



England and Wales Cricket Board Limited (a company limited by guarantee)

Company Registration No. 3251364

Directors' Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2005

Directors' Report

The directors present their annual report and the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2005.

Principal activities, review of operations and charitable donations

In the opinion of the directors all the group's turnover is derived solely from cricket related activities carried out in the UK and in respect of the England Cricket Team Tours.

Turnover in 2005 amounted to £78,819,000 (2004 - £75,117,000). Cost of sales in 2005 amounted to £11,994,000 (2004 - £9,276,000).

Charitable donations to the Cricket Foundation amounted to £50,000 (2004 - £5,767,000).

Charitable donations to the England and Wales Cricket Trust Limited amounted to £8,300,000 (2004 - nil).

Other charitable donations totalled £23,000 (2004 - £20,000).

As the England and Wales Cricket Trust Limited is a subsidiary, the donation of £8,300,000 (2004- £nil) is not reflected as a cost in the consolidated profit and loss account whereas donations to the Cricket Foundation of £50,000 (2004 - £5,767,000) are reflected as costs in the consolidated profit and loss account.

This change has had a significant impact on the results for the year as the Trust did not start making awards and grants until January 2006. In future years, donations to the Trust will continue not to be reflected as a cost in the consolidated profit and loss account but costs incurred by the Trust, including awards and grants, will be included - so the net affect on the consolidated profit and loss account is expected to be relatively small.

Future prospects

In 2006, the international programme should be similar to that which took place in 2005. There are scheduled to be seven npower Test Matches, three against Sri Lanka and four against Pakistan. In addition, there are to be ten NatWest One Day International matches - five against Sri Lanka and five against Pakistan; and two Twenty20 International Matches - one against Sri Lanka and one against Pakistan.

Results and dividends

The group made a profit on ordinary activities before taxation of £9,808,000 (2004 - profit of £3,057,000). Retained profit of £9,863,000 (2004 - profit of £2,261,000) has been transferred to reserves. No dividend was declared in the year (2004 - £nil).

The company has adopted FRS 17 'Retirement Benefits' during the year and has changed its accounting policy for its defined benefit pension scheme. The effects of this change in accounting policy are set out in notes 1 and 19.

Directors and their interests

The following directors (below), together with where applicable the positions they hold with related parties, have served the company during the year and since the year end:

Members of the board

F D Morgan

D L Acfield (resigned 31 July 2005)

D L Amiss

R G Bransgrove (resigned 31 July 2005)

C G Clarke

D G Collier

D E East (resigned 31 July 2005)

P H Edmonds (resigned 31 July 2005)

P W Gooden (resigned 31 July 2005)

B W Havill

R Jackson

R D V Knight

Sir William Morris

R Moylan-Jones (resigned 31 July 2005)

J B Pickup

R P Russell (appointed 1 August 2005)

M J Soper

D P Stewart

Position with related parties

Trustee, Glamorgan CCC (until 31 May 2005)

Chairman, Essex CB

Chief Executive, Warwickshire CCC

Chairman and majority shareholder, Hampshire Cricket Limited

Chairman, Somerset CCC; Chairman, Somerset CB

Chief Executive, Essex CCC

Chairman, Middlesex CCC; Committee member, MCC

Treasurer, MCCA; Secretary, Cambridgeshire CCC

Director, Reigndei Limited; Director, Lord's.Org Limited

Secretary, Durham CB; Director, Durham CCC

Secretary & Chief Executive MCC; Director, Lord's.Org Limited

Chairman, Devon CCC

Chairman, MCCA; Chairman, Cheshire CCC

Chairman, Glamorgan CCC

Honorary Life Vice President, Surrey CCC

Chairman, Surrey CCC

Other than as disclosed in Note 20 of the financial statements, no directors had at anytime during the year, any material interest in a contract with the company.

Auditors

Deloitte & Touche LLP have expressed their willingness to continue in office as auditors and a resolution to reappoint them will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 8 March 2006 and signed on behalf of the Board of Directors.

Brian W Havill

Company Secretary

Statement of directors' responsibilities

United Kingdom company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and the group as at the end of the financial year and of the profit or loss of the group 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 accounting standards have been followed; 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 proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and the group and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. The directors are also responsible for the system of internal control, for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Independent auditors' report

to the members of England and Wales Cricket Board Limited

We have audited the group and individual company financial statements (the "financial statements") of the England & Wales Cricket Board Limited for the year ended 31 December 2005 which comprise the consolidated profit and loss account, the balance sheets, the consolidated cash flow statement, the consolidated statement of total recognised gains and losses, and the related notes 1 to 20. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. 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 auditors' 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.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice are set out in the statement of directors' responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant United Kingdom legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view in accordance with the relevant framework and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you on the consistency of the directors' report with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions with the company and other members of the group is not disclosed.

We read other information contained in the annual report, and consider whether it is consistent with the audited financial statements. This other information comprises only the directors' report. We consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements. Our responsibilities do not extend to any other information.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgments made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the circumstances of the company and the group, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the group's and the individual company's affairs as at 31 December 2005 and of the group's profit for the year then ended and the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Deloitte & Touche LLP

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors
London, 2006

Consolidated profit and loss account

For the year ended 31 December 2005

Notes	2005	2004
	£000	£000 (Restated)
	78,819	75,117
1	(11,994)	(9,276)
	66,825	65,841
	(46,753)	(52,891)
	(11,543)	(10,401)
	8,529	2,549
	1,366	607
7	(87)	(99)
3	9,808	3,057
8	55	(796)
16	9,863	2,261

All activities arise from continuing operations. Movements in members' funds are shown in note 16.

Consolidated statement of total recognised gains and losses

Year ended 31 December 2005

	2005	2004
	£000	£000 (Restated)
Profit for the financial year	9,863	2,261
Net movement relating to pension scheme (see note 19)	(4,207)	(779)
Total recognised gains and losses for the year	5,656	1,482
Prior year adjustment (see note 1)	(3,322)	
Total recognised gains and losses since last annual report	2,334	

Consolidated balance sheet

As at 31 December 2005

	Notes	2005 £000	2005 £000	2004 £000 (Restated)	2004 £000 (Restated)
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	10		230		587
Current assets					
Stocks	11	80		44	
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	12	10,427		5,152	
Debtors: amounts falling due after more than one year	12	200		274	
Investments	13	25,626		22,925	
Cash at bank and in hand		391		171	
		36,724		28,566	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(11,759)		(17,191)	
Net current assets			24,965		11,375
Total assets less current liabilities			25,195		11,962
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	15		(16,097)		(11,212)
Pension deficit	19		(6,114)		(3,422)
Net assets/(liabilities)			2,984		(2,672)
Reserves					
Profit and loss account	16		2,984		(2,672)
Members' funds/(deficit)	16		2,984		(2,672)

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 8 March 2006.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors

M J Soper, Director

B W Havill, Director

Company balance sheet

As at 31 December 2005

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Debtors: amounts falling due after more than one year	12	200		274	
Investments	13	17,530		22,925	
Cash at bank and in hand		180		171	
		28,417		28,566	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(11,757)		(17,191)	
Net current assets			16,660		11,375
Total assets less current liabilities			16,890		11,962
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	15		(16,097)		(11,212)
Pension deficit	19		(6,114)		(3,422)
Net liabilities			(5,321)		(2,672)
Reserves					
Profit and loss account	16		(5,321)		(2,672)
Members' deficit	16		(5,321)		(2,672)

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Consolidated cash flow statement

For the year ended 31 December 2005

	Notes	2005 £000	2005 £000	2004 £000	2004 £000
Net cash inflow from operating activities	17		2,660		11,888
Returns on investments and servicing of finance					
Interest received		1,366		607	
Net cash inflow from returns on investment and servicing of finance			1,366		607
Taxation					
UK corporation tax paid		(1,042)		-	
Net cash outflow from taxation			(1,042)		-
Capital expenditure and financial investment					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	10	(63)		(48)	
Net cash outflow from capital expenditure and financial investment			(63)		(48)
Net cash inflow before management of liquid resources and financing			2,921		12,447
Management of liquid resources					
Increase in short term deposits		(2,701)		(12,377)	
Management of liquid resources			(2,701)		(12,377)
Increase in cash during the year			220		70

Analysis of movement in net funds

	2005 £000	2004 £000
Increase in cash during the year	220	70
Opening cash at bank at 1 January	171	101
Closing cash at bank at 31 December	391	171

Notes to the accounts

Year ended 31 December 2005

1. Accounting policies

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards. They have been applied consistently during the current and preceding year, with the exception of the adoption of FRS 17 in relation to the defined benefit pension scheme (see below). The particular accounting policies adopted are described below.

Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

Basis of Consolidation

The group financial statements consolidate the financial statements of the company and its subsidiary undertaking drawn up to 31 December each year.

Turnover

In the opinion of the directors all of the group's turnover is derived solely from cricket related activities carried out in the UK and in respect of the England Cricket Team Tours.

The amount reported as turnover represents revenue from broadcasting revenue, ticket income, sponsorship, perimeter advertising, licensing income, promotions and sundry income after deduction of value added tax.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write each asset down to its residual value over its useful economic life on the straight-line method:

Leasehold improvements	10% per annum
Fixtures, fittings and office equipment	20% - 33 1/3% per annum
Software	33 1/3% per annum

Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Investments

Investments held are stated at cost less provision for any impairment in value.

Translation of foreign currencies

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates ruling at the dates of the transactions. Amounts receivable and payable in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are translated at the rates ruling at that date. Exchange gains and losses, arising on both settled and unsettled foreign currency transactions, are included in the results on ordinary activities before taxation.

Leases

Rental costs under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account in equal annual amounts over the period of the leases.

Deferred tax

Deferred tax is provided in full on timing differences that result in an obligation at the balance sheet date to pay more tax, or a right to pay less tax, at a future date, at rates expected to apply when they crystallise based on current tax rates and law. Timing differences arise from the inclusion of items of income and expenditure in taxation computations in periods different from those in which they are included in the financial statements.

Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it regarded as more likely than not that they will be recovered.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

Pensions

The Group operates both a defined contribution pension scheme and a defined benefit pension scheme. The Group has implemented in full FRS 17 'Retirement Benefits' in the year.

For defined contribution schemes the amount charged to the profit and loss account in respect of pension costs and other post-retirement benefits is the contributions payable in the year. Differences between contributions payable in the year and contributions actually paid are shown as either accruals or prepayments in the balance sheet.

For the defined benefit pension scheme, the amounts charged to operating profit are the current service costs and gains and losses on settlements and curtailments. They are included as part of staff costs. Past service costs are recognised immediately in the profit and loss account if the benefits have vested. If the benefits have not vested, the costs are recognised over the period until vesting occurs. The interest cost and expected return on assets are shown as a net amount of other finance costs or credits adjacent to interest. Actuarial gains and losses are recognised immediately in the statement of total recognised gains and losses.

The defined benefit scheme is funded, with the assets of the scheme held separately from those of the group, in separate trustee administered funds. Pension scheme assets are measured at fair value and liabilities are measured on an actuarial basis using the projected unit method and discounted at a rate equivalent to the current rate of return on a high quality corporate bond of equivalent currency and term to the scheme liabilities. The actuarial valuations are obtained at least triennially and are updated at each balance sheet date. The resulting defined benefit asset or liability, net of the related deferred tax, is presented separately after other net assets on the face of the balance sheet.

The adoption of FRS 17 represents a change in accounting policy for the group and the comparative balances for 2004 have been restated (see note 19). The effect of this restatement on the Group accounts is shown below:

	2005	2004
	£000	£000
Increase in retained profit	1,515	661
Reduction in members' funds	(6,014)	(3,322)

Grants

Non-recourse grants are credited to the profit and loss account when received.

2. Liability of members

England and Wales Cricket Board Limited is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. Each member has guaranteed to contribute a sum not exceeding £10 for payment of the company's debts and liabilities should the company be wound up. There were 39 members as at 31 December 2005 and 2004.

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Year ended 31 December 2005

3. Profit on ordinary activities before taxation

	2005	2004
	£000	£000
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Profit on foreign currency exchange	(23)	(8)
Operating leases:		
and buildings	196	196
Other equipment	277	316
Auditors' remuneration:		
Audit fees	42	51
Other services	88	42
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets (note 10)	420	415

4. Donations to the Cricket Foundation and Other Charities

A donation of £50,000 (2004 - £5,767,000) was paid to the Cricket Foundation during the year.

Charitable donations to the England and Wales Cricket Trust Limited amounted to £8,300,000 (2004 - nil). As the England and Wales Cricket Trust Limited is a subsidiary, this amount is not reflected in the consolidated profit and loss account.

Other Charitable Donations paid in 2005 were £23,000 (2004 - £20,000).

5. Directors' emoluments

Directors' emoluments, are £307,218 (2004 - £71,464) and pension contributions are £43,688 (2004 - £12,179).

No director is a member of the defined benefit pension scheme described in note 19.

6. Employees

All staff are employed in cricket related activities.

The average number of persons employed by the group during the year was:

	2005	2004
	No.	No.
Cricketers	21	22
Umpires	16	16
Development staff	42	44
Coaching staff	27	24
Administration	47	47
	153	153
	£000	£000
Aggregate costs:		
Wages and salaries	9,431	8,953
Social security	1,424	1,286
Other pension costs	997	1,914
	11,852	12,153
	£000	£000
Wages and salaries:		
Cricketers*	3,969	3,830
Umpires	959	957
Development staff**	1,217	1,175
Coaching staff	1,107	639
Administration	2,179	2,352
	9,431	8,953

* Costs exclude amounts paid to First Class Counties for the services of players. Such payments totalled £245,000 (2004 - £500,000).

** Costs are gross costs borne by the ECB before deduction for grants and awards received from Sport England and The Cricket Foundation. Such grants and awards totalled £600,000 (2004 - £960,000).

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Year ended 31 December 2005

7. Interest payable and similar charges

	2005	2004
	£000	£000 (Restated)
Net interest payable on pension scheme liabilities (see note 19)	87	99

8. Group tax charge on profit on ordinary activities

i) Analysis of tax charge on ordinary activities

	2005	2004
	£000	£000 (Restated)
UK Corporation Tax (charge) at 30 % (2004 - 30%) based on the taxable profit for the year	(49)	(796)
Adjustment in respect of prior year	104	-
Double taxation relief	34	61
	89	(735)
Foreign tax for current period	(34)	(61)
Current tax credit/(charge)	55	(796)

ii) Factors affecting tax charge for the current period

The tax assessed for the period is lower than that resulting from applying the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK - 30 % (2004 - 30%)

The differences are explained below:

	2005	2004
	£000	£000 (Restated)
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	9,808	3,057
Tax charge at 30% thereon	(2,942)	(917)
Effects of:		
Adjustment in respect of prior year	104	-
Income not taxable	2,549	-
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	(83)	(64)
Depreciation in excess of capital allowances	(27)	(13)
Pension contributions paid	582	401
Pension charges under FRS 17	(128)	(203)
Current tax credit/(charge) for period	55	(796)

iii) Factors that may affect the future tax charge

Deferred tax assets have not been recognised as there is not sufficient certainty that asset will be recovered.

Such assets totalled £2,062,000 (2004 - £1,181,000) in respect of both the pension deficit and to capital allowances in excess of depreciation.

9. Profit attributable to the company

The profit for the financial year dealt with in the financial statements of the parent company was £1,558,000 (2004 - £2,261,000).

As permitted by section 230 of the Companies Act 1985, no separate profit and loss account is presented in respect of the parent company.

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Year ended 31 December 2005

10. Fixed assets

Group and company	Leasehold	Fixtures,	Software	Total
	improvements	fittings and		
Tangible fixed assets	£000	£000	£000	£000
Cost				
At 1 January 2005	61	1,176	653	1,890
Additions	-	63	-	63
Disposals	-	-	(43)	(43)
At 31 December 2005	61	1,239	610	1,910
Accumulated depreciation				
At 1 January 2005	35	840	428	1,303
Charge for the year	6	189	225	420
Disposals	-	-	(43)	(43)
At 31 December 2005	41	1,029	610	1,680
Net book value				
At 31 December 2005	20	210	-	230
At 31 December 2004	26	336	225	587

Software in respect of the PlayCricket.com venture was purchased in November 2002. Consideration is being paid in accordance with an agreed payment plan between 2003 and 2006. The project has generated revenues during the year and depreciation was charged from 1 January 2003.

Investments

The England & Wales Cricket Board ('ECB') and Marylebone Cricket Club ('MCC') are both £50 guarantors of Lords.org Limited, a company limited by guarantee. This investment is held at £nil cost in the balance sheet. Lords.org Limited is incorporated in Great Britain and its principal activity was to produce and develop the official website of the ECB and MCC. The intention is for the Company to be wound up in the near future. During the year, Lords.org Limited recorded a loss of £26,000 (2004- £277,000 profit). As at 31 December 2005, it had net assets of nil (2004 - £26,000) including amounts due to ECB of nil (2004 - £225,000).

During the year the ECB became a £1 guarantor of the newly formed England and Wales Cricket Trust, a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity, which was incorporated on 17 June 2005. The investment is held at £nil cost in the company balance sheet and is treated as a wholly owned subsidiary for the purpose of the group accounts. The England and Wales Cricket Trust is incorporated in Great Britain and its principal activity is to promote community participation in healthy recreation by providing facilities for playing cricket through charitable donations.

11. Stocks

	Group	Group	Company	Company
	2005	2004	2005	2004
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Goods held for resale	80	44	80	44

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12. Debtors

	Group 2005	Group 2004	Company 2005	Company 2004
	£000	£000 (Restated)	£000	£000 (Restated)
Amounts falling due within one year:				
Trade debtors	6,118	1,437	6,118	1,437
Other debtors	3,074	2,721	3,074	2,721
Prepayments and accrued income	928	988	928	988
Corporation tax recoverable	301	-	301	-
Overseas tax recoverable	6	6	6	6
	10,427	5,152	10,427	5,152
Amounts falling due after more than one year:				
Other debtors	200	274	200	274
Total debtors	10,627	5,426	10,627	5,426

13. Investments

	Group 2005	Group 2004	Company 2005	Company 2004
	£000	£000	£000	£000 (Restated)
Cash deposits with terms less than 90 days	17,530	22,925	17,530	22,925

14. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Group 2005	Group 2004	Company 2005	Company 2004
	£000	£000 (Restated)	£000	£000 (Restated)
Trade creditors	1,817	1,281	1,817	1,281
Other creditors	1,132	3,653	1,130	3,653
Corporation tax payable	-	796	-	796
Deferred income	7,716	10,287	7,716	10,287
Accruals	1,094	1,174	1,094	1,174
	11,759	17,191	11,757	17,191

15. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Group 2005	Group 2004	Company 2005	Company 2004
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Other creditor	-	82	-	82
Deferred income	16,097	11,130	16,097	11,130
	16,097	11,212	16,097	11,212

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16. Reconciliation of movement in members' funds

	2005	2005	2004	2004
	£000	£000	£000 (Restated)	£000 (Restated)
Group				
Retained profit for the year		9,863		2,261
Actuarial loss		(4,207)		(779)
Net increase to members' funds		5,656		1,482
Opening members' funds/(deficit) as previously reported	650		(950)	
Prior year adjustment	(3,322)		(3,204)	
Opening members' deficit as restated		(2,672)		(4,154)
Closing members' funds/(deficit)		2,984		(2,672)
Company				
Retained profit for the year		1,558		2,261
Actuarial loss		(4,207)		(779)
Net (decrease)/ increase to members' funds		(2,649)		1,482
Opening members' funds/(deficit) as previously reported	650		(950)	
Prior year adjustment	(3,322)		(3,204)	
Opening members' deficit as restated		(2,672)		(4,154)
Closing members' deficit		(5,321)		(2,672)

17. Reconciliation of operating profit/(loss) to net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities

	2005	2004
	£000	£000 (Restated)
Operating profit	8,529	2,549
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	420	415
(Increase)/decrease in stocks	(36)	7
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(4,900)	4,741
Increase in creditors	249	4,936
Pension scheme charges	341	577
Pensions contributions paid	(1,943)	(1,337)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	2,660	11,888

18. Operating lease commitments

The company has the following commitments to make payments in the next year, under operating leases analysed between those where the commitment expires:

Group and company	2005	2005	2005	2004	2004	2004
	Land and buildings	Other	Total	Land and buildings	Other	Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Within one year	13	24	37	13	56	69
Between one and two years	-	45	45	-	87	87
Between two and five years	-	142	142	-	48	48
After five years	183	-	183	183	-	183
	196	211	407	196	191	387

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19. Pensions

The group has made contributions to the ECB Group Pension Plan and the ECB Group Pension Plan for Professional Cricketers, both defined contributions schemes, amounting to £464,000 (2004 - £374,000) and £246,000 (2004 - £240,000) respectively.

The group also operates a defined benefit pension scheme, the ECB Retirement and Death Benefits Scheme ("the Scheme"), whose assets are held in independent trustee administered funds. Standard contributions are determined by a qualified actuary on the basis of triennial valuations using the attained age method. The most recent valuation of the Scheme was carried out as at 1 July 2005.

The standard monthly contributions made to the Scheme by the group were 41.7% of salaries up to October 2005 and they were then increased to a fixed amount of £138,333 per month plus 30.5% of salaries. Standard contributions have totalled £973,000 (2004 - £657,000). There are no member contributions. Standard monthly contributions are not expected to change in the year to 31 December 2006. In addition, the group has made special contributions into the Scheme of £970,000 (2004 - £699,000). In total, contributions payable to the Scheme were £1,943,000 (2004 - £1,356,000). The special contributions were made to help reduce the period over which the deficit is corrected.

Following the change in accounting policy referred to in note 1 above, the group has adopted FRS 17 'Retirement Benefits'. The figures below have been based on full actuarial valuations as at 1 July 2005, updated to the 31 December 2005 by an independent professional actuary.

The liabilities of the Scheme at 31 December 2005 were calculated on the following bases as required under FRS17:

Assumptions	2005	2004	2003	2002
Discount rate	4.70%	5.25%	5.50%	5.50%
Rate of increase in salaries	4.00%	3.25%	3.00%	3.00%
Inflation assumption	3.00%	2.25%	2.00%	2.00%

Rate of increase in pensions payment are determined by the scheme rules - being 5% on pension entitlements earned up to 30 June 2005; and the lower of rpi and 2.50% thereafter.

The assets and liabilities in the Scheme on an FRS17 basis, along with the expected rate of return as at 31 December 2005 were:

Asset	2005 Long term rate of return expected	2005 £000	2004 Long term rate of return expected	2004 £000	2003 Long term rate of return expected	2003 £000
Equities	7.00% p.a.	4,980	7.50% p.a.	4,239	7.50% p.a.	4,076
Bonds	4.25% p.a.	6,030	4.50% p.a.	4,512	4.50% p.a.	3,286
Property	5.50% p.a.	46	5.50% p.a.	308	5.50% p.a.	418
Cash	3.00% p.a.	903	3.00% p.a.	553	3.00% p.a.	208
Total market value of assets		11,959		9,612		7,988
Present value of scheme liabilities		(18,073)		(13,034)		(11,292)
Deficit in the scheme		(6,114)		(3,422)		(3,304)

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19. Pensions (continued)

The balance sheet position for the Scheme as calculated under FRS17 as at 31 December 2005 is as follows:

	2005	2004	2003
	£000	£000	£000
Fair value of assets	11,959	9,612	7,988
Present value of the Scheme liabilities	(18,073)	(13,034)	(11,292)
Deficit in the Scheme	(6,114)	(3,422)	(3,304)
Related deferred tax asset at 30%	-	-	-
Net deficit in the Scheme	(6,114)	(3,422)	(3,304)

A deferred tax asset has not been included in the balance sheet in respect of the pension deficit. In the opinion of the directors, it is not possible to conclude that it is more likely than not that this deferred tax asset would be recovered.

The effect of the adoption of FRS 17 on the brought forward profit and loss reserves has been as follows:

	2004	2003
	£000	£000
Profit and loss reserve in the financial statements as at 31 December	650	(950)
Add back SSAP 24 accrual	100	100
Less net deficit in the Scheme under FRS 17	(3,422)	(3,304)
Profit and loss reserve as adjusted	(2,672)	(4,154)

Analysis of the amount charged to operating profit under FRS 17

	2005	2004
	£000	£000
Current service cost	(341)	(481)
Past service charge	-	(96)
Total operating charge	(341)	(577)

Analysis of the amount (charged)/credited to other finance costs under FRS 17

	2005	2004
	£000	£000
Expected return on pension scheme assets	580	513
Interest on pension scheme liabilities	(667)	(612)
Net interest	(87)	(99)

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19. Pensions (continued)

Analysis of the amount recognised in statement of total recognised gains and losses (STRGL) under FRS 17

	2005	2004
	£000	£000
Actual return less expected return on pension scheme assets	810	120
Experience gains and losses arising on the scheme assets	313	(88)
Changes in assumptions underlying the present value of the scheme liabilities	(5,330)	(811)
Actuarial loss	(4,207)	(779)
Net movement in STRGL	(4,207)	(779)

Movement in deficit during the year

	2005	2004
	£000	£000
Deficit in scheme at beginning of the year	(3,422)	(3,304)
Movement in the year:		
Current service cost	(341)	(481)
Contributions paid	1,943	1,337
Past service cost	-	(96)
Other financial income	(87)	(99)
Actuarial loss	(4,207)	(779)
Deficit in scheme at end of the year	(6,114)	(3,422)

FRS 17 - 'five year history'

The following disclosures will be built up over time as a five year history

	2005 % of scheme assets/ liabilities	2005 £000	2004 % of scheme assets/ liabilities	2004 £000	2003 % of scheme assets/ liabilities	2003 £000	2002 % of scheme assets/ liabilities	2002 £000
Difference between expected and actual return on scheme assets	7	810	1	120	3	247	19	(1,197)
Experience gains and losses on scheme liabilities	2	313	1	(88)	1	(79)	6	(611)
Total amount recognised in statement of total recognised gains and losses (before deferred tax)	23	4,207	6	(779)	1	168	23	(2,336)

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20. Related party transactions

The directors have identified a number of cricketing organisations for which payments and receipts by the ECB represent a significant transaction.

1. The eighteen first class counties, MCC, the Minor Counties Cricket Association ('MCCA'), the Minor County Clubs and Cricket Boards have charged the ECB amounts totalling £29,304,151 (2004 - £31,970,000), in respect of fees for the provision of ground facilities and cricketers for matches under the control of ECB, and amounts payable under the terms of licence fees and other commercial agreements. As at 31 December 2005 the ECB owed these parties £505,000 (2004 - £180,000) of unpaid fees. Such charges and fees include amounts in relation to the staging of international and domestic matches. The ECB has received income in relation to these matches of £9,683,000 (2004 - £9,040,000). As at 31 December 2005 the ECB was owed £1,109,644 (2004 - £59,000) from these parties.
2. ECB has loans of £200,000 (2004 - £200,000) in aggregate due from the eighteen first class counties, the Professional Cricketers' Association and the thirty nine County Boards.
3. The directors have identified Cambridge University Cricket Club, Irish Cricket Union, Koninklijke Cricket Bond, Danish Cricket Association, Oxford University Cricket Club, Professional Cricketers' Association, Lords.org Limited, and Scottish Cricket Union as also being related and to which ECB has made payments. During the period, amounts totalling £581,150 (2004 - £883,150) were paid to these organisations.
4. ECB paid £183,000 (2004 - £183,000) of commercial rent to MCC in respect of the leasehold property.
5. ECB paid premiums of £2,167,000 (2004 - £2,129,000) to Reigndei Limited, an insurance company beneficially owned by the eighteen first class counties, MCC and the MCCA. Claims receivable from Reigndei amounted to £322,000 (2004 - £1,475,000).
6. ECB made donations amounting to £50,000 (2004 - £5,767,000) to the Cricket Foundation during the year. Income of £551,000 (2004 - £613,000) was received by ECB from the Cricket Foundation by way of a grant in respect of development activities.

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