

Institute of Technology Carlow
Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 August 2017

Institute of Technology Carlow

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Statement of Responsibility of the Institute

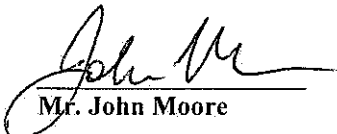
The Institutes of Technology Acts 1992 to 2006 require the Institute to prepare Financial Statements in such form as may be approved by the Higher Education Authority and to submit them for audit to the Comptroller and Auditor General. In preparing these Financial Statements, the Institute is required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- Prepare Financial Statements on the going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Institute will continue in operation.
- Disclose and explain any material departures from applicable accounting standards.


The Institute is responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Institute and which enables it to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with the Institutes of Technology Acts 1992 to 2006.

The Institute is also responsible for safeguarding its assets and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Chairman:


Mr. John Moore

President:


Dr. Patricia Mulcahy

Date:

19/12/2018

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Statement on Internal Control

Responsibility for the System of Internal Control

The Governing Body acknowledges its responsibilities for ensuring that an effective system of internal control is maintained and operated in the Institute. The system of internal control consists of those processes used to identify, evaluate and manage the significant risks faced by the Institute in the management of its affairs.

The system is designed to manage rather than eliminate risk, recognising that only reasonable and not absolute assurance can be provided that assets are safeguarded, transactions are authorised and properly recorded and that material errors or irregularities are either prevented or would be detected on a timely basis.

The system of internal control is based on an ongoing process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the nature and extent of those risks, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically.

Key Control Procedures

The Governing Body has taken steps to ensure an appropriate control environment exists including:

- Financial procedures and regulations are currently documented, implemented and up to date.
- Regular reviews by the Governing Body of periodic and annual financial reports which include financial performance against budgets.
- Clearly defined capital investment control guidelines.
- The establishment of an Audit Committee with a defined audit charter and with clear terms of reference which deal with significant control issues. The Audit committee receives reports from the internal auditors.

The Institute has an internal audit function, which operates in accordance with the Code of Governance in Irish Institutes of Technology. An internal audit strategy has been developed based on a risk assessment, carried out by the Institute's Executive Board. The Institute's Audit Committee has approved this audit strategy.

At least once annually the Internal Auditors provide the Audit Committee with a report of internal audit activity.

Risk Management

Within our risk management strategy the Institute has:

- Assigned the responsibility of risk management to Senior Management
- Held a risk management workshop
- Developed an Institute wide risk register
- Requested that internal audit planning considers the risk register
- Incorporated risk management as an agenda item on a regular basis for meetings of relevant committees
- Received confirmation of compliance to policies and procedures
- Adopted the risk management policy

In addition to the actions mentioned above, in the coming year the Institute plans to:

- Update the risk register.

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Statement on Internal Control (cont'd)

Annual Review of Controls

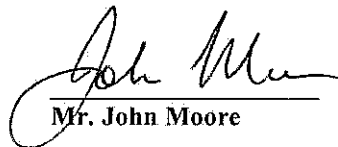
The Governing Body's monitoring and review of the effectiveness of the system of internal controls is informed by;

- the work of the Internal Auditors. The Auditors submit reports which include an independent opinion on the adequacy and effectiveness of the Institute's system of internal controls, with recommendations for improvement. These reports are provided to the Institute's Audit Committee who reports directly to the Governing Body.
- the Audit Committee which oversees the work of the Internal Auditors. The Audit Committee meets the Internal Auditors to review the work of Internal Audit.
- Senior officers within the Institute, who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the financial control framework.
- the comments made by the Comptroller and Auditor General's annual external audit in their management letter.

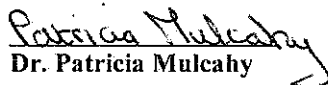
We confirm that for the year ended 31 August 2017, the Governing Body conducted a review in October 2017 of the effectiveness of the system of Internal Controls.

To reflect the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies (2016) a revised Code of Governance for Institutes of Technology was published by THEA, which is effective from 1st January 2018. This code was approved by the Governing Body of Institute of Technology Carlow on 21st June 2018. In advance of the adoption of the new Code, the Institute of Technology Carlow continued to apply the 2012 Code of Governance during 2016/2017.

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President:


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Date:

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Ard Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste **Comptroller and Auditor General**

Report for presentation to the Houses of the Oireachtas

Institute of Technology Carlow

Opinion on financial statements

I have audited the financial statements of the Institute of Technology Carlow for the year ending 31 August 2017 as required under the provisions of the Institutes of Technology Acts 1992 to 2006. The financial statements comprise

- the statement of income and expenditure
- the statement of comprehensive income
- the statement of changes in reserves and capital account
- the statement of financial position
- the statement of cash flows, and
- the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In my opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the Institute at 31 August 2017 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102 — *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland*.

Basis of opinion

I conducted my audit of the financial statements in accordance with the International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) as promulgated by the International Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions. My responsibilities under those standards are described in the appendix to this report. I am independent of the Institute and have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the standards.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Report on information other than the financial statements, and on other matters

The Institute has presented certain other information together with the financial statements. This comprises the statement of responsibility of the Institute and the statement on internal control. My responsibilities to report in relation to such information, and on certain other matters upon which I report by exception, are described in the appendix to this report.

I have nothing to report in that regard.

Colette Drinan
For and on behalf of the
Comptroller and Auditor General

20 December 2018

Appendix to the report

Responsibilities of Governing Body members

The statement of responsibility of the Institute sets out the Governing Body members' responsibilities. The Governing Body members are responsible for

- the preparation of financial statements in the form prescribed under the Institutes of Technology Acts 1992 to 2006
- ensuring that the financial statements give a true and fair view in accordance with FRS102
- ensuring the regularity of transactions
- assessing whether the use of the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate, and
- such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Responsibilities of the Comptroller and Auditor General

I am required under the Institutes of Technology Acts 1992 to 2006 to audit the financial statements of the Institute and to report thereon to the Houses of the Oireachtas.

My objective in carrying out the audit is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement due to fraud or error. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the ISAs 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.

As part of an audit in accordance with the ISAs, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. In doing so,

- I identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements whether due to fraud or error; design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks; and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- I obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal controls.
- I evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures.
- I conclude on the appropriateness of the use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, on whether a material uncertainty

exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Institute's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Institute to cease to continue as a going concern.

- I evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

Information other than the financial statements

My opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information presented with those statements, and I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with my audit of the financial statements, I am required under the ISAs to read the other information presented and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or with knowledge obtained during the audit, or if it otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, I am required to report that fact.

Reporting on other matters

My audit is conducted by reference to the special considerations which attach to bodies in receipt of substantial funding from the State in relation to their management and operation. I report if there are material matters relating to the manner in which public business has been conducted.

I seek to obtain evidence about the regularity of financial transactions in the course of audit. I report if there is any material instance where public money has not been applied for the purposes intended or where transactions did not conform to the authorities governing them.

I also report by exception if, in my opinion,

- I have not received all the information and explanations I required for my audit, or
- the accounting records were not sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited, or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records.

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Statement of Income and Expenditure Year ended 31 August 2017

	Note	31/08/17 €'000	Restated 31/08/16 €'000
Income			
State Grants	3	17,279	16,171
Tuition Fees and Student Contribution	4	20,008	19,804
Research Grants & Contracts	5	1,263	996
Student Support Funding	7	303	299
Other Income	8	2,524	2,170
Amortisation of Deferred Capital Grants	17	2,308	2,204
Interest Income		61	119
Deferred Pension Funding	24	10,175	-
Total Income		53,921	41,763
Expenditure			
Staff costs	9	27,443	26,054
Retirement Benefit Cost	24	10,175	-
Other Operating Expenses	10	9,115	8,586
Depreciation	12	2,409	2,305
Total Expenditure		49,142	36,945
Surplus for the year before appropriations		4,779	4,818
Transfer to Capital Development Reserve	19	(4,272)	(4,077)
Release from / (to) Capital Development Reserve		4	(1)
Surplus after appropriations		511	740

The statement of income and expenditure includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
Notes 1 to 27 form part of these financial statements.

Signed on behalf of the Governing Body

Chairman:

John Moore

Date:

19/12/2018

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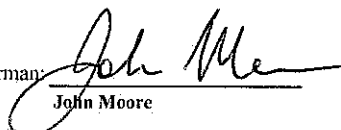
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Statement of Comprehensive Income Year ended 31 August 2017

	Note	31/08/17 €'000	31/08/16 €'000
Surplus for the financial year		511	740
Changes in assumptions underlying the present value of retirement benefit obligations	24	3,844	-
Adjustment to deferred retirement benefits funding	24	(3,844)	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		511	740

The statement of comprehensive income includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
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Date: 19/12/2018

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Statement of Changes in Reserves and Capital Account Year ended 31 August 2017

	Def Cap Grants Note 17 €'000	CDR Note 19 €'000	Revenue Reserves €'000	Total €'000
Opening Balance at 1 September 2016 - Restated	<u>46,423</u>	<u>12,199</u>	<u>7,875</u>	<u>66,497</u>
Surplus for the year before appropriations			4,779	4,779
Amortisation of Deferred Capital Grants	(2,308)			(2,308)
State Grant Allocated to Capital	1,438			1,438
Transfers to CDR				
State Grant Allocated to CDR		1,500	(1,500)	-
Transfer to CDR		2,772	(2,772)	-
Total Transfer to CDR		<u>4,272</u>	<u>(4,272)</u>	
Transfers from CDR				
Transfer from CDR to DCG	565	(565)		-
Transfer from CDR to Rev Reserves - Non State Assets		(4)	4	-
Total Transfer from CDR		<u>(569)</u>		
Movement for the Period	<u>(305)</u>	<u>3,703</u>	<u>511</u>	<u>3,909</u>
Closing Balance at 31 August 2017	<u>46,118</u>	<u>15,902</u>	<u>8,386</u>	<u>70,406</u>

	Def Cap Grants Note 17 €'000	CDR Note 19 €'000	Revenue Reserves €'000	Total €'000
Opening Balance at 1 September 2015 - Restated	<u>41,476</u>	<u>14,280</u>	<u>7,135</u>	<u>62,891</u>
Surplus for the year before appropriations			4,818	4,818
Amortisation of Deferred Capital Grants	(2,204)			(2,204)
State Grant Allocated to Capital	992			992
Transfers to CDR				
State Grant Allocated to CDR		1,500	(1,500)	-
Transfer to CDR		2,577	(2,577)	-
Total Transfer to CDR		<u>4,077</u>	<u>(4,077)</u>	
Transfers from CDR				
Transfer from CDR to DCG	6,159	(6,159)		-
Transfer from CDR to Rev Reserves - Non State Assets		1	(1)	-
Total Transfer from CDR		<u>(6,158)</u>		
Movement for the Period - Restated	<u>4,947</u>	<u>(2,081)</u>	<u>740</u>	<u>3,606</u>
Closing Balance at 31 August 2016 - Restated	<u>46,423</u>	<u>12,199</u>	<u>7,875</u>	<u>66,497</u>

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Statement of Financial Position

Year ended 31 August 2017

	Note	31/08/17 €'000	Restated 31/08/16 €'000
Fixed Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	12	50,785	51,187
		<u>50,785</u>	<u>51,187</u>
Current Assets			
Receivables	14	2,085	1,773
Cash and Cash Equivalents	15	25,664	20,813
		<u>27,749</u>	<u>22,586</u>
Less Payables: Amounts due within one year	16	(8,128)	(7,276)
Net Current Assets		<u>19,621</u>	<u>15,310</u>
Retirement Benefits			
Retirement benefits obligations	24	(150,868)	(143,195)
Deferred retirement benefit funding asset	24	150,868	143,195
Total Net Assets		<u><u>70,406</u></u>	<u><u>66,497</u></u>
Deferred Capital Grants	17	46,118	46,423
Capital Development Reserve	19	15,902	12,199
Unrestricted Reserves			
Income & Expenditure Reserve		8,386	7,875
Total		<u><u>70,406</u></u>	<u><u>66,497</u></u>

Notes 1 to 27 form part of these financial statements.

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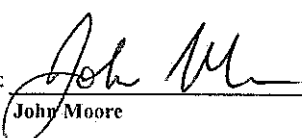
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Statement of Cash Flows Year ended 31 August 2017

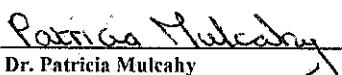
	Year Ended 31/08/17 €'000	Restated Year Ended 31/08/16 €'000
Cash flows from operating activities		
Excess income over expenditure	511	740
Depreciation of fixed assets	2,409	2,305
Amortisation of deferred capital grants	(2,308)	(2,204)
(Increase)-in Receivables	(311)	(250)
Increase in Payables	1,821	1,568
Interest Income	(61)	(119)
Transfer to Capital Development Reserve	4,272	4,077
Release from Capital Development Reserve	(4)	1
Net Cash Inflow from Operating Activities	6,329	6,118
Cash flows from Investing Activities		
Payments to acquire property, plant & equipment	(2,977)	(6,189)
Net Cash Outflow from Investing Activities	(2,977)	(6,189)
Cash flows from Financing activities		
Interest Received	61	119
State Recurrent Grants spent on Fixed Assets	982	31
Other funds spent on Fixed Assets	456	961
Net Cash Inflow from Financing Activities	1,499	1,111
Increase in Cash and cash equivalents in the year	4,851	1,040
Cash and Cash Equivalents at 1 September	20,813	19,773
Cash and Cash Equivalents at 31 August	25,664	20,813

Notes 1 to 27 form part of these financial statements.

Signed on behalf of the Governing Body

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Date: 19/12/2018

President: 
Dr. Patricia Muleahy

Date: 19/12/2018

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Notes to the financial statements

Year ended 31 August 2017

INTRODUCTION

Carlow Regional Technical College was established in 1971 and until 31 December 1992 operated under the control of Carlow Vocational Educational Committee (VEC) in accordance with the provisions of the Vocational Education Acts. Following the enactment of the Regional Technical Colleges Act, 1992, the College was made a statutory body with effect from 1 January 1993. The Act provides for the transfer from the VEC to the College of all assets and liabilities associated with the College.

The name Carlow Regional Technical College was changed to Institute of Technology Carlow by order of the Minister for Education and Skills on 28 January, 1998.

1. Significant accounting policies

The accounting policies which are considered material in relation to the financial statements are summarised below. They have all been applied consistently throughout the year and to the preceding year.

a. General information and statement of compliance

The primary objectives of the Institute are to provide third level education and other associated activities.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102) issued by the Financial Reporting Council, and promulgated for use in Ireland by Chartered Accountants Ireland and with the requirements of the Higher Education Authority.

The functional currency under FRS102 for the Institute of Technology Carlow is considered to be Euro because that is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Institute operates. The financial statements are also presented in Euro. Foreign operations are included in accordance with the policies set out below.

b. Going concern

The Governing Body is satisfied that the Institute has adequate resources to meet its obligations as they fall due for the foreseeable future. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

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Notes to the financial statements – (continued) Year ended 31 August 2017

1. Significant accounting policies (continued)

c. Property, plant & equipment

(i) Land and buildings

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, excluding freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a straight line basis over its expected useful life, as follows:

Freehold buildings	50 years
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Residual value represents the estimated amount which would currently be obtained from disposal of an asset, after deducting estimated costs of disposal, if the asset were already of the age and in the condition expected at the end of its useful life.

Buildings under construction are accounted for at cost based on the value of the architect's certificates and other direct costs incurred to the financial year end. They are not depreciated until they are brought into use.

(ii) Equipment

From 1 September 2008, equipment costing less than €3,000 per individual item is written off to the income and expenditure account in the year of acquisition. Where individual items of equipment purchased are below the capitalisation limit (€3,000) and the total purchase invoice is in excess of the limit, these items are individually capitalised in the normal way. All other equipment is capitalised at cost. Capitalised equipment is depreciated over its useful economic life as follows:

Fixtures & Fittings including Prefabs	10 years
Computer equipment	3 years
Plant & Machinery	10 years
Equipment	5 years

All equipment funded from Research Grants and Contracts is depreciated over the life of the assets in line with the policy for all other Fixed Assets.

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Notes to the financial statements – (continued) **Year ended 31 August 2017**

1. Significant accounting policies (continued)

d. Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Institute becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

(i) Financial assets

Trade Receivables

Receivables with no stated interest rate and receivable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in the income statement in other operating expenses.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents in the statement of financial position comprise cash at banks and in hand and short term deposits with an original maturity date up to twelve months or less.

(ii) Financial liabilities

Trade Payables

Payables, including trade and other payables and deferred income are initially recognised at transaction price.

e. Inventory

Expenditure on books and consumable stocks is charged to the Income and Expenditure Account as incurred.

f. Impairment of assets

Assets, other than those measured at fair value, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each balance sheet date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss.

g. Taxation

Corporation tax

As an exempt charity, the Institute is not liable for corporation tax or income tax on any of its charitable activities. It is registered for value added tax, but since the supply of education is an exempt activity on which no output tax is charged it is unable to recover input tax on the majority of its purchases. Certain research and commercial activities within the Institute falls into the VAT net, any input or output tax relating to these activities is returned to the Revenue by the Institute.

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Notes to the financial statements – (continued) Year ended 31 August 2017

1. Significant accounting policies (continued)

h. Recognition of income

State Grants

Recurrent state grants from the Higher Education Authority and other bodies are recognised in the period in which they are receivable. Non Recurrent Grants from the Higher Education Authority or other bodies received in respect of the acquisition or construction of fixed assets are treated as deferred capital grants and amortised in line with the depreciation over the life of the assets.

Fee Income

Fee income is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Research grants and contracts

Income from research grants and contracts is matched to expenditure and is included in the income of the year in which the related expenditure has been incurred. Full provision is made for foreseeable losses.

Income from grants from non-government sources is recognised in the Statement of Income and Expenditure when performance related conditions are met. If a restriction in use but no performance related condition exists, the income is recorded in the Statement of Income and Expenditure when the Institute becomes entitled to the income.

Grants with unfulfilled performance related conditions are held as deferred income until such time as the conditions are met, at which point the income is recorded in the Statement of Income and Expenditure.

Minor Capital Works

The Minister for Education and Skills introduced a scheme to devolve responsibility to the Institute for summer and other Capital Works.

In all cases Minor Capital Works funding is recognised in the period received.

Income from short-term deposits

All income from short-term deposits is credited to the income and expenditure account in the period in which it is earned.

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Notes to the financial statements – (continued) Year ended 31 August 2017

1. Significant accounting policies (continued)

i. Employee benefits

(i) Retirement Benefits

Pension entitlements of staff recruited prior to 1 January 2013 are conferred under a defined benefit pension scheme established under the Education Sector Superannuation Scheme 2015. The scheme is operated on a Pay-as-You-Go basis, with superannuation deductions made from employees being retained by the Institute as an agreed part of its funding.

The Institute also operates the Single Public Service Pension Scheme ("Single Scheme"), which is the defined benefit scheme for pensionable public servants appointed on or after 1 January 2013 in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Single Scheme and Other Provisions) Act 2012. Single Scheme members' contributions are paid over by the Institute to the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform (DPER).

Pension costs charged to expenditure in the year reflect the benefits earned by current employees during the year and are shown net of staff pension contributions which, in respect of (i) the Education Sector Superannuation Scheme 2015, are retained by the Institute and (ii) the Single Scheme, are remitted to DPER. An amount corresponding to the pension cost is recognised as income to the extent that it is recoverable.

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 by the Institute from the Higher Education Authority.

The financial statements reflect, at fair value, the assets and liabilities arising from the Institute's pension obligations in respect of its current staff only and any related funding. The costs of providing pension benefits are recognised in the accounting periods in which they are earned by employees. Pension liabilities in respect of former employees who are in receipt of pensions are excluded. Retirement benefit scheme liabilities are measured on an actuarial basis using the projected unit credit method.

Subsidiary staff are not part of the public sector schemes and each company operates its own private scheme.

(ii) 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. There is no accrual for holiday pay for Academic staff at year end due to the nature of their contracts.

j. Foreign currency

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate of exchange at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the year end date are reported at the rates of exchange prevailing at that date.

k. Deferred State Capital Grants

Deferred state capital grants represent unamortised value of accumulated funds allocated for fixed assets.

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Notes to the financial statements – (continued) **Year ended 31 August 2017**

1. Capital Development Reserve

The capital development reserve represents funds set aside by the Institute for specified capital development purposes. Such funds arise from Student Registration Fees, non-state capital donations, banking facility fees and transfers from Revenue Reserves, in the latter case, which have had the prior approval of the Higher Education Authority, together with bank interest earned on these monies. Such funds shall be retained in the Capital Development Reserve Account provided the defined projects to which they are committed are in line with the Institute's Capital Development plan, have been approved by the Governing Body, time phased and with estimates of costs.

2. Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the Institute's accounting policies, which are described in note 1, the Governing Body are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

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

Accounting estimates and judgements

The following are the significant estimates and assumptions that the Governing Body has made in the process of applying the Institute's accounting policies and that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

The principal estimates, judgements and assumptions used in the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2017 are as follows:

1. Property, plant and equipment

Depreciation is calculated based on estimates and assumptions on the useful economic life and expected residual value of the asset.

2. Provision for doubtful debts

The Institute makes an estimate of the recoverable value of trade debtors and other debtors. The Institute uses estimates based on historical experience in determining the level of debts, which may not be collected. These estimates include such factors as the ageing profile of debtors and historical experience. The level of provision is reviewed on an on-going basis.

3. Impairments

Judgement is used to determine whether there has been any indication of impairment to the Institutes' assets.

4. Going concern

There is no material uncertainty regarding the Institutes ability to meet its liabilities as they fall due, and to continue as a going concern. On this basis, the Institute considers it appropriate to prepare financial statements on a going concern basis. Accordingly, these financial statements do not include any adjustments to the carrying amounts and classification of assets and liabilities that may arise if the Institute was unable to continue as a going concern

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5. 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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3. State Grants

	Allocated for Recurrent Expenditure €'000	Allocated for Capital Expenditure €'000	2017 Total €'000	2016 Total €'000
Recurrent Expenditure - HEA	16,953	982	17,935	16,402
State Grant for Capital Expenditure - Department of Education and Skills	-	-	-	1
Minor Capital Works - Department of Education and Skills	326	424	750	750
Total 2017	17,279	1,406	18,685	17,153
Total 2016	16,171	982	17,153	

Funding for Minor capital works is reflected in the period received.

4. Tuition Fees and Student Contribution

	2017 Students WTE	2017 State Funded €'000	2017 Non State Funded €'000	2017 Total €'000	2016 Students WTE	2016 State Funded €'000	2016 Non State Funded €'000	2016 Total €'000
Fees paid by State	3,230	2,318	-	2,318	3,277	2,277	-	2,277
Fees paid by other State agencies	10	8	-	8	20	35	-	35
Non EU Fees	242	3	1,309	1,312	229	-	1,333	1,333
Fees paid by students or on behalf of Students	887	-	899	899	707	-	769	769
Life Long Learning and other fees	2,182	1,087	2,980	4,067	2,201	1,470	2,553	4,023
Student Contribution inc. repeat exam fees		6,822	4,602	11,424		6,920	4,452	11,372
	6,551	10,238	9,790	20,028	6,434	10,702	9,107	19,809
Less allocation to capital expenditure		-	-	(20)		-	-	(5)
Student Numbers / Net Fee Income	6,551	10,238	9,790	20,008	6,434	10,702	9,107	19,804

The Higher Education Authority paid tuition fees in the year of €1,929,421 (2015/2016: €1,916,265) for full-time Degree courses, and €266,125 (2015/2016: €278,171) for Higher Certificate and Ordinary Degree courses, the total costs of which are part funded by the European Social Fund.

Student numbers are stated as whole time equivalents based on enrolled credits.

Annual contribution fees are payable by students, the full time rate being set at €3,000 (2015/2016: €3,000).

5. Research Grants & Contracts

	2017 Total €'000	2016 Total €'000
Income		
State & semi state	1,138	900
European Union	23	4
Less State capital grants received included above	(3)	(4)
Total State derived income	1,158	900
Industry	105	92
Other	-	4
	1,263	996
Expenditure		
Pay Costs	1,386	1,152
Non Pay Costs	1,344	1,137
	2,730	2,289
Net Outcome	(1,467)	(1,293)

Included in the Research Grant and Contract Income is an amount of €196,976 (2015/2016: €209,287) in respect of overhead recovery. The balance represents direct costs recovered for research work undertaken as outlined under Expenditure headings above.

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6 Analysis of State Derived Income

Name of Grantor	Opening Deferral 01/09/16 €'000	Grant received 2016/17 €'000	Closing Deferral 31/08/17 €'000	I & E 2017 €'000
Note 3 - State Grant				
Higher Education Authority	1,108	17,988	(1,161)	17,935
Department of Education & Skills	-	750	-	750
Allocated for Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	(1,406)
Total State Income	1,108	18,738	(1,161)	17,279
Note 4 - Tuition fees & student contribution				
Higher Education Authority	-	3,405	-	3,405
Student Universal Support Ireland	-	6,697	11	6,708
Education and Training Boards	-	6	5	11
European Globalisation Fund	-	3	-	3
Defence Forces	-	102	-	102
Student Loan Company - Northern Ireland	-	9	-	9
Total State Income	0	10,222	16	10,238
Note 5 - Research Grants & Contracts				
Teagasc	8	2	(2)	8
European Union	4	35	(16)	23
Enterprise Ireland	485	744	(343)	886
Institute of Technology, Tralee	8	2	(10)	0
Higher Education Authority	5	-	-	5
Health Service Executive	106	39	(100)	45
Institutes of Technology Ireland	(29)	35	3	9
Irish Research Council	-	208	(23)	185
Allocated for Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	(3)
Total State Income	587	1,065	(491)	1,158
Note 7 - Student Support Funding				
Higher Education Authority	32	304	(33)	303
Total State Income	32	304	(33)	303
Note 8 - Other Income				
Higher Education Authority	-	67	-	67
National Digital Learning Repository Service	-	5	-	5
National Forum Project	-	3	-	3
South East Regional Skills Forum	-	157	-	157
National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching & Learning	-	21	-	21
Total State Income	-	253	-	253

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7. Student Support Funding

	2017	2017	2017	2016
	Disabilities	Student	Total	Total
	€'000	Assistance	€'000	€'000
Balance at 1 September	17	15	32	79
Receipts				
Higher Education Authority	87	217	304	252
Amounts Applied				
Pay Costs	25		25	22
Non Pay Costs	54	224	278	277
Total Expenditure	79	224	303	299
Balance at 31 August	25	8	33	32

Funding is provided by the Higher Education Authority under the National Development Plan and is part funded by the European Social Fund.

8. Other Income

	2017	Restated
	Total	2016
	€'000	€'000
State derived income	253	158
Superannuation deductions retained	1,215	1,106
Rental of Facilities	175	175
Sundry Income	881	731
	2,524	2,170

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9. Staff Costs

The average number of persons (including senior post-holders) employed by the Institute during the year, expressed in full time equivalent is:

	2017 No. of employees	Restated 2016 No. of employees
Teaching and research	273	262
Technical	34	34
Central administration and services	116	112
	<u>423</u>	<u>408</u>
	2017 €'000	2016 €'000
Salaries and wages	25,366	24,092
Social welfare costs	-	-
Employer welfare costs	2,077	1,962
	<u>27,443</u>	<u>26,054</u>

Key management compensation

For the purposes of this note, key management personnel in the Institute includes the President and non-staff members of the Governing Body. The total remuneration for key management personnel for the year 2017 totalled €179,078 (2016: €167,455). The salary of the President paid in the year was €143,049 (2016: €141,638)

Higher paid staff

The Institute has adopted a starting value of €60,000 to identify higher paid staff. Staff remuneration, in salary bands of €10,000, using €60,000 as the starting value, is as follows:

Salary Bands	Year Ended 31 August 2017	Year Ended 31 August 2016
	Number of Employees	Number of Employees
60,000 - 70,000	42	41
70,001 - 80,000	43	75
80,001 - 90,000	83	38
90,001 - 100,000	7	8
100,001 - 110,000	3	3
110,001 - 120,000	-	-
120,001 - 130,000	-	-
130,001 - 140,000	-	-
140,001 - 150,000	1	1
> 150,000	-	-
Grand Total	<u>179</u>	<u>166</u>

The overall figure for employer pension contribution in the year was €159,801.

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10 Other Operating Expenses

	2017	2017	2017	2017	Restated 2016
	Pay Costs	Depreciation	Other Operating	Total	Total
	€'000	€'000	Expenses	€'000	€'000
	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000
Research Grants & Contracts	1,386	-	1,344	2,730	2,289
Academic Department	20,819	-	1,609	22,428	20,992
Academic Services	681	-	832	1,513	1,568
Facilities Costs	375	-	2,337	2,712	2,517
Central Administration and Services	3,222	-	1,325	4,547	4,555
General Education Expenses	358	-	366	724	708
Student Services & Amenities	602	-	1,302	1,904	2,011
Depreciation	-	2,409	-	2,409	2,305
Total Expenditure	27,443	2,409	9,115	38,967	36,945
Total 2016 - Restated	26,054	2,305	8,586	36,945	

10. Other Operating Expenses - Continued

	2017	2016
	€'000	€'000
Materials and Other Consumables	393	381
Light, Heat and Power	602	623
Repairs and Maintenance Costs	487	439
Library Subscriptions, Periodicals, Books and Printed material	354	365
Travel & Subsistence	563	547
Printing, Stationery, Postage and other Office Expenses	446	401
Rent, Rates and Insurance Costs	501	498
Recruitment, training etc.	370	404
Audit Fee	76	38
Consultancy Costs	140	126
Equipment (non capitalised) purchases and maintenance	150	147
Premises costs	967	732
Services to Students	881	824
Professional Fees	797	754
General Education	1,008	901
Computer Costs	424	395
General Advertising & Publicity	484	452
Bad debt expense	87	124
Other Expenses	385	435
Total Other Operating Expenses	9,115	8,586

	2017	2016
	€'000	€'000
Other operating expenses include:		
Auditors Remuneration;		
C&AG Audit of Institute	33	29
Internal Audit Services provided by a 3rd Party	43	9
	76	38

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11. Taxation

The Institute of Technology, Carlow is exempt from Corporation Tax under a charitable status order.

12. Property, plant and equipment

	Land and buildings €'000	Assets in course of construction €'000	Fixtures & fittings €'000	Computer equipment €'000	Plant & machinery €'000	Equipment €'000	Total €'000
Cost							
At 1 September 2016	61,919	6,558	3,397	12,086	552	11,679	96,191
Additions in year	752	150	70	442	31	562	2,007
Transfers from assets in course of construction	6,467	(6,497)	-	-	-	30	-
Disposals in year	-	-	(1)	(224)	-	-	(225)
At 31 August 2017	69,138	211	3,466	12,304	583	12,271	97,973
Depreciation							
At 1 September 2016	19,797	-	2,501	11,586	471	10,649	45,004
Charge for year	1,443	-	213	301	25	427	2,409
Disposals in year	-	-	(1)	(224)	-	-	(225)
At 31 August 2017	21,240	-	2,713	11,663	496	11,076	47,188
Net book value							
At 31 August 2017	47,898	211	753	641	87	1,195	50,785
At 1 September 2016	42,122	6,558	896	500	81	1,030	51,187

Lease commitments at 31 August 2017 amounted to €nil.

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13. Property, plant and equipment - in respect of prior year

	Land and buildings €'000	Assets in course of construction €'000	Fixtures & fittings €'000	Computer equipment €'000	Plant & machinery €'000	Equipment €'000	Total €'000
Cost							
At 1 September 2015	61,832	565	3,351	11,845	506	11,414	89,513
Reclassification of asset in year	(5)	-	5	-	-	-	-
Additions in year	23	6,161	46	425	46	506	7,207
Transfers from assets in course of construction	69	(168)	-	-	-	42	(57)
Disposals in year	-	-	(5)	(184)	-	(283)	(472)
At 31 August 2016	61,919	6,558	3,397	12,086	552	11,679	96,191
Depreciation							
At 1 September 2015	18,487	-	2,307	11,406	435	10,536	43,171
Transfers	(2)	-	2	-	-	-	-
Charge for year	1,312	-	197	364	36	396	2,305
Disposals in year	-	-	(5)	(184)	-	(283)	(472)
At 31 August 2016	19,797	-	2,501	11,586	471	10,649	45,004
Net book value							
At 31 August 2016	42,122	6,558	896	500	81	1,030	51,187
At 1 September 2015	43,345	565	1,044	439	71	878	46,342

Lease commitments at 31 August 2016 amounted to €nil.

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14 Receivables

	2017	Restated 2016
	€'000	€'000
Trade Receivables	318	321
Academic fees receivable	200	190
Less: Provision for unrecoverable debts included above	(87)	(124)
Research grants and contracts receivable	75	129
Prepayments and accrued income	423	467
Other receivables	1,156	790
	2,085	1,773

15. Cash & cash equivalents

	2017	2016
	€'000	€'000
Cash at bank including balances held on short term deposit	25,664	20,813
	25,664	20,813

16. Payables: amounts falling due within one year

	2017	Restated 2016
	€'000	€'000
Trade payables	70	681
Research grants and contracts in advance	678	734
Tuition fees received in advance	2,893	1,617
State grants received in advance	1,161	1,108
Accruals	1,036	1,974
Other tax and social security	727	655
Other payables	674	253
Deferred Income Student Support Funding	33	32
Other amounts received in advance	856	222
Total Creditors	8,128	7,276

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17. Deferred State Capital Grants

	2017 €'000	Restated 2016 €'000
At 1 September		
Opening Balance	46,423	41,476
Cash received in year		
Allocated from State recurrent grant	982	31
State grant for Minor Capital Works - DOES	424	1,007
State Grant for Capital Expenditure - Department of Education and Skills	-	(56)
Funded from capital development reserve	565	6,159
Other capital grants/funding	32	10
Total	2,003	7,151
Amortised to Income and expenditure in year		
Amortised in line with deferred capital grants	(2,308)	(2,204)
Total	(2,308)	(2,204)
At 31 August		
Closing Balance	46,118	46,423

As at 31 August 2017, the Institute has not received any state capital grants in advance of the commencement of construction works.
(August 2016: €nil)

18. Operating Leases

The Institute tendered for the provision of on site banking facilities. The successful tenderer leases a space from the Institute to facilitate student banking. The life of the lease is 5 years. The Institute has classified this lease as an operating lease, because it does not transfer substantially all of the risks and rewards incidental to the ownership of the asset.

The Institute also tendered for the provision of on site catering services. The successful tenderer leases the catering facilities from the Institute. The life of the lease is 3 years. The lease agreement payment terms is based on a percentage of turnover of the successful tenderer. Based on current average income values of €160,000 per annum, the expected lease repayments are €160,000 per annum.

The following table sets out a maturity analysis of lease income due after 31 August 2017:

	2017 €'000	Restated 2016 €'000
Less than one year	310	150
Two to five years	460	450
More than five years	-	-
	770	600

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19. Capital Development Reserve

	2017	Restated 2016
	€'000	€'000
Opening Balance	12,199	14,280
Donations, Bank Rental Income and Interest	158	194
Transfer from Student development	530	549
Recurrent Grant	1,500	1,500
Self financing Activities	2,084	1,834
	<u>4,272</u>	<u>4,077</u>
Capital Projects - State Funded	(565)	(6,159)
Capital Projects - Non-State Funded	(4)	1
Total Capital Projects	<u>(569)</u>	<u>(6,158)</u>
Closing Balance	<u>15,902</u>	<u>12,199</u>

20. Capital Commitments

	2017	2016
	€'000	€'000
Contracted for but not provided	219	1,428
Authorised but not contracted	-	-
	<u>219</u>	<u>1,428</u>

21. Related Parties

In the normal course of business the Institute may enter into contractual arrangements with undertakings in which the Institute's Governing Body members are employed or otherwise interested. The Institute has adopted procedures in accordance with the Code of Governance of Irish Institute's of Technology in relation to the disclosure of interests by members of the Board and the Institute has complied with these procedures during the year.

22. Contingent Liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities existing at 31 August 2017.

23. Post Balance Sheet Events

There were no significant events since the balance sheet date which could have implications for these financial statements.

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24. Retirement Benefit Costs

(i) Staffing

New entrant staff, employed by the Institute after 1 January 2013 are members of the Single Public Service Pension Scheme in accordance with Public Sector Pensions (Single Scheme and Other Provisions) Acts 2012. Deductions from staff salaries under the Single Scheme are transferred to the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform on a monthly basis in accordance with the act.

(ii) Description of Scheme

Retirement benefit obligations are accounted for the first time in the 2016/2017 financial statements. The opening position at 1 September 2016 has been estimated by the actuary, based on market conditions at that time.

Institute 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 pension (one eightieth per year of service), a gratuity or lump sum (three eightieths per year of service) and spouse's and children's pensions. Normal Retirement Age is a member's 65th birthday, and pre 2004 members have an entitlement to retire without actuarial reduction from age 60. Pensions in payment (and deferment) normally increase in line with general public sector salary inflation.

Single Scheme

The Single Scheme is the occupational pension scheme for new entrant public servants hired since 1 January 2013. It is a defined benefit scheme, with retirement benefits based on career-average pay. The scheme generates pension credits and retirement lump sum credits for each scheme member. These money credits, known as "referable amounts", accrue as percentages of pay on an ongoing basis. The referable amounts accrued each year are revalued annually until retirement in line with inflation increases (Consumer Price Index). The annual pension awarded on retirement is the cumulative total of a scheme member's pension referable amounts, and the retirement lump sum awarded is, similarly, the total of the scheme member's lump sum referable amounts.

Valuation

The valuation used for FRS 102 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 August 2017. Former employees of the Institute who are in receipt of a pension have been excluded from the valuation.

The principal actuarial assumptions used to calculate the components of the defined benefit cost for the year ended 31 August 2017 were as follows:

	2017
Discount rate	2.15%
Inflation rate	1.75%
Salary increases	3.25%
Pension increases	2.75%

The mortality basis adopted allows for improvements in life expectancy over time, so that life expectancy at retirement will depend on the year in which a member attains retirement age (age 65). The number of members in the Scheme and the number of deaths are too small to analyse and produce any meaningful Scheme-specific estimates of future levels of mortality. Average future life expectancy according to the mortality tables used to determine the pension liabilities are:

	2017 Years
Male aged 65	86.4
Female aged 65	88.9

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24. Retirement Benefit Costs - continued

(iii) Analysis of total retirement benefit costs charged to the Statement of Income and Expenditure

	2017 €'000
Current service cost	8,787
Interest on retirement benefit scheme liabilities	2,730
Employee contributions / (benefits paid)	(1,342)
	<u>10,175</u>

(iv) Movement in net retirement benefit obligations during the financial year

	2017 €'000
At 1 September	143,195
Net retirement benefit obligation	
Current service costs	8,787
Interest costs	2,730
Changes in actuarial assumptions	(3,844)
	<u>7,673</u>

At 31 August 2017	
Net retirement benefit obligations	<u><u>150,868</u></u>

Split between:

Single Public Service Pension Scheme	1,431
Education Sector Superannuation Scheme	149,437

(v) Deferred funding asset for retirement benefits

The Institute is prescribed in S.I. No 581 of 2012 as a relevant authority for the purposes of the single scheme. It is the Institute's opinion (in accordance with Section 44 of the 2012 Act) that any liability in respect of the Single Scheme would be offset by an equivalent asset in respect of future state funding.

The Institute recognises amounts owing from the State for the unfunded deferred liability for retirement benefits relating to the Education Sector Superannuation Scheme 2015 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 retirement benefit scheme, and the policy and practice currently in place in relation to funding public service pensions including contributions by employees and the annual estimates process. The Institute 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 benefits recognised in the Statement of Income and Expenditure was as follows:

	2017 €'000
Funding recoverable in respect of current year retirement	
Benefit costs	10,175
Benefits paid in year	<u>-</u>
	<u>10,175</u>

The deferred funding liabilities for retirement benefit as at 31 August 2017 amounted to €150.9m. (2015/2016: €143.2m)

(vi) History of defined benefits obligations

	2017 €'000
Defined benefit obligations	-
Experience losses / (gains) on defined benefit scheme liabilities	-

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25. Technological University Project

As at the end of August 2017 the facilitation process noted in last year's accounts between Institute of Technology Carlow and Waterford Institute of Technology had been undertaken. Both Institutions are in the process of submitting a joint application for redesignation as a Technological University.

During the year to August 2017 the Institute spent €4,297 on the Technological University project. These costs were funded by the Institute from its own funds.

26. Restatement of Prior Year Figures

The Institute has adopted a new accounting policy in the current year. All outstanding student fee income balances which have not been remitted to the Institute have been included in income and provided for at year end. The adoption of this new accounting policy provides reliable and more relevant information to the end user. The net impact on the statement of financial position and statement of income and expenditure is an increase of €5,000.

The Institute has revised the treatment of income due in relation to a catering lease. This income is now reflected through the statement of income and expenditure in the year in which it is incurred. For the year ended 31 August 2016, the impact on the statement of financial position is a reduction in payables of €776,453 and a corresponding increase in the opening capital development reserve of €621,107; along with an increase in the surplus for the year before appropriations of €155,346.

27. Approval of Financial Statements

The financial statements were approved by the Governing Body on 29 November 2018.