Report and Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 March 2018

Company Number 08619739 (England and Wales)

Charity Number 1156007

# Report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2018

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### Report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2018

#### **Board Members**

The following members have held office during the year and to the date of this report unless otherwise stated:

J Trowsdale P Elliott J Main N Tharratt K Yorath

(appointed 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017) A Bairstow

**Directors:** Chief Executive

Chief Executive **Director of Operations** Communities Director Director of Resources **Property Director** 

Director of Regeneration and Investment Resource and Commercial Director Corporate & Compliance Services Director

Secretary and registered office:

(resigned 06<sup>th</sup> April 2018) A Orrev

(appointed 07<sup>th</sup> April 2018) S Hepworth (resigned 06<sup>th</sup> April 2018) S Hepworth (appointed 07<sup>th</sup> April 2018) E Stoddart (resigned 06<sup>th</sup> April 2018) E Stoddart (appointed 07<sup>th</sup> April 2018) P Stones (resigned 06<sup>th</sup> April 2018) P Stones (appointed 07<sup>th</sup> April 2018) (appointed 07<sup>th</sup> April 2018) A Harrison

J Sugden

(resigned 07<sup>th</sup> June 2018) E Stoddart (appointed 07<sup>th</sup> June 2018) J Sugden

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# Directors' Report for the year ended 31 March 2018

#### **Nature of Business**

The corporate structure of the Ongo Partnership group is clearly defined and the relationship between this Company, the parent and its other subsidiaries is set out in Intra-Group agreements which were considered and approved by each of their Boards.

The role of the Company, which is partly funded by Ongo Homes Limited (OH), is to deliver that company's wider social objectives by co-ordinating community development activity and developing social enterprises, which includes the 'Choose to Reuse' furniture cycling operation and 'Handyvan' service. On 1 April 2014 Ongo Communities acquired Crosby Employment Bureau Limited (CE), now Ongo Recruitment Limited, which operates as a subsidiary providing training and employment opportunities for local people within disadvantaged communities in order that they may develop their skills and re-engage with the labour market.

### **Board and Executive Directors**

The Board Members and Executive Management Team serving during the period and up to the date of signing the Financial Statements are listed on page 3. None of the Board Members and Executive Management Team holds any interests in the capital of this company, or of Ongo Partnership Limited.

Members of the Executive Management Team act as executives within the authority delegated through the Intragroup Agreement between Ongo Partnership Limited, Ongo Commercial Limited, Ongo Communities Limited and Ongo Homes Limited. The Company's insurance policies indemnify Board Members and officers against liability when acting on its behalf.

#### **Financial Statements**

The Directors present their report and audited Financial Statements of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2018.

#### Results

The Company made an operating loss of £148k for the year (£73k profit in 2016/17). The Directors consider this to be an acceptable standard of performance. The value that Ongo Communities delivers across a range of services often takes the form of long term social value to the communities which Ongo Homes serves, rather than immediate short term financial surplus. Ongo Homes provides financial support for these activities, and Ongo Communities also delivers services through the sourcing of external grant funding and the utilisation of reserves.

#### Reserves

The Revenue reserves at the year-end are £180k (£328k in 2016/17). The business plan dictates that this will be retained for investment in the future development of the company.

#### **Going Concern**

The Financial Statements are prepared on a going concern basis, as the Board is satisfied that the Company has sufficient resources to continue its activities for the foreseeable future. In making this assessment the Board has considered a wide range of information relating to present and future conditions, including future business plan projections allied to expected income.

# Directors' Report for the year ended 31 March 2018 (continued)

### Statement of the Directors' Responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing 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 the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then 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 departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's 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 also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Financial statements are published on the company's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements, which may vary from legislation in other jurisdictions. The maintenance and integrity of the company's website is the responsibility of the directors. The directors' responsibility also extends to the ongoing integrity of the financial statements contained therein.

#### Assessment of the effectiveness of Ongo Communities' system of internal control

The Board is ultimately responsible for the Company's system of internal control and for reviewing its effectiveness.

The Board recognises that no system of internal control can provide absolute assurance or eliminate all risk. The system of internal control is designed to manage risk and provide reasonable assurance that key business objectives and expected outcomes will be achieved. It also exists to give reasonable assurance about the preparation and reliability of financial and operational information and the safeguarding of Company assets and interests.

The Board has adopted a risk-based approach to internal controls, which are embedded within the normal management and governance process. This approach includes the regular evaluation of the nature and extent of risks to which the Company is exposed and is consistent with good practice and regulatory requirements.

The main area in which this is evidenced is as follows:

## Identification and evaluation of key risks

Management responsibility has been clearly defined for the identification, evaluation and control of significant risks. There is a formal and ongoing process of management review in each area of the Company's activities. Reports on significant risks facing the Company, and any changes to the Risk Map are reported to the Group Audit & Risk Committee which monitors the risk management arrangements. The Executive Team is responsible for regularly reviewing the risks of the Company and for monitoring mitigation plans against those risks.

A scoring system has been developed that attempts to quantify the original risk before any mitigation and then again after the identified mitigation plans have been completed. Completion of mitigation plans is routinely reviewed by the Group Audit & Risk Committee.

# Directors' Report for the year ended 31 March 2018 (continued)

### Statement of the Directors' Responsibilities in (continued)

#### Identification and evaluation of key risks (continued)

The Board reviews key strategic risks at least annually to ensure activity remains focussed on the correct areas and adequately take account of changes to the organisation's circumstances. The output from this work forms a part of the basis for focusing the internal audit programme.

Risk management is embedded into service areas through training and by inclusion in team and individual plans.

#### **Internal Audit**

Independent resources are used to undertake detailed audits on specific internal controls. An annual plan is agreed and each report is summarised for review by the Group Audit & Risk Committee. At each meeting of this group the outstanding audit issues are reviewed to ensure actions are progressing satisfactorily, particularly if higher priority risks are identified by the audits.

The Committee has included focus on fraud prevention, detection and deterrence to those internal audits where risk is perceived to be greatest.

A fraud register is maintained and reviewed at each Committee meeting.

The internal auditors have an opportunity at every Committee meeting to discuss matters without the presence of executives.

#### **External Audit**

In so far as the Board is aware, all of the current board members have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make them-selves aware of any information needed by the association's auditors for the purposes of their audit and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information. The directors are not aware of any relevant audit information of which the auditors are unaware.

The External Auditors have an annual meeting with the Committee without the presence of executives.

#### Fraud

An annual review of the policy is undertaken by the Group Audit & Risk Committee covering prevention, detection recovery and reporting.

The Fraud Register is updated as necessary for all actual and potential frauds committed or attempted to be committed against the Company and comes to every meeting of the Group Audit & Risk Committee.

## Reporting, review and corrective action

A process of regular management reporting on control issues provides assurance to the Executive Management Team and to the Board. This includes a rigorous procedure for ensuring that corrective action is taken in relation to any significant control issues, particularly those that may have a material impact on the financial statements and the delivery and fulfilment of our services.

The Group Audit & Risk Committee conducts an annual review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control and has taken account of any changes needed to maintain the effectiveness of risk management and control process. This Committee makes an annual report on this matter to the Board. The Board has received this report and has included it within the Financial Statements.

The Board confirms that there is an ongoing process for identifying, and managing significant risks faced by the Company. This process has been in place throughout the year under review, up to and including the date of the annual report and accounts, and is regularly reviewed by the Board.

# Directors' Report for the year ended 31 March 2018 (continued)

## Statement of the Directors' Responsibilities in Respect of the Accounts (continued)

#### **NHF Code of Governance**

The Board has adopted the NHF Code of Governance. Following an assessment against the Code the Board is pleased to report that it fully complies with the NHF Code of Governance 2015.

Date: 06th September 2018

### **Employment and Equal Opportunities**

Employee information is set out in Note 4 of the Financial Statements.

The Company is committed to the principles of equal opportunities.

#### **Auditors**

BDO LLP are in the final year of their three year appointment to serve as auditors for the company.

#### By Order of the Board

J Main Director

#### Independent auditor's report

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO MEMBERS OF ONGO COMMUNITIES LIMITED

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Ongo Communities Limited ("the Company") for the year ended 31 March 2018 which comprise the statement of comprehensive income, the balance sheet, the statement of changes in equity and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 March 2018 and of its loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
   and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

#### **Basis for opinion**

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

### Conclusions relating to going concern

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 Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Directors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the 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.

### Other information

The Directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's 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.

#### Independent auditor's report (continued)

#### Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the Directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Director's report.

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

- adequate 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 Directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.; or
- the Directors were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic report.

#### **Responsibilities of Directors**

As explained more fully in the Directors' responsibilities statement, the Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Directors determine 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 Directors are responsible for 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 the Directors either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

#### Independent auditor's report (continued)

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located at the Financial Reporting Council's website at:

https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the 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.

Linda Cooper (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of BDO LLP, statutory auditor
Leeds, UK
Date

BDO LLP is a limited liability partnership registered in England and Wales (with registered number OC305127).

# Statement of comprehensive income for the year ended 31 March 2018

	Note	Continuing operations 2018 £'000	Continuing operations 2017 £'000
Turnover	2	1,229	1,129
Cost of sales		(255)	(170)
Gross profit		974	960
Administration expenses		(1,122)	(887)
Operating (loss)/profit	3	(148)	73
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before taxation		(148)	73
Taxation on (loss)/ profit on ordinary activities		-	-
(Loss)/profit for the financial year		(148)	73
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the year		(148)	73
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# Balance sheet at 31 March 2018

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Company Number 08619739	Note	2018 £'000	2018 £'000	2017 £'000	2017 £'000
Current assets		2 000	2 000	2 000	2 000
Debtors	7	135		110	
Cash at bank and in hand		138		336	
		273		446	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(93)		(118)	
Net current assets			180		328
Total assets less current			<del></del>		
liabilities			180		328
Capital and reserves					
Profit and loss account			180		328
Total Shareholders' funds			180		328

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 06<sup>th</sup> September 2018

J Main **Director** 

S Hepworth
Chief Executive

The notes on pages 14 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

# Statement of changes in equity For the year ended 31 March 2018

	Profit and loss account £'000	Total equity £'000
1 April 2017	328	328
Comprehensive income for the year Loss for the year	(148)	(148)
	(148)	(148)
Other comprehensive income/(loss) for the year	-	-
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year	(148)	(148)
31 March 2018	180	180

# Statement of changes in equity *(continued)*For the year ended 31 March 2017

	Profit and loss account £'000	Total equity £'000
1 April 2016 Comprehensive income for the year	254	254
Profit for the year	73	73
	73	73
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	73	73
31 March 2017	328	328

# Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2018

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# Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2018

#### 1 Significant Accounting policies

Ongo Communities Limited is a charitable company limited by guarantee and incorporated in England & Wales under the Companies Act 2006. The address of the registered office is given on the contents page and the nature of the company's operations and its principal activities are set out in the directors' report. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with FRS 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2006.

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires company management to exercise judgement in applying the company's accounting policies.

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

Financial Reporting Standard 102 – reduced disclosure exemptions

The company has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by the FRS 102 "The financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland":

- o the requirements of Section 4 Statement of Financial position paragraph 4.12(a)(iv);
- o the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows;
- the requirements of Section 3 Financial Statement Presentation paragraph 3.17(d);
- the requirements of Section 11 Financial Instruments paragraphs 11.39 to 11.48A;
- o the requirements of Section 12 Other Financial Instruments paragraphs 12.26 to 12.29;
- the requirements of Section 33 Related Party Disclosures paragraph 33.7.

This information is included in the consolidated financial statements of Ongo Partnership Limited as at 31 March 2018 and these financial statements may be obtained from Ongo House, 26–30 High Street, Scunthorpe, North Lincolnshire, DN15 6NL.

#### Turnover

Revenue from the sales of goods and services is recognised when the Company has transferred the significant risks and rewards of ownership to the buyer and it is probable that the Company will receive the previously agreed upon payment. These criteria are considered to be met when the goods and services are delivered to the buyer.

#### Leases

All leases are treated as operating leases. Their annual rentals are charged to profit or loss on a straightline basis over the term of the lease.

### Pension costs

Contributions to the group's defined contribution pension scheme are charged to profit or loss in the year in which they become payable.

#### Investments

Investments are stated at historical cost less the accumulated value of any impairment.

#### 2 Analysis of Turnover

All turnover took place in the UK.

# Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2018 (continued)

3	Operating profit/(loss)	2018	2017
	This is arrived at after charging:	£'000	£'000
	Operating lease expense	12	1
	All fees for the audit of the company's annual accounts are paid by the ultimate parent company of The Group.		

### 4 Employees

No employees are paid directly by the company, although it is re-charged by the group entity for employment costs incurred on its behalf.

### 5 Directors' remuneration

Directors' costs are paid by Ongo Partnership Limited and the relevant portion is recharged to Ongo Communities Limited (with a mark-up) through their management fee.

#### 6 Fixed asset investments

Subsidiary undertakings

The only undertaking in which the company has an interest is as follows:

Name	Country of incorporation or registration	Proportion of voting rights and ordinary share capital held	Nature of business		
Ongo Recruitment Limited	England and Wales	100%	Training and Employment		
Ongo Recruitment Limited also has a wholly owned subsidiary which gives Ongo Communities an indirect interest in:					
Crosby Brokerage Limited	England and Wales	100%	Business services		

# Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2018 (continued)

7	Debtors	2018 £'000	2017 £'000
	Trade debtors Amounts owed by group undertakings Prepayments and accrued income	23 22 90	20 68 22
		135	110

All amounts shown under debtors fall due for payment within one year.

The impairment loss recognised in the profit or loss for the period in respect of bad and doubtful trade debtors was £0 (2017 - £0).

### 8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2018 £'000	2017 £'000
Amounts owed to group undertakings	37	75
Trade creditors	13	13
Accruals and deferred income	43	29
	93	118

### 9 Share capital

Being limited by guarantee, the company does not issue shares.

#### 10 Related party disclosures

The ultimate controlling party is Ongo Partnership Limited and its consolidated accounts are available to the public from Companies House, Crown Way, Maindy, Cardiff, CF14 3UZ.

Other than transactions between the group and other group subsidiaries themselves, the company does not believe it has any 'Related Parties'.