2 Going concern**

In common with other charitable organisations, North Ayrshire Ventures Trust is dependent on income from its donors, grant givers and other supporters to ensure its objectives continue to be achieved for the longer term. It is also dependent on the rental income generated from its investment properties. The directors have reviewed the charity's forecasts and cashflows in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the potential impact on future income streams and activities. After taking these factors into consideration, the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis on the understanding that the charity has the continued support of its funders in the current and future years and that investment properties continue to be fully let for at least 12 months from the date of approval of the accounts.

**2.3 Income**

All income is recognised once the company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

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**2. Accounting policies (continued)**

**2.4 Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the company and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the company's operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the company apportioned to charitable activities.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

**2.5 Interest receivable**

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the company; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

**2.6 Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount paid in advance for future periods.

**2.7 Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

**2.8 Liabilities and provisions**

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation.

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**2. Accounting policies (continued)**

**2.9 Financial instruments**

The company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

**2.10 Investment properties**

Investment properties are shown at their open market value. The surplus or deficit arising from any revaluation is shown in the heading 'net losses on investment property' in the Statement of financial activities.

**2.11 Fund accounting**

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

**3. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement**

The preparation of the financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires the charity trustees to exercise judgement in applying the charity's accounting policies. The charity trustees have reviewed these and there is one critical accounting estimate in relation to the investment property valuation:

**Investment property**

Investment properties are revalued annually in line with RICS valuation standards, and the charity trustees use an expert who is qualified with RICS. Assumptions used include matters such as occupancy, tenancy details, property conditions, prevailing market yields and comparable market conditions.

**4. Income from donations and legacies**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2020 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2020 £</b>	<i>Total funds 2019 £</i>
Donations	19,361	<b>19,361</b>	-
<i>Total 2019</i>	-	-	

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**5. Investment income**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2020 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2020 £</b>	<i>Total funds 2019 £</i>
Rental income	448,217	<b>448,217</b>	520,205
Bank interest receivable	36,413	<b>36,413</b>	40,482
	<u>484,630</u>	<u><b>484,630</b></u>	<u>560,687</u>
<i>Total 2019</i>	<u>560,687</u>	<u>560,687</u>	

**6. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities**

**Summary by fund type**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2020 £</b>	<b>Restricted funds 2020 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2020 £</b>	<i>Total funds 2019 £</i>
Direct costs	310,687	765,446	<b>1,076,133</b>	1,495,147
<i>Total 2019</i>	<u>273,722</u>	<u>1,221,425</u>	<u>1,495,147</u>	

**7. Analysis of expenditure by activities**

	<b>Activities undertaken directly 2020 £</b>	<b>Support costs 2020 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2020 £</b>	<i>Total funds 2019 £</i>
Direct costs	1,070,649	5,484	<b>1,076,133</b>	1,495,147
<i>Total 2019</i>	<u>1,489,039</u>	<u>6,108</u>	<u>1,495,147</u>	

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**7. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)**

**Analysis of direct costs**

	<b>Activities 2020 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2020 £</b>	<i>Total funds 2019 £</i>
Recharged wages and salaries	20,616	<b>20,616</b>	18,978
Loan and bank interest payable	13,012	<b>13,012</b>	16,977
Other expenditure	468	<b>468</b>	545
Property costs	3,293	<b>3,293</b>	40,184
Restricted grants payable	765,446	<b>765,446</b>	1,221,425
Unrestricted grants payable	264,885	<b>264,885</b>	173,078
Property insurance	2,929	<b>2,929</b>	2,852
Loss on disposal of investment property	-	-	15,000
	<u>1,070,649</u>	<u><b>1,070,649</b></u>	<u>1,489,039</u>
<i>Total 2019</i>	<u>1,489,039</u>	<u>1,489,039</u>	

**8. Auditors' remuneration**

	<b>2020 £</b>	<i>2019 £</i>
Fees payable to the company's auditor for the audit of the company's annual accounts	<b>5,600</b>	5,435

**9. Staff costs**

The staff costs represent a North Ayrshire Council employee who's time has been recharged to the trust.

**10. Trustees' remuneration and expenses**

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2019 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2019 - £NIL).

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**11. Investment property**

	<b>Freehold investment property £</b>
<b>Valuation</b>	
At 1 April 2019	2,596,000
Disposals	(20,000)
Deficit on revaluation	(746,000)
At 31 March 2020	1,830,000

Investment properties are included at fair value. The historic cost of the investment properties as at 31 March 2020 amounted to £3,335,000 (2019: £3,355,000). A formal valuation was carried out in March 2020 by North Ayrshire Council Asset Management and Estates Team. Due to COVID-19, these valuations have been completed on the basis of material valuation uncertainty, in line with the relevant section of the RICS Red Book Global.

**12. Debtors**

	<b>2020 £</b>	<b>2019 £</b>
<b>Due within one year</b>		
North Ayrshire Council	6,808,983	7,345,144
Other debtors	37,759	20,999
	6,846,742	7,366,143

**13. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2020 £</b>	<b>2019 £</b>
Loan from North Ayrshire Council	223,059	219,082
Other taxation and social security	-	200
Other creditors	15,060	15,060
Accruals and deferred income	79,080	74,779
	317,199	309,121

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**13. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year (continued)**

	2020 £	2019 £
Deferred income at 1 April 2019	69,780	84,946
Resources deferred during the year	69,447	69,780
Amounts released from previous years	(69,780)	(84,946)
	69,447	69,780

Deferred income relates to rental income received in advance from the investment properties owned by North Ayrshire Ventures Trust.

**14. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year**

	2020 £	2019 £
Loan from North Ayrshire Council	380,798	603,857
	380,798	603,857

The loan from North Ayrshire Council is supported by a floating charge in favour of North Ayrshire Council in respect of all borrowings. At the balance sheet date the total amount for which security has been granted is £603,857 (2019 - £822,939).

**15. Financial instruments**

	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Financial assets</b>		
Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure	6,846,742	7,612,343
	6,846,742	7,612,343
<b>Financial liabilities</b>		
Financial liabilities measured at fair value through income and expenditure	628,550	843,198
	628,550	843,198

Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure comprise bank and cash, debtors due from North Ayrshire Council, VAT debtor and rent incentive debtor.

Financial liabilities measured at fair value through income and expenditure comprise loan from North Ayrshire Council, VAT, accruals and other creditors.

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**16. Statement of funds**

**Statement of funds - current year**

	Balance at 1 April 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2020 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General Funds	3,126,224	505,513	(310,687)	(746,000)	2,575,050
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Irvine Bay Urban Regeneration	6,169,141	-	(765,446)	-	5,403,695
<b>Total of funds</b>	<b>9,295,365</b>	<b>505,513</b>	<b>(1,076,133)</b>	<b>(746,000)</b>	<b>7,978,745</b>

**Statement of funds - prior year**

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2018 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Gains/ (Losses) £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2019 £</i>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General Funds	3,348,687	568,187	(273,722)	(516,928)	3,126,224
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Irvine Bay Urban Regeneration	7,390,566	-	(1,221,425)	-	6,169,141
<b>Total of funds</b>	<b>10,739,253</b>	<b>568,187</b>	<b>(1,495,147)</b>	<b>(516,928)</b>	<b>9,295,365</b>

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**17. Summary of funds**

**Summary of funds - current year**

	Balance at 1 April 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2020 £
General funds	3,126,224	505,513	(310,687)	(746,000)	2,575,050
Restricted funds	6,169,141	-	(765,446)	-	5,403,695
	<u>9,295,365</u>	<u>505,513</u>	<u>(1,076,133)</u>	<u>(746,000)</u>	<u>7,978,745</u>

**Summary of funds - prior year**

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2018 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Gains/ (Losses) £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2019 £</i>
General funds	3,348,687	568,187	(273,722)	(516,928)	3,126,224
Restricted funds	7,390,566	-	(1,221,425)	-	6,169,141
	<u>10,739,253</u>	<u>568,187</u>	<u>(1,495,147)</u>	<u>(516,928)</u>	<u>9,295,365</u>

Irvine Bay Urban Regeneration is a restricted fund to provide grants to projects previously committed by Irvine Bay Urban Regeneration Company. As per the transfer agreement, North Ayrshire Ventures Trust have acknowledged that grants are committed to ongoing projects.

**18. Analysis of net assets between funds**

**Analysis of net assets between funds - current period**

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Investment property	1,830,000	-	1,830,000
Current assets	1,443,047	5,403,695	6,846,742
Creditors due within one year	(317,199)	-	(317,199)
Creditors due in more than one year	(380,798)	-	(380,798)
<b>Total</b>	<u>2,575,050</u>	<u>5,403,695</u>	<u>7,978,745</u>

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**18. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)**

**Analysis of net assets between funds - prior period**

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2019 £</i>	<i>Restricted funds 2019 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2019 £</i>
Investment property	2,596,000	-	2,596,000
Current assets	1,443,202	6,169,141	7,612,343
Creditors due within one year	(309,121)	-	(309,121)
Creditors due in more than one year	(603,857)	-	(603,857)
<b>Total</b>	<u>3,126,224</u>	<u>6,169,141</u>	<u>9,295,365</u>

**19. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities**

	<b>2020 £</b>	<b>2019 £</b>
Net expenditure for the period (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	<u><b>(1,316,620)</b></u>	<u>(1,443,888)</u>
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Loss on the sale of fixed assets	-	15,000
Decrease in debtors	<b>519,401</b>	942,966
Increase in creditors	<b>4,101</b>	-
Revaluation loss on investment properties	<b>746,000</b>	516,928
<b>Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities</b>	<u><b>(47,118)</b></u>	<u>31,006</u>

**20. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents**

	<b>2020 £</b>	<b>2019 £</b>
Cash in hand	-	246,200
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>246,200</u>

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**21. Analysis of changes in net debt**

	At 1 April 2019	Cash flows	Other non- cash changes	At 31 March 2020
	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	246,200	(246,200)	-	-
Debt due within 1 year	(219,082)	219,082	(223,059)	(223,059)
Debt due after 1 year	(603,857)	-	223,059	(380,798)
	<u>(576,739)</u>	<u>(27,118)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(603,857)</u>

**22. Grants committed**

In prior years the Trust received £10,762,478 in cash as part of the transfer of trade and assets from the Irvine Bay Urban Regeneration Company. As per the transfer agreement North Ayrshire Ventures Trust have acknowledged that grants are committed to ongoing projects. The maximum aggregate grant still to be advanced to ongoing projects is £2,893,601 (2019 - £3,522,838).

At 31 March 2020, North Ayrshire Ventures Trust had grants committed to be paid outwith the next financial year totalling £169,731 (2019 - £200,451). The conditions for these grants have not been met at 31 March 2020 and therefore these have not been provided for in these accounts.

**23. Related party transactions**

During the year, the charity made loan repayments totalling £219,082 (2019 - £215,177) to North Ayrshire Council. Interest paid on the loan totalled £13,012 (2019 - £16,917). At the year end, North Ayrshire Ventures Trust has a loan balance with North Ayrshire Council of £603,857 (2019 - £822,939). The loan from North Ayrshire Council is supported by a floating charge in favour of North Ayrshire Council in respect of all borrowings.

There was an outstanding debtor balance owed by North Ayrshire Council to North Ayrshire Ventures Trust of £6,808,983 (2019 - £7,345,144). Amounts owed by North Ayrshire Council are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand.

Payroll costs incurred by North Ayrshire Council on behalf of the charity totalled £20,616 (2019 - £18,978). These have been fully settled by the year end.

During the year, North Ayrshire Council paid VAT liabilities to HMRC on behalf of North Ayrshire Ventures Trust. The amount of these was payments of £506 (2019 - £4,680). During the year, North Ayrshire Council also received VAT refunds totalling £374 (2019 - £2,505) which were due to North Ayrshire Ventures Trust.

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**24. Post balance sheet events**

Since March 2020, and continuing until the date of signing of these financial statements and beyond, the UK and the world has faced unprecedented uncertainty and disruption as a result of COVID-19. The trustees have considered the effects of this pandemic on the operations and any going concern implications for the business post year-end with full details noted in section 2.2 in accounting policies.

**25. Controlling party**

In the opinion of the Trustees there is no ultimate controlling party of the charity.