

**PLATFORM HG FINANCING PLC**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

**Company Number: 12743517**

## **PLATFORM HG FINANCING PLC**

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## PLATFORM HG FINANCING PLC

### COMPANY INFORMATION

#### Board of Directors

John Weguelin	15 July 2020	Chair
Elizabeth Froude	15 July 2020	Board Member
Rosemary Farrar	15 July 2020	Board Member
Anthony King	24 November 2020	Board Member

#### Company Secretary

Andrew Bush	15 July 2020
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#### External Auditors

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**Registered under the Companies Act: Company No: 12743517**

## PLATFORM HG FINANCING PLC

### STRATEGIC REPORT

For the year ended 31 March 2024

The Directors are pleased to present the strategic report of Platform HG Financing Plc (“The Company”) for the year ending 31 March 2024.

#### Principal activity

The Company was set up in July 2020 with the principal activity to act as the capital markets issuance vehicle for Platform Housing Group Limited.

On 10 August 2020, the Company issued its inaugural own name bond issue – a £350m (with £50m retained, meaning £300m was raised upfront) 35-year issue. The 1.625% coupon and 1.706% yield achieved represented all-time record lows for both the social housing sector and all single A rated issuance by corporates in the long-dated sterling bond markets. The £300m issue was at a discount of £6.4m and is due to be repaid in 2055.

On 15 September 2021, the Company issued its first sustainability bonds from the Euro Medium-Term Note (EMTN) facility that was agreed earlier in the year. The £250m, 20-year bond was issued with a coupon of 1.926% and proceeds were invested into building more energy efficient, affordable homes.

The £50m retained bonds were sold in December 2021, achieving a yield of 1.77%. The Company has no further outstanding bonds.

In aggregate the Company has bonds of £600m, all of which are listed on the London Stock Exchange International Securities Market (ISM).

Bonds issued by Platform HG Financing are subject to credit ratings by Fitch and/or S&P Global, which are both currently A+ following reviews in October 2023 and January 2024 respectively.

The Company on-lends all of its proceeds from capital market transactions to Platform Housing Limited, a fellow subsidiary of Platform Housing Group Limited, under a separate loan agreement. The underlying assets that secure the issuance are owned and provided by Platform Housing Limited and are held through a security trust arrangement with the M&G Trustee Company Limited.

All costs related to the provision of funding are recharged to Platform Housing Limited at cost.

#### Financial Review

During the period the company incurred interest charges of £10.878m which were recharged in full to Platform Housing Limited in accordance with the group funding agreement.

The company does not employ any staff and the company does not levy management fees as it has no operating costs. All financing costs are fully funded in line with the terms of the on-lending agreement.

#### Financial Instruments and Risks

- **Credit Risk**

The only credit risk to the Company comes from on-lending proceeds of debt issued to Platform Housing Limited. Credit risk is mitigated through housing assets used as security for the loan, which is supported by the contractual protection of the loan agreement as well as the overall credit worthiness of Platform Housing Limited.

- **Liquidity Risk**

The Company on-lends the full amount of all proceeds raised; thus, the entity is reliant on payments of interest and capital from Platform Housing Limited in order to meet any payments due. Platform Housing Limited carries a prudent amount of liquidity at all times which is more than sufficient to meet all of its payment obligations to the Company.

- **Interest Rate Risk**

In order to ensure the stability of cash outflows, interest payable on borrowings is matched against interest receivable on loan debtors. At 31 March 2024, 100% of the Company’s debt was on fixed rate terms. The Company does not use derivative financial instruments to manage interest rate risk.

- **Financial risk management objectives and policies**

The Group operates a risk management policy that aims to limit the potentially adverse impact of changes in the wider economy as well as sector specific risks. The risk management policy includes the activities of the Company.

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#### **Health and Safety**

The ultimate parent company, Platform Housing Group Limited, ensures the responsibilities of the Company under Health and Safety legislation are met.

#### **Going Concern**

The Directors have prepared group cash flow forecasts covering a period of 30 years from the date of approval of these financial statements which indicate that, taking account of severe but plausible downsides, the Company will have sufficient funds to meet its liabilities as they fall due for that period. In order to settle its own financial obligations and meet the compliance requirements of its external borrowings the Company is dependent on Platform Housing Limited generating sufficient cashflows to settle the payments of principal and interest on the onward funding raised by the Company. Those payments are dependent on Platform Housing Limited having adequate resources to continue in business for the foreseeable future.

The Platform Housing Group Board has adopted a stress testing framework to stringently test a number of sensitivities against the groups long term financial plan. As part of the stress testing process sensitivities and multi-variant scenarios, plus mitigations were conducted.

The single variant assumptions applied were inclusive but not limited to rent decreases, increase in voids and bad debts, increasing repairs and maintenance costs, changes in house prices as well as increases in interest rates. The multi-variant scenarios included a combination of adverse events such as political and economic event as well as governance, control and IT. The stress testing impacts were measured against loan covenants and peak borrowing levels compared to agreed facilities, with potential mitigating actions identified to reduce expenditure.

The board, after reviewing the group and company budgets for 2024/25 and the group's medium term financial position, as detailed in the 30-year long term financial plan, is of the opinion that, taking account of severe but plausible downsides, the Group and Company have adequate resources to continue in business for the foreseeable future.

The board believe the group and company have sufficient funds in place and expect the group to be in compliance with its debt covenants even in severe downside scenarios.

Consequently, the Directors are confident that the Company will have sufficient funds to continue to meet its liabilities as they fall due for at least 12 months from the date of approval of the financial statements and therefore have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis.

#### **Long Term Viability**

The directors have also considered the long-term viability of the company, its current position and principal risks.

The principal objective and activities of the company, as set out on page 2 of this report, are to ensure that funds are raised through the capital markets in accordance with the requirements of the parent company and then on lend all of the proceeds to Platform Housing Limited, a fellow subsidiary of Platform Housing Group Limited. The underlying assets used to secure the issuance belong to Platform Housing Limited and are secured through a Security Trust arrangement with M&G Trustee Company Limited.

The principal credit, liquidity, interest rate and other risks to the company are set out on page 2 of this report along with the management policies undertaken to mitigate these risks.

Given these conditions the key consideration of the long-term viability of the company is the long-term financial forecasts of the Group and in particular Platform Housing Limited. Detailed 30-year financial plans are prepared and considered by the group and subsidiary boards that demonstrate the ability of Platform Housing Limited to service its interest and capital obligations over the period of the forecasts and have been stress tested for various scenarios.

The directors therefore consider it reasonable to expect that the company will continue in operation and meet its liabilities as they fall due over the long term.

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**STRATEGIC REPORT**

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**Statement of Internal Controls Assurance**

The Group Board is the ultimate governing body for the Group and is committed to the highest standards of business ethics and conduct across all the operating businesses. The Group has a robust culture of internal controls. The Group's risk management and control culture is further supported by the adoption of the National Housing Federation's Code of Governance.

The Group Board has overall responsibility for ensuring that a sound and comprehensive system of internal controls exist across the group and for reviewing its effectiveness. Control systems have been designed to proactively manage, rather than eliminate the risks of failure to achieve business objectives and provide reasonable, but not absolute assurance against misstatement or loss.

The Group Chief Executive and Directors have reviewed the effectiveness of the internal control and assurance arrangements and have confirmed to the Board that all relevant regulations, policies and procedures have been complied with during the year. The Group Audit and Risk Committee has also expressed its satisfaction with these arrangements in its review of the effectiveness of internal control systems.

The Strategic Report was approved by the Directors on 23 July 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

*Andrew Bush*

Andrew Bush  
Company Secretary

## **PLATFORM HG FINANCING PLC**

### **AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE STATEMENT**

**For the year ended 31 March 2024**

The Audit and Risk Committee (the Committee) works at a Group level and discharges its responsibilities across the group for all subsidiary companies through regular meetings and consideration of risks and mitigations.

The Committee is responsible for assessing the effectiveness of the external audit process and the approach taken to the appointment or reappointment of the external auditor. KPMG LLP were appointed in February 2021 to provide external audit services following a successful tendering exercise.

#### **Significant issues considered by the committee.**

The Committee is responsible for considering significant issues in relation to the financial statements and in addressing these issues through their regular meetings and through discussions with the external auditor. The only significant issue for the Company, considered by the Committee is:

#### The Recoverability of Long-Term Debtors

As detailed in the Strategic Report the principal objective and activities of the company are to ensure that funds are raised through the capital markets in accordance with the requirements of the parent company and then on lend the proceeds to Platform Housing Limited. This creates significant long-term inter-company debtors for the company.

In addressing the recoverability of this long-term debt, the committee considered the long-term viability of the Group and in particular Platform Housing Limited. As also detailed in the Strategic Report, financial plans demonstrate the ability of Platform Housing Limited to service the debt over the period of the forecasts and the Committee therefore believes the debts are recoverable.

*Ian Allies*

**Ian Allies**

**Chair – Group Audit and Risk Committee**

**23 July 2024**

## **PLATFORM HG FINANCING PLC**

### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

**For the year to 31 March 2024**

The Directors present their report and audited financial statements of Platform HG Financing plc ("The Company") for the year ending 31 March 2024.

#### **Registration Details**

Platform HG Financing plc is a company limited by shares under the Companies Act 2006 (Company No: 12743517). The company was incorporated on 15 July 2020 and is a subsidiary of Platform Housing Group Limited ("The Group").

#### **Directors**

The Directors who held office during the period are disclosed on page 1 of the financial statements.

#### **Statement of Directors' Responsibilities in respect of the Strategic Report, the Directors' Report and the Financial Statements**

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

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK accounting standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departure disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- assess the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern; and
- use the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

#### **Disclosure of information to auditors**

The directors who held office at the date of approval of this directors' report confirm that, so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware; and each director has taken all the steps that he/she ought to have taken as a director to make himself/herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

#### **Annual General Meeting**

The Company's annual general meeting will be held on 23 July 2024

#### **Auditors**

A resolution to re-appoint KPMG LLP as external auditors will be proposed at the annual general meeting.

#### **Approval**

The report of the Directors was approved by the Board on 23 July 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

*Andrew Bush*

Andrew Bush

**Company Secretary**



**PLATFORM HG FINANCING PLC****INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PLATFORM HG FINANCING PLC****1 Our opinion is unmodified.**

We have audited the financial statements of Platform HG Financing Plc ("the Company") for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Movements in Equity, and the related notes, including the accounting policies in note 2.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its result for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK accounting standards, including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* ; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

***Basis for opinion***

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ("ISAs (UK)") and applicable law. Our responsibilities are described below. We have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities under, and are independent of the Company in accordance with, UK ethical requirements including the FRC Ethical Standard as applied to listed entities. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is a sufficient and appropriate basis for our opinion.

**2 Key audit matters: our assessment of risks of material misstatement**

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements and include the most significant assessed risks of material misstatement (whether or not due to fraud) identified by us, including those which had the greatest effect on: the overall audit strategy; the allocation of resources in the audit; and directing the efforts of the engagement team. This matter was addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on this matter. In arriving at our audit opinion above, the key audit matter was as follows (unchanged from 2023):

**Recoverability of Long-Term Debtors (Risk vs 2023 <>)**

Long Term Debtors (amounts falling due in more than one year) £589.4m (2023: £589.1m)

Refer to page 2 (Audit and Risk Committee's Report), page 15 to 16 (accounting policy) and page 16 to 19 (financial disclosures).

The risk – low risk high value

The Company's primary activity is to source investor financing by issuing bonds and onward lending this funding to a fellow group entity. The Company therefore has a significant long term intercompany debtor and the recoverability of this balance is inherently linked to the forecasted performance of the wider group.

The carrying amount of the long-term intercompany debtor balance represents 99% (2023: 99%) of the Company's total assets. Their recoverability is not at a high risk of significant misstatement or subject to significant judgement. However, due to their materiality in the context of the Company financial statements, this is considered to be the area that had the greatest effect on our overall Company audit.

Our response

We performed the tests below rather than seeking to rely on any of the Company's controls because the nature of the balance is such that we would expect to obtain audit evidence primarily through the detailed procedures described.

Our procedures included:

- i. **Tests of detail:** Assessing the long-term intercompany debtors representing 100% (2023: 100%) of the total long-term intercompany debtors balance to identify, with reference to the relevant debtor's draft balance sheet, whether they have a positive net asset value and therefore coverage of the debt owed, as well as assessing whether the debtor company has historically been profit-making.

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- ii. **Evaluating ability of the wider group to repay the receivable:** critically assessing the Company's assessment of the ability of the wider group to meet their obligations to the Company by inspecting the financial statements and internally provided cash flow projections of the group. This included evaluating the reasonableness of the key assumptions in those projections against our knowledge of the group and experience of the industry in which it operates.

Our results

We found the Company's assessment of the recoverability of the long-term debtor balance to be acceptable (2023 result: acceptable).

**3 Our application of materiality and an overview of the scope of our audit**

Materiality for the financial statements as a whole was set at £4.5m (2023: £4.1m), determined with reference to a benchmark of gross assets, of which it represents 0.7% (2023: 0.7%).

In line with our audit methodology, our procedures on individual account balances and disclosures were performed to a lower threshold, performance materiality, so as to reduce to an acceptable level the risk that individually immaterial misstatements in individual account balances add up to a material amount across the financial statements as a whole.

Performance materiality was set at 75% (2023: 75%) of materiality for the financial statements as a whole, which equates to £3.37m (2023: £3.07m). We applied this percentage in our determination of performance materiality because we did not identify any factors indicating an elevated level of risk.

We agreed to report to the Audit Committee any corrected or uncorrected identified misstatements exceeding £225k, in addition to other identified misstatements that warranted reporting on qualitative grounds.

The scope of the audit work performed was fully substantive as we did not rely upon the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

Our audit of the Company was undertaken to the materiality level specified above and was performed by a single audit team.

**4 Going concern**

The directors have prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis as they do not intend to liquidate the Company or to cease its operations, and as they have concluded that the Company's financial position means that this is realistic. They have also concluded that there are no material uncertainties that could have cast significant doubt over its ability to continue as a going concern for at least a year from the date of approval of the financial statements ("the going concern period").

In our evaluation of the Directors' conclusions, we considered the inherent risks to the Company's business model and analysed how those risks might affect the Company's financial resources or ability to continue operations over the going concern period. The risk that we considered most likely to adversely affect the Company's available financial resources over this period was the fellow group entity's inability to meet their obligations to the Company during the going concern assessment period, which would result in the inability of the Company to meet its own external debt obligations as they fall due.

Given the purpose of the Company, our procedures in relation to going concern are inherently linked with our key audit matter in relation to the recoverability of the long-term intercompany debtor. Our procedures on going concern also included:

- Inspecting internally provided cash flow projections over the going concern assessment period for the wider group and the level of available financial resources indicated by those financial projections to assess the ability of the relevant group entities to make scheduled repayments to the Company.
- Critically assessing the downside scenarios considered by the Directors against our understanding of the wider group and the sector in which it operates;
- Assessing whether those group projections included repayments of loan interest and principal in line with the Company's external debt obligations; and
- Examining the parent's financial statements, including the going concern disclosures and details of the group's other credit facilities.

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We assessed the completeness of the going concern disclosure.

Our conclusions based on this work:

- we consider that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate;
- we have not identified, and concur with the directors' assessment that there is not, a material uncertainty related to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for the going concern period; and
- we found the going concern disclosure in note 2 to be acceptable.

However, as we cannot predict all future events or conditions and as subsequent events may result in outcomes that are inconsistent with judgements that were reasonable at the time they were made, the above conclusions are not a guarantee that the Company will continue in operation.

**5 Fraud and breaches of laws and regulations – ability to detect***Identifying and responding to risks of material misstatement due to fraud*

To identify risks of material misstatement due to fraud (“fraud risks”) we assessed events or conditions that could indicate an incentive or pressure to commit fraud or provide an opportunity to commit fraud. Our risk assessment procedures included:

- Enquiring of directors, internal audit and legal as to the Company's high-level policies and procedures to prevent and detect fraud, as well as whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud.
- Reading Board minutes.
- Using analytical procedures to identify any usual or unexpected relationships.

We communicated identified fraud risks throughout the audit team and remained alert to any indications of fraud throughout the audit.

As required by auditing standards, and taking into account our overall knowledge of the control environment, we perform procedures to address the risk of management override of controls, in particular the risk that management may be in a position to make inappropriate accounting entries. On this audit we do not believe there is a fraud risk related to revenue recognition because the Company does not generate revenue as part of its activities.

We did not identify any additional fraud risks.

We performed procedures including:

- identifying journal entries and other adjustments to test based on risk criteria and comparing the identified entries to supporting documentation. We identified no journals within our high-risk criteria. We selected 5 journals for testing in order to confirm no management override of controls.

*Identifying and responding to risks of material misstatement related to compliance with laws and regulations*

We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our general commercial and sector experience, and through discussion with the directors and other management (as required by auditing standards) and from inspection of the Company's regulatory and legal correspondence; and discussed with the directors and other management the policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations.

As the Company is regulated, our assessment of risks involved gaining an understanding of the control environment including the entity's procedures for complying with regulatory requirements.

We communicated identified laws and regulations throughout our team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit.

The potential effect of these laws and regulations on the financial statements varies considerably.

Firstly, the Company is subject to laws and regulations that directly affect the financial statements including financial reporting legislation (including related companies legislation), distributable profits legislation, and taxation legislation and we assessed the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statement items.

**PLATFORM HG FINANCING PLC****INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PLATFORM HG FINANCING PLC (CONTINUED)**

Secondly, whilst the Company is subject to many other laws and regulations, we did not identify any others where the consequences of non-compliance could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements.

*Context of the ability of the audit to detect fraud or breaches of law or regulation*

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it.

In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of fraud, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. Our audit procedures are designed to detect material misstatement. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance or fraud and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

**6 We have nothing to report on the strategic report and the directors' report**

The directors are responsible for the strategic report and the directors' report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover those reports and we do not express an audit opinion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the strategic report and the directors' report and, in doing so, consider whether, based on our financial statements audit work, the information therein is materially misstated or inconsistent with the financial statements or our audit knowledge. Based solely on that work:

- we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report and the directors' report;
- in our opinion the information given in those reports for the financial year is consistent with the financial statements; and
- in our opinion those reports have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

**7 We have nothing to report on the other matters on which we are required to report by exception**

Under the Companies Act 2006, we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the Company, 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 directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

We have nothing to report in these respects.

**8 Respective responsibilities*****Directors' responsibilities***

As explained more fully in their statement set out on page 6, the directors are responsible for: the preparation of the financial statements including being satisfied that they give a true and fair view; such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; assessing the 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 they either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

***Auditor's responsibilities***

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 our opinion in an auditor's report. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but does not 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 aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

A fuller description of our responsibilities is provided on the FRC's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities).

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**9 The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities**

This report is made solely to the Company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's members those matters we are required to state to them in 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 Company and the Company's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



**Sarah Brown (Senior Statutory Auditor)**  
**for and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor**  
*Chartered Accountants*  
KPMG LLP  
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2 August 2024

**PLATFORM HG FINANCING PLC****STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	Note	2024 £000	2023 £000
Interest Receivable	5	10,878	10,838
Interest Payable	5	(10,878)	(10,838)
<b>Net Income on ordinary activities before taxation</b>		-	-
Taxation		-	-
<b>Total Comprehensive income for the period</b>		-	-

The notes on pages 15 to 19 form an integral part of these Financial Statements.

All amounts relate to continuing activities.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024**

	<u>Note</u>	<b>2024</b> £000	<b>2023</b> £000
<b>Debtors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>589,381</b>	589,052
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	<b>6</b>	<b>967</b>	975
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	<b>7</b>	<u>(967)</u>	<u>(975)</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	<b>8</b>	<b>(589,331)</b>	(589,002)
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u><b>50</b></u>	<u>50</u>
<b>Capital and Reserves</b>			
Called up share capital	<b>9</b>	50	50
Revenue reserves		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Reserves</b>		<u><b>50</b></u>	<u>50</u>

The notes on pages 15 to 19 are an integral part of these financial statements.

These financial statements were approved by the Board on 23 July 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

*John Weguelin*

*Andrew Bush*

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**J Weguelin**  
**Chairman**

.....  
**A Bush**  
**Company Secretary**

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**PLATFORM HG FINANCING PLC****STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN EQUITY****For the year ended 31 March 2024**

	<b>Called up Share Capital £000</b>	<b>Retained Earnings £000</b>	<b>Total £000</b>
<b>Balance at 1 April 2023</b>			
Profit for the period	-	-	-
Share Capital	50	-	50
<b>Balance at 31 March 2024</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>50</b>

The notes on pages 15 to 19 are an integral part of these financial statements.



**PLATFORM HG FINANCING PLC****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024.****1 Legal Status**

Platform HG Financing PLC is incorporated in England under the Companies Act 2006 (registration number: 12743517) and is limited by shares. The registered office is 1700 Solihull Parkway, Birmingham Business Park, Solihull, B37 7YD.

**2 Principal Accounting Policies****Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006. A summary of all material accounting policies, which have been consistently applied, are set out below:

**(a) Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

**(b) Disclosure exemptions**

The Company's ultimate parent undertaking, Platform Housing Group Limited includes the company in its consolidated financial statements. The consolidated financial statements of Platform Housing Group are available to the public and may be obtained at [www.platformhg.com](http://www.platformhg.com). In these financial statements, the company is considered to be a qualifying entity and has applies the exemptions available under FRS102 in respect of the following disclosure:

Cash Flow Statement and related notes;

And

Related Parties note.

As the consolidated financial statements of Platform Housing Group Limited include the equivalent disclosures, the Company has also taken the exemptions under FRS102 available in respect of the disclosures required by FRS102.11 Basic Financial Instruments and FRS102.12 Other Financial Instruments, in respect of financial instruments not falling within the fair value accounting rules of paragraph 36(4) of Schedule 1.

**(c) Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which the directors consider to be appropriate for the following reasons.

The directors have prepared cash flow forecasts covering a period of at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements (the going concern period) which indicate that, taking account of severe but plausible downsides, the Company will have sufficient funds to meet its liabilities as they fall due for that period.

In order to settle its own financial obligations and meet the compliance requirements of its external borrowings the Company is dependent on the fellow subsidiary, Platform Housing Limited generating sufficient cashflows to settle the payments of principal and interest on the onward loans from the Company. The Company's forecasts are dependent on Platform Housing Limited having adequate resources to continue in business over the going concern assessment period. The Directors, after reviewing the budgets and forecasts of Platform Housing Limited for 2024/25 and its medium-term financial position as detailed in the 30-year business plan, are of the opinion that, taking account of severe but plausible downsides, Platform Housing Limited and therefore the Company, will have sufficient funds to meet its liabilities as they fall due over the going concern period.

**(d) Financing costs**

Finance interest, transaction costs and associated premium or discount are charged to the Statement of Comprehensive Income using either the effective interest rate (EIR) method or on a straight-line basis where not materially different. The EIR method spreads all associated costs over the life of the instrument by comparing the borrowing amount at initial recognition and amount at maturity.

Loans are stated in the Statement of Financial Position at the amount of the net proceeds after issue, plus increases to account for any subsequent amounts amortised.

**(e) Turnover**

Platform HG Financing PLC is a non-trading subsidiary of Platform Housing Group Limited. Its sole purpose is to raise finance on behalf of the Group and as such has no trading activities.

**(f) Interest Receivable and Payable**

Interest receivable and payable is accrued over the term of the related borrowing or loan so as to recognise the total income or cost evenly over the life of the loan or deposit.

**PLATFORM HG FINANCING PLC****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (continued)****(g) Taxation**

Tax expenses comprises current and deferred tax. Current tax and deferred tax is recognised in profit and is the expected tax payable or receivable on the taxable income or loss for the period.

**(h) Financial assets**

Financial assets are defined as cash or any asset that is a contractual right to receive cash or another financial asset from another entity, or a contractual right to exchange financial instruments with another entity under conditions that are potentially favourable, or an equity instrument of another entity. The Company categorises its financial assets as:

- Loans and receivables; and
- Available-for-sale financial assets.

Loans and receivables are assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted on an active market. These are initially recognised at fair value plus transaction costs and subsequently at amortised cost. Examples of loans and receivables include intercompany receivables, sundry debtors and cash at bank and in hand.

Available-for-sale financial assets are initially recognised at fair value plus transaction costs, which is effectively historical cost. At each Statement of Financial Position date they are re-measured at fair value and movements are recorded in equity reserves and in the Statement of Comprehensive Income when the reserves are fully utilised. Listed investments are considered to be available-for-sale assets.

**(i) Financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities are defined as any liability that is a contractual obligation to deliver cash or another financial asset to another entity, or to exchange financial instruments with another entity under conditions that are potentially unfavourable. The financial liabilities of the Company are classed as:

- Financial liabilities at fair value through profit and loss; and
- Other financial liabilities.

Other financial liabilities are all financial liabilities that have value to the supplying party, for instance debt finance, trade creditors, other creditors and accruals. They are valued at fair value at inception and then amortised cost subsequently.

**3 Directors Emoluments and Staff Costs**

None of the Directors received remuneration for their services as Directors of Platform HG Financing plc. Those Directors who also serve on the Platform Housing Group Board are remunerated for their services by Platform Housing Group Limited.

Platform HG Financing plc has no direct employees. Those employees who perform duties for Platform HG Financing plc are remunerated by Platform Housing Limited.

**4 Critical Accounting Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty**

In applying the Company's accounting policies, the directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions in determining the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities. The directors' judgements, estimates and assumptions are based on the best and most reliable evidence available at the time when the decisions are made and are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be applicable. Due to the inherent subjectivity involved in making such judgements, estimates and assumptions, the actual results and outcomes may differ.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the year in which the estimate is revised, if the revision affects only that year, or in the year of the revision and future years, if the revision affects both current and future years.

**PLATFORM HG FINANCING PLC****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (continued)****Key sources of estimation uncertainty**

The Company makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, therefore, deviate from the related actual results.

The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities with the next financial year are addressed below.

**Recoverability of loans to other group entities**

The Company makes an assessment on the recoverability of loans to Platform Homes Limited. The management considers factors including the going concern status of the Group, its credit rating and its credit and liquidity risks. See note 1 for the going concern status.

**5 Interest receivable and Interest Payable**

	<b>2024</b> <b>£'000</b>	<b>2023</b> <b>£'000</b>
Interest receivable from group companies	10,878	10,838
Interest and financing costs payable	(10,878)	(10,838)

**6 Debtors**

	<b>2024</b> <b>£'000</b>	<b>2023</b> <b>£'000</b>
Amounts owed by group companies	<u>590,348</u>	<u>590,027</u>
Due within one year	967	975
Due after more than one year	<u>589,381</u>	<u>589,052</u>
	<u><b>590,348</b></u>	<u><b>590,027</b></u>

The terms of the on-lending agreement underlying the intra-group debtor mirror those of the company liability shown under creditors (note 7).

**7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year.**

	<b>2024</b> <b>£'000</b>	<b>2023</b> <b>£'000</b>
Loan Interest Accruals	<u>967</u>	<u>975</u>
	<u><b>967</b></u>	<u><b>975</b></u>

**PLATFORM HG FINANCING PLC****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (continued)****8 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year.**

	<b>2024</b>	2023
	<b>£000</b>	£000
Bond	600,000	600,000
Less: arrangement fees	(3,345)	(3,440)
Less: issue price discount	(7,324)	(7,558)
	<b>589,331</b>	<b>589,002</b>

The bonds relate to a £350m bond issue, repayable on 10 August 2055 and a £250m bond issue, repayable on 15 September 2041. The Company has on-lent both of these bonds in full to Platform Housing Limited, who have secured the bonds with fixed charges over housing assets, which are held in a security trust arrangement with M&G Trustee Company Limited.

**9 Share Capital**

	<b>2024</b>	2023
	<b>£000</b>	£000
Called up share capital		
Authorised, allotted and fully paid 50,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	<b>50</b>	<b>50</b>

**10 Significance of financial instruments**

Financial instruments have been classed as follows:

	<b>Carrying Amount</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
<b><u>Financial liabilities</u></b>		
Bond 1.625% measured at amortised cost	<b>350,000</b>	<b>165,491</b>
EMTN Bond 1.926% measured at amortised cost	<b>250,000</b>	<b>162,663</b>

Platform HG Financing plc has no financial instruments measured at fair value so fair value hierarchy disclosure requirements do not apply. All financial assets held by the Company (loans and receivables) qualify to be held at amortised cost, therefore the requirement to disclose the effect of changing the inputs in calculation of fair values is not considered applicable.

**Financial risk management****Risk management objectives and policies**

The Treasury Team is responsible for the objectives, policies and overall risk management of the Company's affairs. Its activities are governed by the Group Board and the Treasury Committee, which are responsible for treasury related issues across all group subsidiaries.

**Credit risk**

The only credit risk to the company is the on-lending to Platform Housing Limited. The credit risk is mitigated through the housing assets used as security for the loan, this is supported by the contractual protection of the loan agreement as well as the overall credit worthiness of the Group.

**PLATFORM HG FINANCING PLC****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (continued)****Liquidity risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Company lends the full amount of the proceeds it raises so that it has assets to fully offset liabilities and interest receivable to fully offset interest payable.

**Currency risk**

The Group only trades in sterling, and holds no foreign currency denominated assets or liabilities, and is therefore not exposed to any currency risks. It has no overseas subsidiaries.

**Interest rate risk**

The Company currently borrows on a fixed rate basis from the capital market and then on-lends these funds to Platform Housing Limited on a similar fixed rate basis. As such the Company does not bear any interest rate risk. The Company does not have any hedging activities and it does not have any derivatives. The interest rate on borrowings is fixed on £350m bond at 1.625% until 2055 and 1.926% until 2041 on the £250m EMTN bond.

**11 Contingent liabilities**

There are no contingent liabilities at 31 March 2024 (2023: Nil)

**12 Post balance sheet event**

In April 2024 the Company issued a £250m sustainable bond. The bond has a maturity of 26 years (2050), was issued with a spread of 0.83% and a coupon of 5.342%. The proceeds from the Bond will be used in accordance with our Sustainable Finance Framework and allocated to projects that provide new affordable and highly energy efficient homes, and improve the energy efficiency of existing homes.

**13 Ultimate Parent Company**

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Platform Housing Group Limited which is the ultimate parent company and is registered under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 (registration number 32239R). The registered office address is 1700 Solihull Parkway, Birmingham Business Park, Solihull. B37 7YD.

The consolidated accounts of the Group are available from the Group website: [www.platformhg.com](http://www.platformhg.com)

