



Comptroller and Auditor General

Report for presentation to the Houses of the Oireachtas

Irish Water Safety

I have audited the financial statements of Irish Water Safety for the year ended 31 December 2015 under the Comptroller and Auditor General (Amendment) Act 1993. The financial statements comprise the statement of income and expenditure and retained revenue reserves, the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of financial position, the statement of cash flows and the related notes. The financial statements have been prepared in the form prescribed under Section 8 of the Irish Water Safety (Establishment) Order 2006 (SI 389/2006), and in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice.

Responsibilities of the Council

The Council is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements, for ensuring that they give a true and fair view and for ensuring the regularity of transactions.

Responsibilities of the Comptroller and Auditor General

My responsibility is to audit the financial statements and to report on them in accordance with applicable law.

My audit is conducted by reference to the special considerations which attach to State bodies in relation to their management and operation.

My audit is carried out in accordance with the International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) and in compliance with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of

- whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Council's circumstances, and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed
- the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made in the preparation of the financial statements, and
- the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I also seek to obtain evidence about the regularity of financial transactions in the course of audit.

Opinion on the financial statements

In my opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of Irish Water Safety as at 31 December 2015 and of its income and expenditure for 2015; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice.

In my opinion, the accounting records of the Council were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited. The financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records.

Matters on which I report by exception

I report by exception if I have not received all the information and explanations I required for my audit, or if I find

- any material instance where money has not been applied for the purposes intended or where the transactions did not conform to the authorities governing them, or
- the statement on internal financial control does not reflect the Council's compliance with the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies, or
- there are other material matters relating to the manner in which public business has been conducted.

I have nothing to report in regard to those matters upon which reporting is by exception.

Patricia Sheehan

**For and on behalf of
Comptroller and Auditor General
21 December 2016**

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

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Information

Council	Breda Collins (Chairman) (Resigned January 2016) Martin O'Sullivan (Chairman) Seamus O' Neill (Acting Vice - Charirman) Michael Cuddihy Brendan McGrath Anne Ryan John Considine Paul Murphy Tom Doyle Lola O' Sullivan Christy McDonagh Odran Reid
Business Address	The Long Walk Galway
Auditor	The Comptroller and Auditor General, 3a Mayor Street Upper, Dublin 1.
Accountants	CAG Chartered Accountants, Steamship House, Dock Street, Galway.
Bankers	Bank of Ireland, Mainguard Street, Galway.
Solicitors	Sheehan & Co. Augustine Court, St. Augustine Street, Galway.

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Statement of Responsibilities of the Council of Irish Water Safety

Irish Water Safety was established on 24 July 2006 by the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government under the Irish Water Safety Establishment Order 2006 (S.I. 389 of 2006). The order re-established the former Irish Water Safety Association as a corporate body under its new title "Irish Water Safety" and expanded the services to be provided by the body.

Section 8 of the Irish Water Safety Establishment Order 2006 (S.I. 389 of 2006) requires Irish Water Safety to keep, in such form as may be approved by the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government with consent of the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, all proper and usual accounts of money received and expended by it.

In preparing these financial statements, Irish Water Safety is required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
2. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
3. State whether any applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
4. Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that Irish Water Safety will continue in operation.

The Council is responsible for keeping adequate accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of Irish Water Safety and which enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Irish Water Safety Establishment Order 2006. The Council is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of Irish Water Safety, and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



Martin O'Sullivan
Chairman



John Leech
Chief Executive

Date: 12.12.16

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Statement on Internal Financial Control

Responsibility for the system of Internal Financial Control

On behalf of the council of Irish Water Safety, I acknowledge our responsibility for ensuring that an effective system of internal Financial control is maintained and operated.

The system can only provide reasonable but not absolute assurance that the assets are safeguarded, transactions authorised and properly recorded, and that material errors or irregularities are either prevented or would be detected in a timely period.

Key Control Procedures

The Council has taken steps to ensure an appropriate control environment by;

- Clearly defining management responsibilities;
- Establishing formal procedures for reporting significant control failures and ensuring appropriate corrective action.

The Council established an Audit Commission consisting of three non-executive and two executive members and that Commission reviews internal control matters and issues raised by the Auditors. At present Irish Water Safety does not have an internal audit function.

The Council has a formal process to identify and evaluate business risk by;

- Identifying the nature, extent and financial implication of risks facing the body including the extent and categories which it regards as acceptable;
- Assessing the likelihood of identified risks occurring;
- Assessing the body's ability to manage and mitigate the risks that do occur;
- Assessing the costs of operating particular controls relative to the benefit obtained.

The system of internal financial control is based on a framework of regular management information, administrative procedures including segregation of duties, and a system of delegation and accountability. In particular it includes:

- A budgeting system with an annual budget which is reviewed and agreed by the Council;
- Regular reviews by the Council of periodic and annual financial reports which indicate financial performance against forecast;
- Setting targets to measure financial and other performance.

The council's monitoring and review of the effectiveness of the system of internal financial control is based on the work of the Financial Officer and CEO who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of an appropriate financial control framework. The Council also takes into account reports and comments made by the Audit Commission and the Comptroller and Auditor General in his management letter or other reports.

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Statement on Internal Financial Control (Continued)


Annual Review of Controls

The Irish Water Safety provides grants to 32 Water Safety Area Committee (see note 17). Each committee must submit an annual return to IWS consisting of a statement of income and expenditure in the period, a bank reconciliation and a certificate of a bank balance, a programme of activities for the coming year and an equipment listing. In addition all Water Safety Area Committee's are audited by an Internal Auditor appointed by the Audit Commission and the findings of those audits are reviewed by the Audit Commission.

The Council and Audit Commission headed by me as Chairman, with the full cooperation of the Chief Executive Officer and the Financial Officer, both of whom have been designated by the Council to ensure that the necessary controls are in place, review these controls on a continual basis in line with any directions received. One of the non-executive members of the Audit Commission has been appointed as an independent reviewer/examiner of Internal Financial Controls. His function is to report back to the Audit Commission and the Council on the appropriateness and correctness of the standards of internal financial control to date in place.

I confirm that the council reviewed the effectiveness of the system of internal financial control that operated during the year 31 December 2015.

Signed on behalf of the Council of Irish Water Safety.



Martin O'Sullivan

Chairman

Date: 12.12.10

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Statement of income and expenditure and retained revenue reserves for the year ended 31 December 2015

	Note	2015 €	2014 € Re-stated
Income			
Oireachtas Grants	2	657,000	657,000
Net Deferred Funding for Pensions	13c	105,000	100,000
Contributions from Local Authorities		136,948	141,078
Other Income	3	469,256	360,017
Total Income		1,368,204	1,258,095
 Transfer from Capital Account	 12	 9,809	 21,263
		1,378,013	1,279,358
Expenditure			
Administration Expense	4	642,337	616,602
Travel and Subsistence Expenses	5	119,432	104,477
Promotions, Publicity and Training	6	345,162	332,171
Grants to Water Safety Committees	17	104,700	87,000
Special Projects	7	101,770	44,673
Total Expenditure		1,313,401	1,184,923
 Surplus for the Year		 64,612	 94,435
 Brought forward 1 January		 438,708	 344,274
 Balance carried forward at 31 December		 503,320	 438,709

The statement of cash flows and notes 1 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

On behalf of the Board of Irish Water Safety


 Martin O'Sullivan
 Chairman


 John Leech
 Chief Executive

Date: 12.12.16

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Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 31st December 2015

	Note	2015 €	2014 € Re-stated
Surplus for the Financial Year		64,612	94,435
Experience Gains on Retirement Benefit Obligations		35,000	80,000
Changes in Assumption Underlying the Present Value of Retirement Benefit Obligations		<u>(220,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
Actuarial (Loss)/Gain in the Year		(185,000)	80,000
Adjustment to Retirement Benefit Funding		<u>185,000</u>	<u>(80,000)</u>
Total Comprehensive Income for the Year.		<u>64,612</u>	<u>94,435</u>

The Statement of Cash Flows and notes 1 to 19 form part of these Financial Statements.

On behalf of the Board of Irish Water Safety


Martin O'Sullivan
 Chairman


John Leech
 Chief Executive

Date: 12.12.16


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Statement of Financial Position as at 31st December 2015

	Note	2015 €	2014 € Re-stated
Fixed Assets			
Property, plant & equipment	8	158,087	167,896
Current Assets			
Inventory	9	9,708	9,322
Receivables	10	127,768	125,875
Cash and Cash Equivalents		421,519	361,528
		<u>558,995</u>	<u>496,725</u>
Current Liabilities - (amounts falling due within one year)			
Payables	11	(55,675)	(58,016)
Net Current Assets		<u>503,320</u>	<u>438,709</u>
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		<u>661,407</u>	<u>606,605</u>
Long Term Liabilities - amounts falling due after one year			
Deferred Retirement Benefit Funding Asset	13c	1,030,000	740,000
Retirement Benefit Obligations	13b	(1,030,000)	(740,000)
Total Net Assets		<u>661,407</u>	<u>606,605</u>
Representing			
Capital Account	12	158,087	167,896
Retained Revenue Reserves		503,320	438,709
		<u>661,407</u>	<u>606,605</u>

The statement of cash flows and notes 1 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

On behalf of the Board of Irish Water Safety



 Martin O'Sullivan
 Chairman



 John Leech
 Chief Executive

Date: 12.12.16

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Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31st December 2015

	2015	2014
	€	€
		Re-stated
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Excess Income over expenditure	64,612	94,435
Depreciation and loss on disposal of fixed assets	24,143	8,978
(Increase) in inventory	(387)	(9,322)
(Increase) in receivables	(1,894)	(36,478)
(Decrease) in payables	(2,342)	(11,413)
Net Cash Inflow from Operating Activities	<u>84,132</u>	<u>46,200</u>
 Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Payments to acquire property, plant & equipment	(24,143)	(9,978)
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities	<u>(24,143)</u>	<u>(9,978)</u>
 Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>59,989</u>	<u>36,222</u>
 Cash and cash equivalents at 1st January	<u>361,528</u>	<u>325,306</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents at 31st December	<u><u>421,519</u></u>	<u><u>361,528</u></u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2015

1. Accounting Policies

The basis of accounting and significant accounting policies adopted by Irish Water Safety are set out below. They have all been applied consistently throughout the year and for the preceding year.

a) General Information

Irish Water Safety was set up under the Irish Water Safety Establishment Order 2006 (S.I. No. 389 of 2006), with a head office at The Long Walk, Galway.

Irish Water Safety's primary objectives are set out in section 4(1) & (2) of the Irish Water Safety (Establishment) Order, 2006. (S.I. No 389 of 2006) are as follows:

- the promotion of public awareness of water safety,
- the promotion of measures, including the advancement of education, related to the prevention of accidents in water,
- the provision of instruction in water safety, rescue, swimming, resuscitation and recovery drills,
- the promotion of efficiency and standardisation of the lifeguard service,
- the establishment of national standards for lifeguards, lifesaving and water safety, and
- such other services relating to water safety as the Minister may from time to time require, direct or determine.

b) Statement of Compliance

The financial statements of Irish Water Safety for the year ended 31st December 2015 have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102, the financial reporting standard applicable in the UK and Ireland issued by the Financial Reporting Council (FRC), as promulgated by Chartered Accountants Ireland. These are Irish Water Safety's first set of financial statements prepared in accordance with FRS 102. The date of transition to FRS 102 is January 2014. The prior year financial statements were restated for material adjustments on adoption of FRS 102 in the current year. The result of this adoption can be seen in Note 18.

c) Period of Accounts

The financial statements cover the 12 month period to 31 December 2015.

d) Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for certain assets and liabilities that are measured at fair values as explained in the accounting policies below. The financial statements are in the form approved by the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government, with the concurrence of the Minister for Finance under the Irish Water Safety Establishment Order 2006 (S.I. 389 of 2006). The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to Irish Water Safety's financial statements.

e) Revenue

- (1) Oireachtas Grants are recognised on a cash receipt basis.
- (2) Contributions are received from local authorities in relation to services provided and are recognised on a cash receipts basis.
- (3) Other income comprising sales of water safety manuals, provision of courses and membership are recognised on an accruals basis.

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f) Functional and Presentation Currency

Items included in the financial statements of the company are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the company operates ("the functional currency"). The financial statements are presented in euro, which is the company's functional and presentation currency and is denoted by the symbol "€".

g) Property, Plant & Equipment

Fixed Assets are shown at cost. Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis as follows:

Leasehold Improvements	21 years
Office Equipment	5 years
Computer Equipment	3 years
Motor Vehicles	5 years
Promotional Equipment	10 years

Artworks donated to Irish Water Safety over a number of years were valued by an independent valuer during 2006 and are included in the financial statements at this valuation. Artworks are not depreciated, as the Council believes that they are unlikely to suffer a loss in value.

h) Inventory

Inventory consists of goods for resale, and is recognised in the financial statements at the lower of Cost and Net Realisable Value (NRV). Cost is calculated on a first-in-first-out (FIFO) basis and includes all purchase costs. NRV is the selling price (actual or estimated) less all necessary completion costs.

i) Receivables

Receivables are recognised at fair value, less a provision for doubtful debts. The provision for doubtful debts is a specific provision, and is established when there is objective evidence that Irish Water Safety will not be able to collect all amounts owed to it. All movements in the provision for doubtful debts are recognised in the Statement of Income and Expenditure and Retained Revenue Reserves.

j) Operating Leases

Rental expenditure under operating leases is recognised in the Statement of Income and Expenditure and Retained Revenue Reserves over the life of the lease. Expenditure is recognised on a straight-line basis over the lease period, except where there are rental increases linked to the expected rate of inflation, in which case these increases are recognised when incurred. Any lease incentives received are recognised over the life of the lease.

k) Capital Account

The capital account represents the unamortised value of income used for capital purposes.

l) Employee Benefits

Short-term Benefits

Short term benefits such as holiday pay are recognised as an expense in the year, and benefits that are accrued at year-end are included in the Payables figure in the Statement of Financial Position.

m) Retirement Benefits

Under the Irish Water Safety Establishing Order 2006, schemes and regulations made under the Local Government (Superannuation) Act 1980 (No. 8 of 1980) apply to Irish Water Safety as if it were a Local Authority.

Irish Water Safety operates a defined benefits scheme which is funded annually on a pay as you go basis from monies available to it, including monies provided by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government and from contributions deducted from staff salaries.

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Pension Scheme liabilities are measured on an actuarial basis using the projected unit method.

Pension costs reflect pension benefits earned by employees in the period and are shown net of staff pension contributions which are retained by Irish Water Safety. An amount corresponding to the pension charge is recognised as income to the extent that it is recoverable and offset by grants received in the year to discharge pension payments.

Actuarial gains or losses arising on scheme liabilities are reflected in the Statement of Comprehensive Income and a corresponding adjustment is recognised in the amount recoverable from the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government.

The financial statements reflect, at fair value, the assets and liabilities arising from Irish Water Safety's pension obligations and any related funding, and recognises the costs of providing pension benefits in the accounting periods in which they are earned by employees. Retirement benefit scheme liabilities are measured on an actuarial basis using the projected unit credit method.

n) **Water Safety Committees**

The Council also makes funding available to the Water Safety Committees for small local projects. Unspent, grant funding is retained by the WSAC's for use on local projects the following year.

Committees, which are responsible for the organisation of water safety activities at local level, undertake local fundraising activities. Fundraising income is retained by the Water Safety Committees to finance local activities. Financial transactions of these Committees are not incorporated into these accounts.

o) **Critical Accounting Judgements and Estimates**

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported for assets and liabilities as at the balance sheet date and the amounts reported for revenues and expenses during the year. However, the nature of estimation means that actual outcomes could differ from those estimates. The following judgements have had the most significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements.

Retirement Benefit Obligation

The assumptions underlying the actuarial valuations for which the amounts recognised in the financial statements are determined (including discount rates, rates of increase in future compensation levels, mortality rates and healthcare cost trend rates) are updated annually based on current economic conditions, and for any relevant changes to the terms and conditions of the pension and post-retirement plans.

The assumptions can be affected by:

- (i) the discount rate, changes in the rate of return on high-quality corporate bonds
- (ii) future compensation levels, future labour market conditions
- (iii) health care cost trend rates, the rate of medical cost inflation in the relevant regions.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2015

Note 2. Oireachtas Grants	2015 €	2014 €
Department of Environment Community and Local Government Vote 25 Subhead E.13	<u>657,000</u>	<u>657,000</u>
Operating Grant	507,000	507,000
Additional Grant Note 6a	<u>150,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>

During the year Irish Water Safety received €150,000 from the Department of Environment, Community & Local Government. The funds are ring fenced for the specific purpose of promoting Irish Water Safety and in particular projects that target population segments at risk of drowning with tailored national and provincial awareness campaigns. The related expenditure is disclosed in Note 6.

Note 3. Other Income	2015 €	2014 €
Sales	326,918	225,724
Membership	38,864	32,606
Ring Buoy Contribution	33,000	30,000
Sponsorship	1,655	4,668
In-service Teachers	2,320	2,440
Irish Sports Council Grant	19,000	19,600
Other Income	2,812	9,363
Competition Income	39,400	25,561
Seminar Income	5,287	10,055
	<u>469,256</u>	<u>360,017</u>

Note 4. Administration Expenses	2015 €	2014 €
Remuneration and other pay costs Note 4(a)	348,021	327,368
Retirement Benefit Costs Note 13(a)	91,442	85,886
Staff Training	1,900	3,200
Rent, Rates, Light and Heat	22,015	44,191
Insurance	33,313	31,249
Stationery	7,964	11,592
Postage and Telephone	35,153	23,791
Maintenance and Cleaning	34,837	26,884
Audit Fee	7,800	8,000
Accountancy	3,629	3,629
Legal & Other Professional Fees	15,034	15,354
Bank Charges	893	1,063
Miscellaneous Administration Expenses	6,382	4,154
Depreciation	<u>33,952</u>	<u>30,241</u>
	<u>642,335</u>	<u>616,602</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2015

Note 4a. Remuneration & Other Pay Costs

The salaries and temporary staff costs for 2015 include the following amounts:

Council Members Emoluments

The Chairman of the Council received a stipend of €8,947 in 2015 (2014 - €8,947). No other Council Member received any fees in 2015 or 2014.

Chief Executive Remuneration

The Chief Executive's remuneration for 2015 was made up of an annual basic salary of €82,530 (2014 - €82,914). His pension entitlements do not extend beyond the standard entitlements in the public sector defined benefit superannuation scheme.

Pension Levy Deductions

Pension related deductions of €17,650 (2014 - €17,952) were made from staff salaries and paid over to the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government.

Salary Range

The number of employees whose total employee benefits for the reporting period fell within the bands below were:

<u>Employment Benefit Range</u>	<u>Number of Employees</u>
€60,001 - €70,000	1
€70,001 - €80,000	-
€80,001 - €90,000	1
	2
	2

Note 5. Travel and Subsistence Expenses	2015	2014
	€	€
Council	30,448	26,242
Committees and Commissions	19,699	20,493
Office	20,117	14,900
Ring Buoy Inspectors	21,169	23,351
International Travel	12,796	5,325
Other Travel	15,203	14,166
	119,432	104,477
	119,432	104,477

The travel and subsistence expenses in 2015 include €7,990 received by the Chairman (2014 - €5,338) and €6,611 received by the Chief Executive (2014 - €6,841). Amounts are calculated in accordance with relevant Department of Public Expenditure and Reform Travel & Subsistence Circulars.

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	2015	2014
	€	€
Note 6. Promotion, Publicity and Printing Expenses		
Advertising and Press Cuttings	43,719	30,385
Promoting Irish Water Safety Note 6a.	156,972	152,310
Education Development Officer - Expenses	5,395	9,028
Seminars and Training Courses	71,693	85,789
Non Saleable Books and Manuals	10,112	13,307
Purchase of Saleable Items	52,556	37,249
Memberships	4,715	4,103
	345,162	332,171
 Note 6a. Promoting Irish Water Safety	 €	 €
Primary School Education Programme	39,617	49,518
Communications - Newsletters and Online	18,135	5,685
Press Campaign Costs	3,862	4,257
Radio Campaign Costs	63,040	67,137
Television Campaign Costs	32,318	25,713
	156,972	152,310
 Note 7. Special Projects	 €	 €
Senior & Junior Surf and Pool Competition	33,485	32,113
Life Saving Competitions Abroad	10,593	10,147
Lifesaving Equipment	57,692	2,413
	101,770	44,673

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Notes to the Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2015

Note 8. Property, Plant & Equipment

	Leasehold Interest €	Computer Equipment €	Other Office Equipment €	Promotional Equipment €	Motor Vehicles €	Art & Paintings €	Total €
Cost or Valuation							
Opening Balance 1st January 2015	260,458	70,951	62,611	36,828	34,515	63,150	528,513
Additions	-	3,393	-	-	20,750	-	24,143
Closing Balance 31st December 2015	<u>260,458</u>	<u>74,344</u>	<u>62,611</u>	<u>36,828</u>	<u>55,265</u>	<u>63,150</u>	<u>552,656</u>
Depreciation							
Opening Balance 1st January 2015	185,968	63,941	56,744	29,464	24,500	-	360,617
Charge For Year	12,397	4,815	2,004	3,683	11,053	-	33,952
Closing Balance 31st December 2015	<u>198,365</u>	<u>68,756</u>	<u>58,748</u>	<u>33,147</u>	<u>35,553</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>394,569</u>
Net Book Values							
At 31 December 2015	<u>62,093</u>	<u>5,588</u>	<u>3,863</u>	<u>3,680</u>	<u>19,712</u>	<u>63,150</u>	<u>158,087</u>
At 31 December 2014	<u>74,490</u>	<u>7,010</u>	<u>5,867</u>	<u>7,364</u>	<u>10,015</u>	<u>63,150</u>	<u>167,896</u>

Leasehold improvements pertain to fit out costs in the premises occupied by Irish Water Safety. Artworks donated to Irish Water Safety over a number of years are included above at valuation following an independent valuation carried out in May 2006 and is now viewed as the deemed cost at 1st January 2014.

Note 9. Inventory

2015
€

2014
€

Stock of books and manuals

9,708

9,322

Note 10. Receivables

2015
€

2014
€

Trade Debtors

90,716

63,244

Refundable Grant to Clare WSAC

-

20,000

Other Debtors & Prepayments

37,052

42,631

127,768

125,875

Note 11. Payables

2015
€

2014
€

Other Creditors & Accruals

55,675

58,016

55,675

58,016

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Notes to the Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2015

Note 12. Capital Account	€	2015 €	€	2014 €
Balance as at 1 January		167,896		189,159
Income Allocated for Capital Purposes	24,143		9,978	
Amortisation in Line with Depreciation*	(33,952)		(31,241)	
Transfer to Income & Expenditure Account		(9,809)		(21,263)
Balance as at 31 December		158,087		167,896

* Includes €1,000 from 2013.

Note 13. Retirement Benefit Costs

a. Analysis of Total Retirement Benefit Costs charged to the Statement of Expenditure and Retained Revenue Reserves.

	2015 €	2014 €
Current Service Cost	60,000	60,000
Interest on Retirement Benefit Obligation Scheme Liabilities	45,000	40,000
Employee Contributions	(13,558)	(14,114)
	91,442	85,886

b. Movement in Net Retirement Benefit Obligations Liability During the Financial Year

	2015 €	2014 €
Net Retirement Benefit Obligation at 1st January	740,000	720,000
Current Service Cost	60,000	60,000
Interest Cost	45,000	40,000
Actuarial (Gain)/Loss	185,000	(80,000)
Retirement Benefit Obligations Paid in Year	-	-
Net Retirement Benefit Obligation at 31 December	1,030,000	740,000

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Notes to the Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2015

Note 13. Retirement Benefit Costs (Continued)

c. Deferred Funding for Retirement Benefit Obligations

Irish Water Safety recognises these amounts as an asset corresponding to the unfunded deferred liability for retirement benefit obligations on the basis of the set of assumptions described above and a number of past events. These events include the statutory basis for the establishment of the superannuation scheme, and the policy and practice currently in place in relation to funding public service retirement benefit obligations including contributions by employees and the annual estimates process. Irish Water Safety has no evidence that this funding policy will not continue to meet such sums in accordance with current practice.

The Net Deferred Funding for Retirement Benefit Obligations recognised in Income and Expenditure Account was as follows:

	2015	2014
	€	€
Funding Recoverable in Respect of Current Year Retirement Benefit Obligation Costs	105,000	100,000
State Grant Applied to Pay Pensioners	-	-
	105,000	100,000

The deferred funding asset for retirement benefit obligations as at 31 December 2015 amounted to €1,030,000 (2014: €740,000).

d. History of defined benefit obligations

	2015	2014	2012	2011
	€	€	€	€
Defined benefit obligations	1,030,000	740,000	720,000	660,000
Experience (gains)/losses on scheme liabilities amount	(35,000)	(80,000)	36,000	20,000
Percentage of the present value of the scheme liabilities	3%	11%	5%	3%

e. General description of the scheme

The pension scheme is a defined benefit final salary pension arrangement with benefits and contributions defined by reference to current "model" public sector scheme regulations. The scheme provides a retirement benefit obligation (eightieths per year of service), a gratuity or lump sum (three eightieths per year of service) and spouse's and children's retirement benefit obligations. Normal Retirement Age is a member's 65th birthday, and pre 2004 members have an entitlement to retire without actuarial reduction from age 60. Retirement Benefit Obligations in payment (and deferment) normally increase in line with general public sector salary inflation.

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Note 13. Retirement Benefit Costs (Continued)

The Valuation used for FRS102 - Retirement Benefits disclosures has been based on a full actuarial valuation by a qualified independent actuary taking account of the requirements of the FRS in order to assess the scheme liabilities at 31 December 2015.

The principal actuarial assumptions were as follows

	2015	2014
Rate of increase in salaries	2.5%	4.0%
Rate of increase in pensions in payment	2.5%	4.0%
Discount rate	2.35%	5.5%
Inflation	1.75%	2.0%

f. Average life expectancy used to determine liabilities

The average future life expectancy according to the mortality tables used to determine the pension liabilities were as follows:

	2015	2014
Male - Aged 65	22	22
Female - aged 65	25	25

Note 14. Lease Commitments

Irish Water Safety occupies premises at Long Walk, Galway, under a lease for 21 years, which commenced in July 2000. The current rental is €26,000 per annum (2014 - €33,865). The Lease had break options after ten and fifteen years.

At 31 December 2015 Irish Water Safety had the following future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases for each of the following periods:

	€
Payable within one year	26,000
Payable within two to five years	104,000
Payable after five years	15,167
	145,167
	145,167

Operating lease payments recognised as an expense were €19,683 (2014: €39,773)

Note 15. Council Members Interests

The Council adopted procedures in accordance with guidelines issued by the Department of Finance in relation to the disclosure of Interests by Board Members and those procedures have been adhered to in the year. There are no transactions in the year in relation to Irish Water Safety's activities in which Council members had any beneficial interest.

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Note 16. Late Payment in Commercial Transactions Legislation (Statutory Instrument No. 580 of 2012)

The statutory instrument imposes a legal requirement on bodies to make interest payments in respect of invoices that are paid in excess of 30 days after receipt. Irish Water Safety has a system in place to identify overdue invoices and to calculate and pay the interest due as part of the invoice payments. No interest payments were made under the terms of the regulations in 2015 or 2014.

Note 17. Water Safety Area Committee's

The 32 national Water Safety Area Committee's (WSAC) bank accounts do not form part of the accounts of Irish Water Safety. The following is a summary of the year on year movement.

	2015	2014
Opening Bank Balances	822,852	786,918
Grants from IWS	104,700	87,000
Additional funding for PAWS Programme	3,528	1,403
Income from fundraising	465,038	437,536
Other Income	621,059	864,549
Total	2,017,177	2,177,406
Expenditure on local projects	1,282,741	1,316,954
Closing Balance	734,436	860,452

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Note 18. Transition to FRS 102

Reconciliation of Capital and Reserves		As at 1 Jan 2014	As at 31 Dec 2014
	Note	€	€
Capital and Reserves (as previously stated)		536,142	607,420
Holiday Pay Accrual	18a	(2,709)	(815)
Capital and Reserves (as re-stated)		<u>533,433</u>	<u>606,605</u>

Reconciliation of Surplus for the year		As at 31 Dec 2014
		€
Surplus for the year (as previously stated)		92,541
Holiday Pay Accrual	18a	1,894
Surplus for the year (as re-stated)		<u>94,435</u>

Adjusting Items

(18a) Holiday Pay Accrual

Irish Water Safety had previously not accrued for holiday pay earned by employees but not availed of at the reporting date. Under FRS 102, the financial statements must recognise such accruals.

The impact of this change is an increase of €2,709 in creditors at the transition date and €815 at the 31 December 2014. The surplus is reduced by €2,709 in the year-ended 31 December 2013 and increased by €1,894 in the year ended 31 December 2014.

Note 19. Approval of Financial Statements

The financial statements were approved by the Council on the 5th October 2016.

IRISH WATER SAFETY ASSOCIATION
The Long Walk, Galway

Comptroller & Auditor General,
Office of the Comptroller & Auditor General,
Dublin Castle,
Dublin 2.

Irish Water Safety Association


We confirm to the best of our knowledge and belief, and having made the appropriate enquiries of other Council Members and Officials of the Association, the following representations given to you in connection with your audit of the Association's financial statements of the Council for the year ended 31st December 2015.

1. We acknowledge as Council Members our statutory responsibility for the financial statements. All of the accounting records have been made available to you for the purpose of your audit and all the transactions undertaken by the Association have been properly reflected and recorded in the accounting records. All other records and related information, including minutes of all Council meetings, have been made available to you.
2. There are no financial commitments of a revenue or capital nature other than those as disclosed in the financial statements.
3. Annual lease commitments at 31st December 2015 amounted to €26,000 in respect of leased offices occupied by the Association at The Long Walk, Galway.
4. Full disclosure and provision has been made for all liabilities at the Balance Sheet date. Contingencies have been appropriately disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.
5. There are no legal actions, which were instigated against the Council.
6. The Association has satisfactory title to all assets and there are no liens or encumbrances on the Association's assets, except as disclosed in the financial statements.
7. At the Balance Sheet date cash on hand and at bank amounted to €421,519.
8. The Council Members are of the opinion that the Association will have sufficient working capital to meet its foreseeable requirements for at least the next twelve months.

9. No transactions were entered into shortly before the accounting date with the intention that they should be reversed shortly after that date, so as not to present a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Association.
10. There were no third party guarantees or letters of comfort issued by the Association.
11. No irregularities or frauds have occurred or are being investigated as at 31st December 2015.
12. The Association has not exceeded the borrowing limits approved by the Department of Environment and Local Government.
13. No circumstances have arisen or events occurred between the Balance Sheet date and the date of this letter, which would require adjustment or disclosure in the financial statements.
14. Payments and transactions in respect of any grants, loans and investments made during the year conformed with legislation and with Government and Department directives and were authorised, approved and processed in accordance with the Association's internal procedures and controls.
15. The Council Members do not have an interest in any grant or other contract entered into by the Association during the year other than as disclosed in the financial statements.
16. All transactions with subsidiary and related parties have been properly recorded and adequately disclosed in the financial statements.
17. The Association complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that could have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of non-compliance. There have been no communications concerning non-compliance with requirements of regulatory or tax authorities with respect to any matter.
18. The Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies has been adopted and is being complied with, and in particular:
 - All appropriate procedures for financial reporting, internal audit, procurement and assets disposals are being carried out;
 - Codes of Business Conduct for Council Members and Employees have been put in place and adhered to;
 - Government policy on the pay of the Chief Executive and all employees is being complied with;
 - The Guidelines for the Appraisal and Management of Capital Expenditure Proposals are being complied with.
19. The Statement on the System of Internal Financial Control reflects our compliance with the requirements of the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies.

20. We have no subsidiaries, joint ventures or shareholdings acquired other than those disclosed in the financial statements.

For and on behalf of the Council.


Chairman


Chief Executive

Date: 5th October 2016

