

HERBERT (4) PLC

Report and Financial Statements

Year ended 30 September 2020

STRATEGIC REPORT**BUSINESS REVIEW AND PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

Herbert (4) PLC ('the Company') is a wholly owned subsidiary of Paragon Banking Group PLC ('the Group'). During the year the Company operated in the United Kingdom, held investments and intercompany loans with fellow group companies. There have been no significant changes in the Company's principal activities in the year under review. The directors are not aware, at the date of this report, of any likely major changes in the Company's activities in the next year.

As shown in the Company's profit and loss account on page 7, the profit after tax has decreased from £1,000 to a result of £nil.

The balance sheet on page 8 of the Financial Statements shows that the Company's financial position at the year end is in net assets terms, consistent with the prior year. Details of amounts owed from other group companies are shown in note 9.

No interim dividend was paid during the year (2019: £nil). No final dividend is proposed (2019: £nil).

The Group manages its operations on a centralised basis. For this reason, the Company's directors believe that further key performance indicators for the Company are not necessary or appropriate for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business. The performance of the Group's mortgage lending operation, which includes the Company, is discussed in the Group's Annual Report, which does not form part of this Report.

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.

After considering the above, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company will have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the Financial Statements.

BOARD AND STAKEHOLDERS

The Board is mindful of its duty to act in good faith and to promote the success of the Group for the benefit of its shareholders and with regard to the interests of all of its stakeholders. The Board confirms that, for the year ended 30 September 2020, it has acted to promote the success of the Company for the benefit of its members as a whole and continues to have due regard to the following matters (as per section 172 of the Companies Act 2006):

- a. The likely consequences of any decision in the long-term;
- b. The interests of the Company's employees;
- c. The need to foster the Company's business relationships with suppliers, customers and others;
- d. The impact of the Company's operations on the community and the environment;
- e. The desirability of the Company maintaining a reputation for high standards of business conduct; and
- f. The need to act fairly as between members of the Company.

The principal activity of the Company is to support the business objectives of the Group and therefore, there is substantial common identity between the external non-shareholder stakeholders of the Company and those of the Group.

As a consequence, engagement with external stakeholders takes place at a group level. The Company looks to group initiatives for guidance and takes them into account in its decision making. The Company follows Group policies and procedures as mentioned above, including those relating to standards of business conduct, the environment, the community and other stakeholders. More detail may be found in the Group's 2020 Annual Report and Accounts.

However, in considering items of business directors of the Company make autonomous decisions on each decision's own merits, after due consideration of the long-term success of the Company, those factors set out in section 172 of the Companies Act 2006, where relevant, and the stakeholders impacted. Board meetings are held periodically where the directors consider Company business, such as company results, funding arrangements and dividend payments.

STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED)

BOARD AND STAKEHOLDERS (CONTINUED)

The Board considers and discusses information from across the organisation to help it understand the Group's business and its impact on the Company. It also reviews strategy, financial, and operational performance, as well as information covering areas such as key risks and legal and regulatory compliance.

SHAREHOLDERS

The Company has a single shareholder, Paragon Banking Group PLC, the ultimate parent company of the Group. The interests of the Company's shareholders thus coincide with those of the shareholders of the Group (s172 (1)(f)).

ENVIRONMENT

The Group recognises the importance of its environmental responsibilities, monitors its impact on the environment, and designs and implements policies to reduce any damage that might be caused by the Group's activities. The Company operates in accordance with group policies, which are described in the Group's Annual Report, which does not form part of this Report.

EMPLOYEES

The Company has no employees. All operational services are provided by employees of the Group. The Group's employment policies are described in its Annual Report, which does not form part of this Report.

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



K G Allen

Director

25 February 2021

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 and the audited Financial Statements of Herbert (4) PLC, a company registered in England and Wales with registration no: 02965522, for the year ended 30 September 2020.

DIRECTORS

The directors throughout the year and subsequently were:

R J Woodman

R D Shelton (resigned 3 February 2021)

K G Allen

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.

A resolution for the re-appointment of KPMG LLP as the auditor of the Company is to be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

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 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 4 to the accounts.
- Disclosure on 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

25 February 2021

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

**STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES
in relation to Financial Statements**

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the 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 the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

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 and of their profit or loss for that period.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets, for the Company's systems of internal control and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities and for the preparation of a strategic report and directors' report which comply with the applicable requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

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



K G Allen

Director

25 February 2021

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF HERBERT (4) PLC

Opinion

We have audited the Financial Statements of Herbert (4) PLC (“the company”) for the year ended 30 September 2020 which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet, the statement of movement in equity and the related notes 1 to 12, including the accounting policies in note 3.

In our opinion:

- the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company’s affairs as at 30 September 2020 and of the company’s result for the year then ended;
- the company’s financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with International accounting standards in conformity with the requirements of the companies act 2006.
- the financial statements 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.

Going concern

The directors have prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis as they do not intend to liquidate the company or to cease its operations, and as they have concluded that the company’s financial position means that this is realistic. They have also concluded that there are no material uncertainties that could have cast significant doubt over its ability to continue as a going concern for at least a year from the date of approval of the financial statements (“the going concern period”).

We are required to report to you if we have concluded that the use of the going concern basis of accounting is inappropriate or there is an undisclosed material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt over the use of that basis for a period of at least a year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In our evaluation of the directors’ conclusions, we considered the inherent risks to the company’s business model and analysed how those risks might affect the company’s financial resources or ability to continue operations over the going concern period. We have nothing to report in these respects.

However, as we cannot predict all future events or conditions and as subsequent events may result in outcomes that are inconsistent with judgements that were reasonable at the time they were made, the absence of reference to a material uncertainty in this auditor’s report is not a guarantee that the company will continue in operation.

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 that report 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF HERBERT (4) PLC (CONTINUED)

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 4, 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.

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

1 Sovereign Square, Sovereign Street, Leeds, LS1 4DA

25 February 2021

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

	Note	2020 £000	2019 £000
Interest receivable	5	-	1
Interest payable and similar charges		-	-
Operating expenses		-	-
Operating profit, being profit on ordinary activities before taxation	7	-	1
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	8	-	-
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation	11	-	1

All activities derive from continuing operations.

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

BALANCE SHEET

30 SEPTEMBER 2020

	Note	2020 £000	2019 £000
ASSETS EMPLOYED			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	9	8	8
		<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>
FINANCED BY			
EQUITY SHAREHOLDER'S FUNDS			
Called up share capital	10	12	12
Profit and loss account	11	(4)	(4)
		<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>
		<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>

These Financial Statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 25 February 2021.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors



K G Allen

Director

STATEMENT OF MOVEMENT IN EQUITY

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

	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	-	-	-
Opening equity	12	(4)	8
Closing equity	12	(4)	8

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

	Share capital £000	Profit and loss account £000	Total equity £000
<i>Total comprehensive income for the year</i>			
Profit for the year	-	1	1
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	1	1
Opening equity	12	(5)	7
Closing equity	12	(4)	8

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020****1. GENERAL INFORMATION**

Herbert (4) PLC ('the Company') is a company domiciled in the United Kingdom and incorporated in England and Wales under the Companies Act 2006 with company number 02965522. 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.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable 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 ('IFRS') as adopted by the EU, 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.

In the preparation of these financial statements, the following accounting standard is being applied for the first time.

- IFRS 16 – 'Leases'

This has had no impact upon the balance sheet or the profit and loss account.

3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The particular accounting policies applied are described below.

Accounting convention

The Financial Statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

Going concern

The Financial Statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company will have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the Financial Statements.

Amounts owed by or to group companies

The balances owed by or to other group companies are carried at the current amount outstanding less any provision.

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.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020****3. 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 13 – ‘Fair Value Measurement’
- Certain disclosures required by IFRS 7 – ‘Financial Instruments Disclosures’

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

4. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Company’s primary financial asset is cash at UK banks; therefore the directors do not consider that the Company is exposed to any significant cash flow, credit or liquidity risks.

5. INTEREST RECEIVABLE

Interest receivable includes £nil (2019: £1,000) in respect of interest received on loans to other group companies.

6. DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES

Directors received no remuneration for the services provided to the Company during either the current or the preceding year.

The Company had no employees in the current or preceding year. All administration is performed by employees of the Group. The directors of the Company are all employed by Paragon Finance PLC, a fellow group company, and their remuneration is disclosed within the financial statements of that company, which do not form part of this Report.

7. OPERATING PROFIT, BEING PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION

The Company’s audit fee for the current year of £2,000 (2019: £2,000) 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.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

8. TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

a) Tax charge for the year

	2020 £000	2019 £000
Current tax		
Corporation tax	-	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

b) Factors affecting the tax charge for the year

	2020 £000	2019 £000
Profit before tax	-	1
UK corporation tax at 19% (2019: 19%) based on the profit for the year	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The standard rate of corporation tax in the UK applicable to the Company in the period was 19.0% (2019: 19.0%), based on currently enacted legislation. During the period, legislation was substantively enacted, reversing the reduction in the tax rate to 17.0% which had been due to come into effect from April 2020. Consequently, temporary differences which had been expected to reverse at a tax rate of 18% in the current year, or 17% in subsequent years, have either reversed or are expected to reverse at a rate of 19%. The impact of this change has been accounted for in the year.

9. DEBTORS

	2020 £000	2019 £000
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Amounts due from group companies	8	8
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

10. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	2020 £	2019 £
Allotted:		
50,000 ordinary shares of £1 each (25p called up and paid)	12,500	12,500
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

11. PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

	£000
At 1 October 2018	(5)
Profit for the financial year	1
At 30 September 2019	(4)
Result for the financial year	-
At 30 September 2020	(4)

An interim dividend of £nil per share was paid during the year (2019: £nil per share). No final dividend is proposed (2019: £nil).

12. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The smallest and largest group into which the Company is consolidated, and the Company's immediate and ultimate parent company and ultimate controlling party is Paragon Banking Group PLC, a company registered in England and Wales.

Copies of the Group's financial statements are available from that company's registered office at 51 Homer Road, Solihull, West Midlands, B91 3QJ.