## **Results for the year ended 31 March 2021**

19 August 2021

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#### **Our Presenting Team**



#### Melvyn Garrett, Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director of Finance

- Joined LiveWest in 2013 (then Devon and Cornwall Housing (DCH))
- Previously Europe, Middle East and Africa Finance and Operations Director at Motorola Mobility
- Previously held finance, strategy and chief executive positions in the transport, electronics and distribution sectors; with eight years spent in the USA



#### Andrew Hart, Director of Corporate Finance

- Joined LiveWest in 2014 (then Devon and Cornwall Housing (DCH))
- 25 years' finance experience including 10 years in corporate finance consultancy
- Previously Managing Director at a consultancy specialising in housing sector treasury risk management

# Agenda

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# **Key Highlights**



We remain committed to delivering new affordable housing during what is a challenging period of economic uncertainty.

#### **Introduction: Key Highlights**



<u>Homes</u>





#### Our colleagues



Overall employee satisfaction

Overall customer

satisfaction



Learning events undertaken by employees to develop their professional skills **ii** 1,425

Skilled and committed employees, living our values and making our strategy happen

%

Satisfied with the quality

of their home

#### Our customers and communities



Welfare calls to vulnerable customers



Laptops donated to supported housing customers and local schools £1.9m

Of additional customer benefit entitlement identified



# Operations Update

Our new environmental strategy will help to improve the energy efficiency of our homes.



#### A Geographically Focused Portfolio

New homes developed in 2020/21		LiveWest housing stock		
General needs - social	211	2019	36,222	
General needs - affordable	264	2020	37,384	
Shared ownership	226	2021	37,820	
Total affordable homes	701			

Local authority	Affordable housing completions 2020/2021	Affordable housing under development at 31/03/2021	Homes owned and managed
Bath and North East Somerset	8	5	1,009
Bristol	35	196	2,581
Cornwall	170	361	9,947
East Devon	104	168	1,968
Exeter	-	283	980
Mendip	-	26	1,078
MId Devon	18	51	411
North Devon	20	31	1,048
North Somerset	14	49	1,613
Plymouth	36	69	3,133
Sedgemoor	8	27	1,113
Somerset West and Taunton	26	451	1,936
South Gloucestershire	110	130	1,660
South Hams	73	121	3,921
South Somerset	11	117	813
Teignbridge	47	278	868
Torbay	4	10	568
Torridge	-	-	798
West Devon	17	121	1,900
West Dorset	-	10	58
Other	-	-	417
Total	701	2,504	37,820

#### Total Stock – 93% affordable tenures



General Needs (Social Rent)
Affordable Rent
Supported Housing
Housing for Older People (<1%)</li>
Low Cost Home Ownership
Care Homes (<1%)</li>
Other Social
Private Rented/Leasehold

- LiveWest rents below 70% of Private Rented Sector across all local authorities in our operating area indicating long term demand for stock
- All rents are below LHA (30<sup>th</sup> centile)

#### **ESG: Environmental**

#### Early adopter of the Sustainability Reporting Standard – first report in October 2021

#### **Environmental Initiatives undertaken in the year:**

- taking a fabric first approach with renewable technology on all of our land led schemes
- all new own build scheme homes to be in the range of high EPC B to high EPC A
- energy ratings to reach a minimum EPC C energy rating on all of our homes by 2028
- procure and maintain a green energy supply in all of our offices
- planting two trees for every one removed
- reduce our business mileage by 15% of 'pre-covid' volumes
- developing a Fleet Strategy to reduce the carbon impact of our 360 vans
- an electric and ultra-low emission employee car benefit scheme
- Introduction of hybrid working for our colleagues to reduce mileage and promote a healthy work/life balance



**EPC Rating of New Rented Units** Delivered in FY20/21







Average energy efficiency rating of our homes

Tonnes CO₂ on green electricity tariff for our offices and communal areas





Tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> stored within our tree portfolio

Electric and ultra-low emission scheme for staff implemented

#### **Case Study: Ringswell Avenue Exeter**

- Start on Site November 2020
- 60 Unit scheme (35 Rented, 25 Shared Ownership)
- All Homes will be fitted with solar photovoltaic panels to • generate their own electricity
- Electric car charging ports
- Public cycle parking, with spaces available for use by a car club.



#### **ESG: Social & Governance**

#### **Social Initiatives:**

- Aim to create long-term sustainable communities where people want to live and where there are opportunities to thrive and become resilient to increasing local and global impacts
- Ensuring affordability, security and safety through substantial discounts to market rates, all rented tenancies are long term with the majority on lifetime tenancies and a comprehensive above compliance approach to safety
- Early adopters of the National Housing Federation "Together with Tenants" charter
- Signed the Time to Change Employer Pledge which supports those facing mental health issues
- InFocus customer scrutiny group has membership across our housing geography to ensure our customers views are heard and acted upon
- Customer portal established providing 24/7 self-service functionality and partnering with Sign Video, ensuring customers can engage with us using sign language

#### **Key Social Achievements:**





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#### Governance:

- Highest possible Governance and Viability rating (G1 / V1) reaffirmed by the regulator in January 2021
- Board and Executive team comprise experienced members with a balance of skills and recognise importance of effective succession planning
- Gender Ratio of the Male: Female in the Board is 73:27
- Adopted and comply with the National Housing Federation's 2020 Code of Governance
- 89% Overall Customer Satisfaction and we continue to strive to improve in all aspects of our offering to our customers

#### **Operational Performance Update**

#### **BUILDING SAFETY**

- Customer Safety is our top priority, ensuring that our customers are safe in their homes through appropriate servicing of components and risk assessments
- No buildings with ACMs (Aluminium Composite Materials)
- 8 blocks over six storeys one of which is nine storeys
- Dedicated building safety team recruited to ensure we meet the requirements of the Fire Safety Act and Building Safety Bill
- We have used criteria (such as the number of storeys, quantity of cladding, the nature of the residents, the presence of a fire detection system) to prioritise remedial action
- New developments include consultation with fire specialists at an early stage of our design process

#### **RENT COLLECTION**

- Historically low void rent loss levels
- Rent arrears returning to pre Covid-19 levels
- Increasing numbers of tenants claiming Universal credit
  - Our Tenancy sustainment team have helped our customers claim an additional £1.9m in income which has helped them pay their rent an household bills

	March 2021	March 2020	March 2019
Valid Gas Safety Certificates	99.98%	100%	99.98%
Fire Risk Assessments Complete	100%	99.45%	99.93%
% of homes meet the Decent Homes Standard	99.99%	99.91%	100%

	March 2021	Sept 2020	March 2020	March 2019
Rent arrears	2.02%	2.54%	1.93%	1.83%
Void rent loss (general needs)	0.47%	0.53%	0.64%	0.51%
Average days to re-let	24.8		29.6	22.8
No. of tenants in receipt of Universal Credit (% rented tenants)	9,474 (31%)		6,960 (23%)	4,010 (14%)

# Development Performance



#### **Development: Delivery & Sales**

#### March 2021 performance

- 701 affordable homes completed, higher than initial target of 600 set at the outbreak of the pandemic
- £100m invested in delivery of our affordable housing programme
- Strong sales margins and low stock levels
- Sales as % of Turnover 21% well within Internal Financial Framework limit of 30%



■ Social Rented ■ Affordable Rented ■ Shared Ownership ■ Supported ■ Non Social

		2021		2020
Sales Performance	Shared Ownership	Open Market	Total	Total
Sales (£000s)	23,649	26,816	50,465	60,749
Units Sold	256	79	335	451
Sales as % of Turnover	10%	11%	21%	24%
Stock	100	8	108	133
of which, unreserved	32	4	36	74
of which, unreserved > 3 mths	3	2	5	16
Gross Profit (£000)	5,479	5,451	10,930	13,859
Gross Profit Margin	23%	20%	22%	23%
Profit (£000)	3,746	3,933	7,679	10,484
Profit Margin	16%	15%*	15%	17%

\*Profit on Open Market Sales is before an accrual for additional work required on an historical scheme. The Margin falls to 9% with this included.

- Target of 6,955 new homes for development in the next 5 years (60% rented , 30% shared ownership, 10% open market)
- Contracted pipeline of 2,504 affordable and 1,027 open market homes

# Financial Performance



When Carly found herself facing financial pressures, the last thing she thought she'd be doing was going to university. But now she's planning to start a career in law.

Carly, 20, said: "In the first year, after a very rocky start where I almost gave up, I managed to find my feet and finished the year with some positive results.

"[LiveWest's] funding was an absolute lifeline for me."

#### **Financial Performance**

	2021	2020	2019
Total Turnover - £m	244	249	233
Social Housing Lettings Turnover - £m	186	180	175
Social Housing Lettings Surplus - %	30%	33%	33%
First Tranche Shared Ownership Sales - £m	24	32	22
Open Market Sales - £m	27	29	29
Total Property Sales (S/O + OMS) as % of Turnover	21%	24%	22%
Operating Surplus - £m (pre asset disposals)	61	70	66
Operating Surplus - £m (post asset disposals)	82	90	81
Operating Margin % (pre asset disposals)	25%	28%	28%
Net Surplus - £m	46	59	56
Gearing %	40%	41%	40%
EBITDA-MRI Interest Cover %	244%	252%	267%
Housing & Investment Properties net of Depreciation - £m	2,164	2,083	1,978
Housing Loans - £m	936	900	806
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#### **Financial Performance**



• The impact of Covid-19 across all our business activities and additional fire safety costs resulted in our operating surplus reducing to £82m from £90m

• Turnover reduced by £5m. Social housing lettings income increased by £6m offset by lower sales volumes





• Consistent debt per unit levels over the past three years

#### Benchmarking

20% ·

10%

5% 0%-

2021 2020

# Operating margin – social housing lettings

#### Headline social housing Cost Per Unit (£)



#### **EBITDA – MRI Interest Cover %**



#### **Gearing %**



Other UK rated

housing associations

LiveWest

LiveWest

HouseMark median

- Comparing LiveWest against a selection of Moody's rated housing associations using HouseMark data
- Comprises of current A2 or higher rated associations

Source: LiveWest 2020/2021 Annual Report

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#### **Debt and Security: Portfolio – March 21**

March 20	Loans	Swaps	Net loans	%
Fixed	667	245	912	97%
Floating	269	(265)	4	1%
Index linked	-	20	20	2%
Total Debt	936	-	936	100%
Cash and liquid investments	(85)	-	(85)	
Net Debt	851	-	851	

Debt repayment profile



**Debt Facilities** 



#### **Available Security**

Stock uncharged or held as excess security and available to secure future borrowings:

- 10,738 properties
- Security value of £0.9bn

#### Swaps

MTM Liability - £83m (2020: £116m) Liability is fully secured (Including buffer against rate movement) Average Maturity – 9 years

#### EMTN

- Transferred £100m 2048 5.576% Bonds into EMTN Programme in June 2020 via solicitation process
- In February 2021 £250m 2056 1.875% Note of which £100m was retained, our third Note issued from the programme.

#### Conclusion



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# Appendix: Organisational Structure & Governance



by Guarantee



 LiveWest Capital Plc and Arc Developments South West will become inactive and dormant

#### **Appendix: Board Membership**

- Board comprises 11 members:
- 9 independent members, 2 executives
  - LiveWest board is led by Linda Nash
  - LiveWest CEO is Paul Crawford
- Treasury Committee includes specialist banking co-opted member
- We are not-for-profit and comply with the National Housing Federation's Code of Governance 2020 edition
- InFocus customer scrutiny group of over 40 members who help ensure customer views are heard and acted upon and review performance

Andrew Wiles Member of ARC and CSC	Antony Durbacz chair of ARC, Member of TC	Jacqueline Starr Member of CSC (appointed 1March 2020)	Jenefer Greenwood Chair of RC, Member of DC
John Newbury Senior Independent Director, Member of ARC, and CSC	Linda Nash Group Chair, Member of RC	Melvyn Garrett Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director of Finance, Member of DC and TC	Paul Crawford Chief Executive, Member of DC
Tom Vaugh Chair of CSC, Men	han nber of RC Tony Mac	Gregor mber of ARC	ohens DC OFTC
ARC = Audit and Risk committe	ee DC = Develop	ment committee TC	=Treasury committee
CSC = Customer Services com	mittee RC = Remune committee	ration and Nominations	LiveWest

Board Statistics	
Gender Ratio Male : Female	73:27
Average Age	62
Average Tenure	4 years
Maximum Tenure (non-executives)	9 years
Percentage Non-Executive	82%
Regulator Grading	G1/V1
CEO/Worker Median Pay Ratio	8.12

#### **Appendix: Executive Team**



Melvyn Garrett Deputy CEO/Executive Director of Finance



Paul Crawford Chief Executive



Russell Baldwinson Executive Director of Development



Ian Fisher Executive Director of Business and Digital Change



Suzanne Brown Executive Director of Operations

