

CITY BUSINESS FINANCE LIMITED

Report and Financial Statements

Year ended 30 September 2022

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT

Sections of this Annual Report, including but not limited to the Directors' Report and the Strategic Report may contain forward-looking statements with respect to certain of the plans and current goals and expectations relating to the future financial condition, business performance and results of the City Business Finance Limited ('the Company'). These statements can be identified by the fact that they do not relate strictly to historical or current facts. They use words such as 'anticipate', 'estimate', 'expect', 'intend', 'will', 'project', 'plan', 'believe', 'target' and other words and terms of similar meaning in connection with any discussion of future operating or financial performance but are not the exclusive means of identifying such statements. These have been made by the directors in good faith using information available up to the date on which they approved this report, and the Company undertakes no obligation to update or revise these forward-looking statements for any reason other than in accordance with its legal or regulatory obligations (including under the UK Market Abuse Regulation).

By their nature, all forward-looking statements involve risk and uncertainty because they relate to future events and circumstances that are beyond the control of the Company and depend upon circumstances that may or may not occur in the future that could cause actual results or events to differ materially from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. There are also a number of factors that could cause actual future financial conditions, business performance, results or developments to differ materially from the plans, goals and expectations expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements and forecasts. As a result, you are cautioned not to place reliance on such forward-looking statements as a prediction of actual results or otherwise.

These factors include, but are not limited to: material impacts related to foreign exchange fluctuations; macro-economic activity; the impact of outbreaks, epidemics or pandemics, and the extent of their impact on overall demand for the Company's services and products; potential changes in dividend policy; changes in government policy and regulation (including the monetary, interest rate and other policies of central banks and other regulatory authorities in the principal markets in which the Company operates) and the consequences thereof; actions by the Company's competitors or counterparties; third party, fraud and reputational risks inherent in its operations; the UK's exit from the EU; unstable UK and global economic conditions and market volatility, including currency and interest rate fluctuations and inflation or deflation; the risk of a global economic downturn; acts of terrorism and other acts of hostility or war and responses to, and consequences of those acts; technological changes and risks to the security of IT and operational infrastructure, systems, data and information resulting from increased threat of cyber and other attacks; general changes in government policy that may significantly influence investor decisions (including, without limitation, actions taken in support of managing and mitigating climate change and in supporting the global transition to net zero carbon emissions); societal shifts in customer financing and investment needs; and other risks inherent to the industries in which the Company operates.

Nothing in this Annual Report should be construed as a profit forecast.

STRATEGIC REPORT**BUSINESS REVIEW AND PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

City Business Finance Limited ('the Company') is a subsidiary of Paragon Banking Group PLC ('the Group'). As a result, the Company benefits from the focus and investment that its parent Paragon Bank PLC ('Paragon Bank') brings to the development of its asset finance business.

The principal activity of the company is the provision of asset based finance to the printing sector.

As shown in the Company's profit and loss account on page 11, the result before tax has stayed consistent at £nil.

Following the repayment of its outstanding loan assets, the Company has effectively ceased to trade, and the intention of the directors is to settle its remaining assets and liabilities in an orderly fashion and, in due course, dissolve the Company. The directors have considered the available resources of the Company and concluded that all liabilities will be settled in full. Due to the effective cessation of trade, these financial statements have not been prepared on a going concern basis. The effect of this is explained in note 8.

An interim dividend of £nil per share was paid during the year (2021: £2.41 per share). No final dividend is proposed (2021: £2.41).

PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Company's primary financial assets and liabilities are with other group companies; therefore the directors do not consider that the Company is exposed to any significant cash flow, credit or liquidity risks.

The UK economy in the current year has been impacted by a number of significant pressures, initially the ongoing impacts of the Covid pandemic and latterly inflationary pressures, rising interest rates and geopolitical impacts resulting from Russian actions in Ukraine. These factors have caused major economic disruption within the UK and global economy with their ultimate impacts remaining uncertain, over both the short and longer terms.

Due to the effective cessation of trade, these financial statements have not been prepared on a going concern basis. The effect of this is explained in note 8.

ENVIRONMENT

The Group recognises the importance of its environmental responsibilities, monitors its impact on the environment, and designs and implements policies to reduce any impacts which might result from the Group's activities. The Company operates in accordance with group policies, which are described in the Paragon Banking Group PLC Annual Report, which does not form part of this Report. Further information can also be found in the Group's 2022 Responsible Business Report (published on the Paragon Banking Group PLC website), which also does not form part of this report.

STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED)

EMPLOYEES' INVOLVEMENT

The Company has no employees. All operational services are provided by employees of the Group. The Group's employment policies are described in the Paragon Banking Group PLC Annual Report with supplemental information included in the Group's 2022 Responsible Business Report, neither of which form part of this Report.

This Strategic Report has been drawn up and presented in accordance with, and in reliance upon, applicable English company law, in particular Chapter 4A of the Companies Act 2006, and the liabilities of the directors in connection with this report shall be subject to the limitations and restrictions provided by such law.

Approved by the Board of Directors
and signed on behalf of the Board



K G Allen
Director

17 February 2023

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their Annual Report prepared in accordance with Schedule 7 to the Large and Medium-sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. The directors present the audited Financial Statements of City Business Finance Limited, a company registered in England and Wales with registration no: 07358306, for the year ended 30 September 2022.

DIRECTORS

The directors throughout the year and subsequently were:

K G Allen

D Newcombe

J E Phillipou

R J Woodman

AUDITOR

The directors have taken all reasonable steps to make themselves and the Company's auditor, KPMG LLP, aware of any information needed in preparing the audit of the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year, and, as far as each of the directors is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the auditor is unaware.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of Section 418 (2) of the Companies Act 2006.

No notice from members under section 488 of the Companies Act 2006 having been received, the directors intend that the auditor, KPMG LLP, shall be deemed to be reappointed in accordance with section 487(2) of the Act.

INFORMATION PRESENTED IN OTHER SECTIONS

Certain information required to be included in a directors' report by the Companies Act 2006 and regulations made there under can be found in the other sections of the Annual Report, as described below. All of the information presented in these sections is incorporated by reference into this Directors' Report and is deemed to form part of this report.

- Commentary on the likely future developments in the business of the Company, including events taking place after the balance sheet date, is included in the Strategic Report
- A description of the Company's financial risk management objectives and policies, and its exposure to risks arising from its use of financial instruments are set out in note 6 to the accounts
- Disclosure of any dividends paid during the year is included in the Strategic Report

Approved by the Board of Directors
and signed on behalf of the Board



K G Allen

Director

17 February 2023

Registered office: 51 Homer Road, Solihull, West Midlands, B91 3QJ

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE ANNUAL REPORT, THE DIRECTORS' REPORT AND THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the Company financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK accounting standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 101 *Reduced Disclosure Framework*.

Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company's profit or loss for that period. In preparing each of the Company financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable, relevant and reliable
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- assess the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern
- use the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the parent Company and enable them to ensure that its financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are responsible for 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, and have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Under applicable law and regulations, the directors are also responsible for preparing a Strategic Report and Directors' Report that complies with that law and those regulations.

Responsibility statement of the directors in respect of the annual financial report

We confirm that to the best of our knowledge:

- the financial statements, prepared in accordance with the applicable set of accounting standards, give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the company and the undertakings included in the consolidation taken as a whole
- the strategic report includes a fair review of the development and performance of the business and the position of the issuer and the undertakings included in the consolidation taken as a whole, together with a description of the principal risks and uncertainties that they face

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE ANNUAL REPORT, THE DIRECTORS' REPORT AND THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

We consider the annual report and accounts, taken as a whole, is fair, balanced and understandable and provides the information necessary for shareholders to assess the Group's position and performance, business model and strategy.

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on behalf of the Board.



K G Allen

Director

17 February 2023

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CITY BUSINESS FINANCE LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the Financial Statements of City Business Finance Limited ("the Company") for the year ended 30 September 2022 which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet, the statement of movements in equity and the related notes 1 to 9, including the accounting policies in note 8.

In our opinion the Financial Statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 30 September 2022 and of the company's result for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK accounting standards, including FRS 101 *Reduced Disclosure Framework*; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ("ISAs (UK)") and applicable law. Our responsibilities are described below. We have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities under, and are independent of the Company in accordance with, UK ethical requirements including the FRC Ethical Standard. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is a sufficient and appropriate basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of matter - non-going concern basis of preparation

We draw attention to the disclosure made in note 8 to the financial statements which explains that the financial statements have not been prepared on the going concern basis for the reasons set out in that note. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Fraud and breaches of laws and regulations – ability to detect

Identifying and responding to risks of material misstatement due to fraud

To identify risks of material misstatement due to fraud ("fraud risks") we assessed events or conditions that could indicate an incentive or pressure to commit fraud or provide an opportunity to commit fraud.

Our risk assessment procedures included:

- Enquiring of directors, Internal Audit and inspection of policy documentation as to the Company's high-level policies and procedures to prevent and detect fraud, including the Internal Audit function, and the Company's channel for 'whistleblowing', as well as whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud.
- Reading Board minutes.
- Using analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships.

We communicated identified fraud risks throughout the audit team and remained alert to any indications of fraud throughout the audit.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF CITY BUSINESS FINANCE LIMITED (CONTINUED)**

As required by auditing standards, taking into account possible pressures to meet profit targets and our overall knowledge of the control environment, we perform procedures to address the risk of management override of controls, in particular the risk that the Company management may be in a position to make inappropriate accounting entries. On this audit we do not believe there is a fraud risk related to revenue recognition.

We performed procedures including identifying journal entries to test based on risk criteria and comparing the identified entries to supporting documentation. These included those posted and approved by the same user and those including specific descriptors.

Identifying and responding to risks of material misstatement due to non-compliance with laws and regulations

We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our general commercial and sector experience, through discussion with the directors and other management (as required by auditing standards), and from inspection of the Company's regulatory and legal correspondence and discussed with the directors and other management the policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations.

We communicated identified laws and regulations throughout our team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit.

The potential effect of these laws and regulations on the financial statements varies considerably.

Firstly, the Company is subject to laws and regulations that directly affect the financial statements including financial reporting legislation (including related companies' legislation), distributable profits legislation and taxation legislation and we assessed the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statement items.

Secondly, the Company is subject to many other laws and regulations where the consequences of non-compliance could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements, for instance through the imposition of fines or litigation or the loss of the Company's license to operate. We identified the following areas as those most likely to have such an effect: money laundering, financial crime, certain aspects of company legislation recognising the financial nature of the Company's activities and its legal form. Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. Therefore, if a breach of operational regulations is not disclosed to us or evident from relevant correspondence, an audit will not detect that breach.

Context of the ability of the audit to detect fraud or breaches of law or regulation

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it.

In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of fraud, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. Our audit procedures are designed to detect material misstatement. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance or fraud and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CITY BUSINESS FINANCE LIMITED (CONTINUED)

Strategic report and directors' report

The directors are responsible for the strategic report and the directors' report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover those reports and we do not express an audit opinion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the strategic report and the directors' report and, in doing so, consider whether, based on our financial statements audit work, the information therein is materially misstated or inconsistent with the financial statements or our audit knowledge. Based solely on that work:

- we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report and the directors' report;
- in our opinion the information given in those reports for the financial year is consistent with the financial statements; and
- in our opinion those reports have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

We have nothing to report in these respects.

Directors' responsibilities

As explained more fully in their statement set out on page 5, the directors are responsible for: the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view; 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; assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; and using the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue our opinion in an auditor's report. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but does not guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

A fuller description of our responsibilities is provided on the FRC's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF CITY BUSINESS FINANCE LIMITED (CONTINUED)**

The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

This report is made solely to the Company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. 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 auditor's 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.



**Michael Davidson (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor**

Chartered Accountants

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17 February 2023

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

	Note	2022 £000	2021 £000
Interest receivable and similar income		-	-
Interest payable and similar charges		-	-
Net interest income		-	-
Other operating income		-	-
Total operating income		-	-
Operating expenses	2	-	-
Provision for losses		-	-
Operating profit, being profit on ordinary activities before taxation		-	-
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	3	-	-
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation		-	-

All activities derive from continuing operations.

There are no recognised gains or losses, other than the result for the current and preceding years, and consequently a separate statement of comprehensive income has not been presented.

BALANCE SHEET

30 SEPTEMBER 2022

	Note	2022 £000	2021 £000
ASSETS			
Debtors	4	500	500
Current tax asset		-	-
Total assets		<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY			
Called up share capital	5	500	500
Profit and loss account		-	-
Total shareholder's equity		<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
Total equity and liabilities		<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 17 February 2023.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors:



K G Allen
Director

STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

	Share capital £000	Profit and loss account £000	Total equity £000
<i>Total comprehensive income for the year</i>			
Result for the year	-	-	-
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-
<i>Transactions with owners</i>			
Dividends	-	-	-
Net movement in equity in the year	-	-	-
Opening equity	500	-	500
Closing equity	500	-	500

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

	Share capital £000	Profit and loss account £000	Total equity £000
<i>Total comprehensive income for the year</i>			
Result for the year	-	-	-
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-
<i>Transactions with owners</i>			
Dividends	-	(1,207)	(1,207)
Net movement in equity in the year	-	(1,207)	(1,207)
Opening equity	500	1,207	1,707
Closing equity	500	-	500

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

City Business Finance Limited ('the Company') is a company domiciled in the United Kingdom and incorporated in England and Wales under the Companies Act 2006 with company number 07358306. The address of the registered office is 51 Homer Road, Solihull, West Midlands, B91 3QJ. The nature of the Company's operations and its principal activities are set out in the Strategic Report.

These financial statements are presented in pounds sterling, which is the currency of the economic environment in which the Company operates.

The remaining notes to the accounts are organised into three sections:

- Analysis – providing further analysis and information on the amounts shown in the primary financial statements
- Financial Risk – providing information on the Company's management of its principal financial risks
- Basis of preparation – providing details of the Company's accounting policies and of how they have been applied in the preparation of the financial statements

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - ANALYSIS

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

The notes set out below give more detailed analysis of the balances shown in the primary financial statements and further information on how they relate to the operations, results and financial position of the Company.

2. OPERATING EXPENSES

The Company's audit fee for the current year of £1,000 (2021: £1,000) was paid by the ultimate parent company, Paragon Banking Group PLC. Non-audit fees provided to the Group are disclosed in the accounts of the parent company and the exemption from disclosure of fees payable to the Company's auditor in respect to non-audit services in these financial statements has been taken.

3. TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES**a) Tax charge for the year**

	2022	2021
	£000	£000
Current tax		
Corporation tax	-	-
Adjustment in respect of prior periods	-	-
Tax charge on profit on ordinary activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

b) Factors affecting the tax charge for the year

	2022	2021
	£000	£000
Profit before tax	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
UK corporation tax at 19% (2021: 19%) based on the profit for the year	-	-
Effects of:		
Prior period adjustments	-	-
Tax charge for the year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

The standard rate of corporation tax in the UK applicable to the Company in the period was 19.0% (2021: 19.0%), based on currently enacted legislation. During the previous period, legislation was substantively enacted that will increase the rate to 25% with effect from 1 April 2023.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - ANALYSIS
YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

4. DEBTORS

	2022	2021
	£000	£000
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Amounts due from group companies	500	500
	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
	<u><u>500</u></u>	<u><u>500</u></u>

5. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	2022	2021
	£	£
Allotted:		
500,000 ordinary shares of £1 each (fully paid)	500,000	500,000
	<u>500,000</u>	<u>500,000</u>
	<u><u>500,000</u></u>	<u><u>500,000</u></u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS – FINANCIAL RISK

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

The note below describes the processes and measurements which the Company use to manage their exposure to financial risks including credit, liquidity, interest rate and foreign exchange risk.

6. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Company's primary financial assets and liabilities are with other group companies; therefore the directors do not consider that the Company is exposed to any significant cash flow, credit or liquidity risks.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS – BASIS OF PREPERATION**YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022**

The notes set out below describe the accounting basis on which the Company prepare their accounts, the particular accounting policies adopted by the Company and the principal judgements and estimates which were required in the preparation of the financial statements.

They also include other information describing how the accounts have been prepared required by legislation and accounting standards.

7. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom ('UK') accounting standards. Disclosures have been made in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 101 – 'Reduced Disclosure Framework' ('FRS 101').

As permitted by FRS 100 – 'Application of Financial Reporting Requirements' ('FRS 100') the Company has applied the measurement and recognition requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the UK (UK-adopted international accounting standards) ('UK-IAS') but makes amendments where necessary in order to comply with the Companies Act 2006 and has set out below where advantage of disclosure exemptions provided by FRS 101 has been taken.

On 31 December 2020, EU-adopted International Financial Reporting Standards ('IFRS') was brought into UK law and become UK-IAS, with future changes to IFRS being subject to endorsement by the UK Endorsement Board. In preparing these financial statements in accordance with FRS 101, the Company Financial Statements transitioned to UK-adopted international accounting standards (as described above) in its first financial year commencing after 1 January 2021. There is no impact on recognition, measurement or disclosure in the period reported as a result of this change.

The particular accounting policies adopted have been set out in note 8.

Adoption of new and revised reporting standards

In the preparation of these financial statements, no new accounting standards are being applied for the first time.

Standards not yet adopted

There are no standards and interpretations in issue but not effective which address matters relevant to the Company's accounting and reporting.

8. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The particular accounting policies applied are described below.

Accounting convention

The Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Going concern

In accordance with IAS 1 – 'Presentation of Financial Statements' a company may only present its financial statements on a going concern basis if management do not intend to liquidate the company or cease trading.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS – BASIS OF PREPERATION**YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022****8. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)****Going concern (continued)**

Following the repayment of its outstanding loan assets, the Company has effectively ceased to trade, and the intention of the directors is to settle its remaining assets and liabilities in an orderly fashion and, in due course, dissolve the Company. The directors have considered the available resources of the Company and concluded that all liabilities will be settled in full.

Due to the effective cessation of trade, these financial statements have not been prepared on a going concern basis, but due to the nature of the remaining assets and liabilities, the amounts presented do not differ from the values which would have been presented had the going concern basis been adopted.

Revenue

When assets are held subject to a finance lease, the present value of the lease payments is recognised as a receivable. The difference between the gross receivable and the present value of the receivable is recognised as unearned finance income. Lease income is recognised over the term of the lease using the net investment method (before tax), which reflects a constant periodic rate of return.

Interest receivable arises on other loans, finance agreements and commercial mortgages classified as loans and receivables and is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income using the effective interest rate method.

Financing costs

Interest payable arises on borrowings used to fund the Company's business and is recognised in the profit and loss using the effective interest rate method.

Other operating income

Other operating income is generated from profits on the sale of fixed assets and commission.

Cash at bank

Balances shown as cash at bank in the balance sheet comprise demand deposits and short-term deposits with banks with initial maturities of not more than 90 days.

Current tax

Current tax, including UK corporation tax, is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax

Deferred taxation is provided in full on temporary 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. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is regarded as probable that they will be recovered. As required by IAS 12 – 'Income Taxes', deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted to take account of the expected timing of realisation.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS – BASIS OF PREPERATION**YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022****8. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)****Disclosures**

In preparing these financial statements the Company has taken advantage of the exemptions from disclosure provided by FRS 101 in respect of:

- The requirement to produce a cash flow statement and related notes
- Disclosures in respect of transactions with wholly owned subsidiaries
- Disclosures in respect of capital management
- The effects of new, but not yet effective IFRSs
- Disclosures in respect of key management personnel
- Disclosures of transactions with a management entity which provides key management personnel services to the Company

As the consolidated financial statements of Paragon Banking Group PLC, the ultimate parent undertaking of the Company, include equivalent disclosures the Company has also taken advantage of these further exemptions provided by FRS 101:

- Certain disclosures required by IFRS 3 ‘Business Combinations’ in respect of business combinations undertaken by the Company.
- Certain disclosures required by IFRS 7 – ‘Financial Instruments Disclosures’

The Company presently intends to continue to apply these exemptions in future periods.

9. ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING AND CONTROLLING PARTY

The immediate parent undertaking of the Company is Paragon Asset Finance Limited and the ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party of the Company is Paragon Banking Group PLC, a company registered in England and Wales. This is the largest and smallest group of which the Company is a member and for which consolidated financial statements are drawn up. Copies of the Group’s financial statements are available from that company’s registered office at 51 Homer Road, Solihull, West Midlands, B91 3QJ.