

Summary of the Consolidated Financial Statements

The IFA is required to present our Annual Accounts in consolidated form, which means the accounts enclosed are the results of IFA and IFA Telecom combined.

It's important to consider the significant impact of Covid-19 on the period covered in these Financial Statements, **April 1st, 2020 to March 31st, 2021**.

This period coincides directly with the start of the pandemic (just two weeks after Leo Varadkar's speech in Washington), and the dramatic upheaval across all aspects of society.

However, after the initial few months of severe lockdown and marts being closed, things began to stabilise. Over the course of the year, both membership and levy income recovered.

In compliance with Covid-19 restrictions, a shutdown of in-person meetings, events and shows (Ploughing Championships, Tullamore Show, Virginia Show, our pre-Budget lobbying, meetings of National Council) contributed to lower costs and expenses.

The final element that determined the result was the movement in value of shares at the year end.

March 31st 2020 was a particularly unfortunate time for share valuations globally due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The requirement to reassess the value of shares at March 2020 forced the inclusion of a substantial deficit.

While no actual transactions took place, the drop in value had to be included. The value of investments as at March 31st 2021 has largely recovered.

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IFA (standard activities)		1,544,721	(1,272,967)
IFA Telecom (net of tax)		245,419	435,575
Consolidated operating surplus		1,790,140	(837,392)
Movement in Share Valuation (net of deferred taxes/taxes)		1,353,274	(1,666,829)
Irish Farm Centre		424,582	85,153
Surplus for the Year		3,139,368	(3,553,696)

The IFA recorded an operational profit of €1,790,140 to the year end March 2021.

This is broken down as €1,544,721 of a surplus from normal IFA activities and €245,419 of an after-tax profit from IFA Telecom.

The final element of the restructuring programme of €428,628 occurred in 2021. The increase in the value of our investments in 2021 was €1,353,274 (after tax) and this is largely due to share prices realigning in response to the initial Covid-19 shock to the stock markets in March 2020.

The Farm Centre is revalued periodically and this largely contributed to the €424,582 included in the overall surplus of €3,139,368 for the year.

Reserves

While the overall reserves of IFA had reduced due to losses in recent years, the restructuring costs and the impact on share prices, the balance sheet has strengthened considerably in 2021 with consolidated assets of €14.5m (2020: €11.3m).

The surplus in year ended March 2021 has improved our Balance Sheet position.

The National Finance Committee is conscious of the exceptional nature of this year's surplus, due to the impact of Covid-19.

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