Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation

Looking back & looking forward

The Foundation's role

Value capture enable us to meet our charitable objectives

Commercial asset management optimises income through value capture – £1 commercial rent received, 60p managing and maintaining property & 40p community re-investment

Community reinvestment meets our 4 core charitable objects:

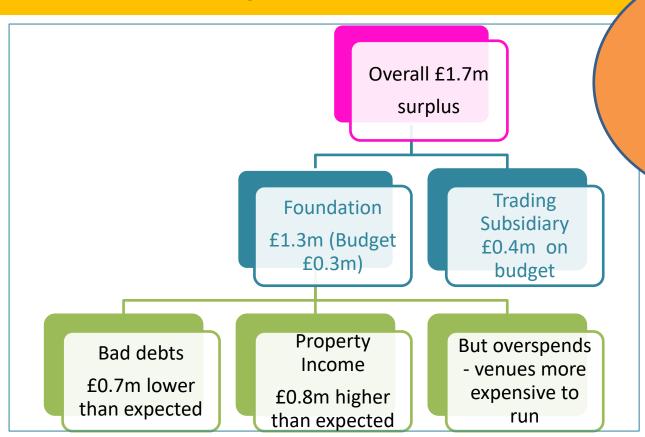
- Heritage and environment
- Learning
- Poverty and wellbeing
- Recreation & leisure

Context - COVID legacy

- Commercial rent arrears & debt
- Outstanding lease events and maintenance backlog
- Demand for office space has fallen
- Town Centre economy & footfall
- Rising costs & inflation
- Reduced community re-investment
- Cinema audience
- Voluntary sector capacity
- + cost of living crisis, rising cost of borrowing



2022 finances – at a glance



Results stronger
than budget as
rental income
growth and bad
debt performance
both exceed
expectations

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2022 - Income & Expenditure

- ✓ Turnover increased by £0.8m (up 6.2%) exc. non-recurring asset sales
- ✓ Rent collection improved − 93% collected within 90 days (up from 88% Sept 21 Q3)
- ✓ Commercial rent arrears down £0.9m, but still @ £2.3m
- √ Voids report an increase from 8.5% across 2021 to 9.7% in 2022, but offices @ 27%
- ✓ Venue sales coming back, up 11% reached £2.1m
- √ £1.3m more spent on charitable activities, total charitable expenditure reaching £6.3m
- ✓£1.4m spent on property repairs and maintenance, up £0.2m from 2021.

2022 - Capital and investments

- ✓ Our operating results, including land and building sales, funded our capital improvement and investment programme
 - £0.8m spent on land investment
 - £0.9m on buildings improvements and other capital spend.
 - £2.6m invested in ethical listed investments
- √ Value of investments increased by £15.1m. Increases to the value of land allocated for housing outweighed reductions in value of offices and some residential assets
- ✓ At the end of 2022, our investments were comprised: £215m (95%) property and £12m (5%) in ethical multi asset investments

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Profile of charitable investment 2022



Fulfilling our charitable objects

Objective	What we do
Heritage &	Greenway, maintain open spaces/trees & planting
environment	Heritage Advice Service
£1m	Town centre & streetscape
Poverty &	Grant funding: Citizens Advice, foodbank, hospice
sickness £380k	
Education &	Standalone Farm, Gallery, Garden City Collection,
learning	Museum @OGC, family arts & heritage & cultural
£2.3m	learning
Recreation &	Broadway cinema
leisure £2.6m	Grant funding



2022 in numbers

- 1100 Applications under the Scheme of management, 95% approval rate
- 16 new residential tenants, 100% tenancy satisfaction
- 128k Broadway cinema admissions
- 15k visits to Broadway Gallery
- 92k visits to Standalone Farm, £1m capital investment
- £486k grant funding to voluntary sector
- 4,500 visits to the Museum at One Garden City

Strategic highlights

- Culture strategy
- Platinum Jubilee grants programme
- Increased investment in heritage advice & Standalone Farm
- Tackling poverty & cost of living crisis debt , financial health & food poverty
- A great start to life
- Volunteering
- Town Centre Recovery
- Letchworth identity/brand
- Voluntary sector insight All about Us

Housing developments

- Local Plan adopted
- Strategic masterplanning for LG1
- Community engagement & Grange Community Panel
- LG3 & planning
- Smaller brownfield sites
- 1200 new homes from 2025 2035
- 40% affordable & community housing ambitions
- Apprenticeship ambitions



Looking forward

- Property management/maintenance & improvements costs will rise faster than our property income
- Forecast additional £2.5m annual spend for improved maintenance & EPC improvement
- Little scope to increase community re-investment to fulfil charitable objects
- Letchworth story growing prosperity contrasted growing social need, especially impacting on children's lives
- Focus, collaboration and greater leverage



Questions