

**PBAF ACQUISITIONS LIMITED**

**Report and Financial Statements**

**Year ended 30 September 2020**

**STRATEGIC REPORT**  
**BUSINESS REVIEW AND PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

PBAF Acquisitions Limited ('the Company') is a wholly owned subsidiary of Paragon Asset Finance Limited, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Paragon Bank PLC. Paragon Bank PLC is a wholly owned subsidiary of Paragon Banking Group PLC ('the Group') and was set up to provide finance for its loan assets.

The Company was set up to acquire loan assets by borrowing from a fellow group company. This continues to be the principal activities of the Company. During the year the Company operated in the United Kingdom. The Company is currently engaged in loan relationships with other group companies. Paragon Bank PLC provides funding to the Company to purchase loan books from other group companies. 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 8, the profit after tax has decreased from £18,530,000 to £3,862,000. This was principally due to a decrease in loan interest receivable in the current year.

The balance sheet on page 9 of the Financial Statements shows the Company's financial position at the year end. Loans to customers was £492,975,000 (2019: £300,004,000); as a result, the balance outstanding under the amounts owed to group companies 30 September 2020 was £489,644,000 (2019: £291,959,000).

The directors recommend no final dividend (2019: £nil) which, given the interim dividend of £5,000,000.00 per share (2019: £18,000,000.00 per share), means a total dividend for the year of £5,000,000.00 per share (2019: £18,000,000.00 per share).

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 assets of the Company are located entirely in the United Kingdom and its results are therefore impacted by the economic environment within the UK. A material downturn in economic performance could increase the numbers of customers who default on loans and / or cause the values of the properties over which the Company enjoys security to fall.

The UK economy in the current year has been impacted significantly by the effects of the Covid-19 virus. This has caused major economic disruption within the UK and global economy but has also driven governments and regulators to offer unprecedented levels of support to businesses and consumers, aimed at mitigating its impact.

The Company has put contingency plans in place to ensure that it can continue to service its customers and to satisfy its obligations under the funding structure. However, should the pandemic have significant long-term impacts on the UK economy then this would significantly impact the Company's future cash flows and performance.

Together with continuing uncertainty arising the potential impact economic impact of the UK's withdrawal from the European Union, the Covid-19 pandemic has made the long-term economic prospects for the UK and their impacts on the Company much difficult to forecast.

An analysis of the Company's exposure to risk, including financial risk, and the steps taken to mitigate these risks are set out in note 6, a discussion of critical accounting judgements is set out in note 4 and a discussion of critical accounting estimates is set out in note 5.

**GOING CONCERN**

The performance of the Company is subject to analysis against plan, with key variances being analysed in detail on a monthly basis. This monitoring, particularly of credit and liquidity measures has been enhanced at Group level in response to the Covid-19 situation.

The Group has a formalised process of budgeting, reporting and review. The Group's planning procedures forecast its profitability, capital position, funding requirement and cash flows on a company by company basis.

In compiling the most recent forecast, for the period commencing 1 October 2020, particular attention was paid to the potential consequences of Covid-19 on the Group's operations, customers, funding and prospects, both in the short and longer term. This included consideration of a number of different scenarios with impacts of varying duration and severity. In common with the Group's approach to IFRS 9, the economics used in the forecasting process were updated in October in light of the continuing development of the Covid-19 crisis, based on updated external projections. Future business activity was reforecast reflecting the potential impacts of the pandemic on markets and products.

## **STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED)**

### **GOING CONCERN (CONTINUED)**

After considering the Company's position, the economic environment and the forecasts described above, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company will have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. This is further supported by the Group holding sufficient cash resources to support the Company's obligations as they fall due. 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 loan origination and servicing activities of the Group and therefore, there is substantial common identity between the external non-shareholder stakeholders of the Company and those of the Group. There are also significant group stakeholders, including the entities to which the Company provides services, support and funding, aside from ownership interests.

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 the fair treatment of customers, 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 participation in securitisation and other group funding transactions, sales and purchases of mortgage assets, group funding arrangements and dividend payments.

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 Bank PLC, which is itself a wholly owned subsidiary of 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.

**STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED)**

**EMPLOYEES**

The Company has no employees. All operational services are provided by employees of the Group. The Group's employment policies and the methods used to ascertain the views of the workforce 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K G Allen', written in a cursive style.

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 PBAF Acquisitions Limited, a company registered in England and Wales with registration no: 04481151, for the year ended 30 September 2020.

**DIRECTORS**

The directors throughout the year and subsequently were:

A K Smithson (resigned 6 July 2020)

K G Allen

D Newcombe (appointed 21 October 2019)

JE Phillipou (appointed 21 October 2019)

RD Shelton (appointed 21 October 2019, resigned 3 February 2021)

RJ Woodman (appointed 21 October 2019)

**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.

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 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 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 PBAF ACQUISITIONS LIMITED**

## **Opinion**

We have audited the Financial Statements of PBAF Acquisitions Limited ("the company") for the year ended 30 September 2020 which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet, the statement of movements in equity and the related notes 1 to 18, 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 profit 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 PBAF ACQUISITIONS LIMITED (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 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](http://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*

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25 February 2021



**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**

**YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2020 £000</b>	<b>2019 £000</b>
Interest receivable	7	20,120	39,759
Interest payable and similar charges	8	(6,269)	(6,480)
Net interest income		<u>13,851</u>	<u>33,279</u>
Other operating income		260	175
Total operating income		<u>14,111</u>	<u>33,454</u>
Operating expenses		(8,581)	(10,086)
Provisions for losses	13	(850)	(300)
Operating profit, being profit on ordinary activities before taxation	10	<u>4,680</u>	<u>23,068</u>
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	11	(818)	(4,538)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation	15	<u><u>3,862</u></u>	<u><u>18,530</u></u>

All activities derive from continuing operations.

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

**BALANCE SHEET**

**30 SEPTEMBER 2020**

	Note	2020 £000	2020 £000	2019 £000	2019 £000
<b>ASSETS EMPLOYED</b>					
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Loans to customers	13		492,975		300,004
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Cash at bank			-		-
			<u>492,975</u>		<u>300,004</u>
<b>FINANCED BY</b>					
<b>EQUITY SHAREHOLDER'S FUNDS</b>					
Called up share capital	14	-		-	
Profit and loss account	15	2,318		3,456	
		<u>2,318</u>	2,318	<u>3,456</u>	3,456
<b>PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES</b>	16		90		172
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	17		490,567		296,376
			<u>492,975</u>		<u>300,004</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 MOVEMENTS 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>			
Profit for the year	-	3,862	3,862
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	3,862	3,862
<i>Transactions with owners</i>			
Dividends	-	(5,000)	(5,000)
Net movement in equity in the year	-	(1,138)	(1,138)
Opening equity	-	3,456	3,456
Closing equity	-	2,318	2,318

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	-	18,530	18,530
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	18,530	18,530
<i>Transactions with owners</i>			
Dividends	-	(18,000)	(18,000)
Net movement in equity in the year	-	530	530
Opening equity	-	3,027	3,027
Change in accounting policy on adoption of IFRS9	-	(101)	(101)
As restated	-	2,926	2,926
Closing equity	-	3,456	3,456

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020**

**1. GENERAL INFORMATION**

PBAF Acquisitions 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 04481151. 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.

**Adoption of new and reviewed reporting standards**

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

- IFRS 16 – 'Leases'

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

**Accounting changes at 1 October 2018**

The accounting changes affecting equity at 1 October 2018 relate to the adoption of IFRS 9 – 'Financial Instruments' and are described in detail in note 3 to the accounts for the year ended 30 September 2019.

**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**

Accounting standards require the directors to assess the Company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting. In performing this assessment, the directors consider all available information about the future, the possible outcomes of events and changes in conditions and the realistically possible responses to such events and conditions that would be available to them. Particular focus is given to the Group's financial forecasts to ensure the adequacy of resources available for the Company to meet its business objectives on both a short term and strategic basis.

The Group has a formalised process of budgeting, reporting and review. The Group's planning procedures forecast its profitability, capital position, funding requirement and cash flows on a company by company basis. In compiling the most recent forecast, for the period commencing 1 October 2020, particular attention was paid to the potential consequences of Covid-19 on the Group's operations, customers, funding and prospects, both in the short and longer term. This included consideration of a number of different scenarios with impacts of varying duration and severity. In common with the Group's approach to IFRS 9, the economics used in the forecasting process were updated in October in light of the continuing development of the Covid-19 crisis, based on updated external projections. Future business activity was reforecast reflecting the potential impacts of the pandemic on markets and products.

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS****YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020****3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)****Going concern (continued)**

After performing this assessment, the directors concluded that there was a reasonable expectation that the Company will have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, and that therefore it was appropriate for them to continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the Annual Report and Accounts. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the Financial Statements.

**Loans to customers**

Loans to customers includes assets accounted for as financial assets and finance leases. The Company assesses the classification and measurement of a financial asset based on the contractual cash flow characteristics of the asset and its business model for managing the asset. The Company has concluded that its business model for its customer loan assets is of the type defined as 'Hold to collect' by IFRS 9 and the contractual terms of the asset should give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest ('SPPI'). Such loans are therefore accounted for on the amortised cost basis.

Loans advanced are valued at inception at the initial advance amount, which is the fair value at that time, inclusive of procurement fees paid to brokers or other business providers and less initial fees paid by the customer. Loans acquired from third parties are initially valued at the purchase consideration paid or payable. Thereafter, all loans to customers are valued at this initial amount less the cumulative amortisation calculated using the Effective Interest Rate ('EIR') method. The loan balances are then reduced where necessary by an impairment provision.

The EIR method spreads the expected net income arising from a loan over its expected life. The EIR is that rate of interest which, at inception, exactly discounts the future cash payments and receipts arising from the loan to the initial carrying amount.

Where financial assets are credit-impaired at initial recognition the EIR is calculated on the basis of expected future cash receipts allowing for the effect of credit risk. In other cases, the expected contractual cash flows are used.

**Impairment of loans and receivables**

The carrying values of all loans to customers, whether accounted for under IFRS 9, are reduced by an impairment provision based on their expected credit loss ('ECL'), determined in accordance with IFRS 9. These estimates are reviewed throughout the year and at each balance sheet date.

With the exception of 'Purchased or Originated as Credit Impaired' ('POCI') financial assets (which are discussed separately below), all assets are assessed to determine whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk ('SICR') since the point of first recognition (origination or acquisition). Assets are also reviewed to identify any which are 'Credit Impaired'. SICR and credit impairment are identified on the basis of pre-determined metrics including qualitative and quantitative factors relevant to each portfolio, with a management review to ensure appropriate allocation.

Assets which have not experienced an SICR are referred to as 'Stage 1' accounts, assets which have experienced an SICR but are not credit impaired are referred to as 'Stage 2' accounts, while credit impaired assets are referred to as 'Stage 3' accounts.

An impairment allowance is provided on an account by account basis:

- For Stage 1, at an amount equal to 12-month ECL, i.e. the total expected ECL that results from those default events that are possible within 12 months of the reporting date, weighted by the probability of those events occurring; or
- For Stage 2 and 3 accounts, at an amount equal to lifetime ECL, i.e. the total expected ECL that results from any future default events, weighted by the probability of those events occurring.

In establishing an ECL allowance, the Company assesses its probability of default, loss given default and exposure at default for each reporting period, discounted to give a net present value. The estimates used in these assessments must be unbiased and take into account reasonable and supportable information including forward-looking economic inputs.

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020**

**3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Impairment of loans and receivables (continued)**

Within its buy-to-let portfolio the Company utilises a receiver of rent process, whereby the receiver stands between the landlord and tenant and will determine an appropriate strategy for dealing with any delinquency. This strategy may involve the immediate sale of any underlying security or the short or long term letting of the property to cover arrears and principal shortfalls. Such cases are automatically considered to have an SICR, but where a letting strategy is adopted by the receiver, a tenant is in place and arrears are reduced or cleared, the account will not necessarily be considered to be credit impaired. Properties in receivership are eventually either returned to their landlord owners or sold.

For loan portfolios acquired at a discount, the discounts take account of future expected impairments and such assets are treated as POCI. For these assets, the Company recognises all changes in future cash flows arising from changes in credit quality since initial recognition as a loss allowance with any changes recognised in profit or loss.

For financial accounting purposes, provisions for impairments of loans to customers are held in an impairment allowance account from the point at which they are first recognised. These balances are released to offset against the gross value of the loan when it is written off for accounting purposes. This occurs when standard enforcement processes have been completed, subject to any amount retained in respect of expected salvage receipts. Any further gains from post-write off salvage activity are reported as impairment gains.

**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 taxation**

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.

**Revenue**

The revenue of the Company comprises of interest receivable on loans to customers and other operating income. The accounting policy for the recognition of revenue is described separately within these accounting policies. Interest receivable on loans to customers is recognised in accordance with the effective interest rate method.

**Fee and commission income**

Other operating income includes administration fees charged to borrowers, which are credited to the profit and loss account when the related service is performed.

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020**

**3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Deferred sale consideration**

Other operating income includes deferred sale consideration which is recognised in the period in which it is received.

**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.

**Borrowings**

Borrowings are carried in the balance sheet on the amortised cost basis. The initial value recognised includes the principal amount received less any discount on issue or costs of issuance.

Interest and all other costs of the funding are expensed to the profit and loss account as interest payable over the term of the borrowing on an Effective Interest Rate basis.

**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.

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

## YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

## 4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS

The most significant judgements which the directors have made in the application of the accounting policies set out in note 3 relate to:

**Significant Increase in Credit Risk ('SICR')**

Under IFRS 9, the directors are required to assess where a credit obligation has suffered a Significant Increase in Credit Risk ('SICR'). The directors' assessment is based primarily on changes in the calculated probability of default, but also includes consideration of other qualitative indicators and the adoption of the backstop assumption in the Standard that all cases which are more than 30 days overdue have a SICR, for account types where days overdue is an appropriate measure.

If additional accounts were determined to have an SICR, these balances would attract additional impairment provision and the overall provision charge would be higher.

In determining whether an account has a SICR in the Covid-19 environment the granting of Covid-19 reliefs, including payment holidays and similar arrangements, may mean that a SICR may exist without this being reflected in either arrears performance or credit bureau data. The Group has accepted the advice of UK regulatory bodies that the grant of Covid-19 relief does not, of itself, indicate an SICR, but has carefully considered internal credit and customer data to determine whether there might be any accounts with SICR not otherwise identified by the process.

More information on the definition of SICR adopted is given in note 13.

**Definition of default**

In applying the impairment provisions of IFRS 9, the directors have used models to derive the probabilities of default. In order to derive and apply such models, it is required to define 'default' for this purpose. The Group's definition of default is aligned to its internal operational procedures. IFRS 9 provides a rebuttable presumption of default when an account is 90 days overdue and this was used as the starting point for this exercise. Other factors include account management activities such as appointment of a receiver or enforcement procedures.

A combination of qualitative and quantitative measures was considered in developing the definition of default.

If a different definition of default had been adopted the expected loss amounts derived might differ from those shown in the accounts.

More information on the Group's definition of default adopted is given in note 13.

**Classification of financial assets**

The classification of financial assets under IFRS 9 is based on two factors:

- The company's 'business model' – how it intends to generate cash and profit from the assets; and
- The nature of the contractual cash flows inherent in the assets

Financial assets are classified as held at amortised cost, at fair value through other comprehensive income, or at fair value through profit or loss.

For an asset to be held at amortised cost, the cash flows received from it must comprise solely payments of principal and interest ('SPPI'). In effect, this restricts this classification to 'normal' lending activities, excluding arrangements where the lender may have a contingent return or profit share from the activities funded. The Group has considered its products and concluded that, as standard lending products, they fall within the SPPI criteria.

The use of amortised cost accounting is also restricted to assets which a company holds within a business model whose object is to collect cash flows arising from them, rather than seek to profit by disposing of them (a 'Held to Collect' model). The Group's strategy is to hold loan assets until they are repaid or written off. Loan disposals are rare, and the Group does not manage its assets in order to generate profits on sale. On this basis, it has categorised its business model as Held to Collect.

Therefore, the Company has classified its customer loan assets as carried at amortised cost.



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**5. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES**

Certain balances reported in the Financial Statements are based wholly or in part on estimates or assumptions made by the directors. There is, therefore, a potential risk that they may be subject to change in future periods. The most significant of these are:

**Impairment losses on loans to customers**

Impairment losses on loans are calculated based on statistical models, applied to the present status, performance and management strategy for the loans concerned which are used to determine each loan's PD and LGD.

Internal information used will include number of months arrears, qualitative information, such as possession by a first charge holder on a second charge mortgage or where a buy-to-let case is under the control of a receiver of rent, the receiver's present and likely future strategy for the property (e.g. keeping current tenants in place, refurbish and relet, immediate sale etc).

External information used includes customer specific data, such as credit bureau information as well as more general economic data.

Key internal assumptions in the models relate to estimates of future cash flows from customers' accounts, their timing and, for secured accounts, the expected proceeds from the realisation of the property or other charged assets. These cash flows will include payments received from the customer, and, for buy-to-let cases where a receiver of rent is appointed, rental receipts from tenants, after allowing for void periods and running costs. These key assumptions are based on observed data from historical patterns and are updated regularly based on new data as it becomes available.

In addition, the directors consider how appropriate past trends and patterns might be in the current economic situation and make any adjustments they believe are necessary to reflect current and expected conditions.

The accuracy of the impairment calculations would therefore be affected by unexpected changes to the economic situation, variances between the models used and the actual results, or assumptions which differ from the actual outcomes. In particular, if the impact of economic factors such as employment levels on customers is worse than is implicit in the model then the number of accounts requiring provision might be greater than suggested by the model, while falls in house prices, over and above any assumed by the model might increase the provision required in respect of accounts currently provided. Similarly, if the account management approach assumed in the modelling cannot be adopted the provision required may be different.

In order to provide forward looking economic inputs to the modelling of the ECL, the Company must derive a set of scenarios which are internally coherent. The Company addresses these requirements using four distinct economic scenarios chosen to represent the range of possible outcomes.

The variables are used for two purposes in the IFRS 9 calculations:

- They are applied as inputs in the models which generate PD values, where those found by statistical analysis to have the most predictive value are used
- They are used as part of the calculation where the variable has a direct impact on the expected loss calculation, such as the house price index

The economic variables will also inform assumptions about the Company's approach to account management given a particular scenario.

These assumptions are set out in note 13 where the sensitivity of the Company's modelling to them is also discussed.

**Effective interest rates**

In order to determine the EIR applicable to loans and borrowings an estimate must be made of the expected life of each loan and hence the cash flows relating thereto. For purchased accounts this will involve estimating the likely future performance of the accounts at the time of acquisition. These estimates are based on historical data and reviewed regularly. For purchased accounts historical data obtained from the vendor will be examined. The accuracy of the EIR applied would therefore be compromised by any differences between actual repayment profiles and that predicted, which in turn would depend directly or indirectly on customer behaviour.

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**6. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Company's operations are financed principally by loans from other group companies. The principal risks arising from the Company's financial instruments is credit risk. The board of the Company's holding company reviews and agrees policies for all companies in the Group managing each of these risks and they are summarised below. These policies have remained unchanged throughout the year and since the year end. The Company's primary financial liabilities are with other group companies; therefore, the directors do not consider that the Company is exposed to any significant cash flow or liquidity risks.

**Credit risk**

The Company's credit risk is primarily attributable to its loans to customers. The maximum credit risk at 30 September 2020 approximates to the carrying value of loans to customers (note 13). There are no significant concentrations of credit risk due to the large number of customers included in the portfolios.

The Company acquired mortgages, secured loans and unsecured loans from fellow group companies. The acquired mortgages are secured by first charges over residential properties in the United Kingdom. Despite this security, in assessing credit risk an applicant's ability to repay the loan remains the overriding factor in the decision to lend by the originating lender. Additionally, each mortgage has the benefit of one or more life assurance policies and certain mortgages have the benefit of a mortgage guarantee indemnity insurance policy.

At 30 September 2020 82.8% of the Company's mortgage loans by value had a loan-to-value ('LTV') ratio of 70% or less. The weighted average LTV was 57.1%. LTV for each account is calculated by comparing the current balance to the most recent valuation of the mortgaged property, indexed as appropriate.

Paragon Bank PLC and Idem Capital Securities Limited, fellow group companies, continue to administer the loans on behalf of PBAF Acquisitions Limited and the collections process is the same as that utilised for all companies in the group.

In order to control credit risk relating to counterparties to the Company's financial instruments, the board of the Company's holding company determines on a group basis, which counterparties the group of companies will deal with, establishes limits for each counterparty and monitors compliance with those limits.

**Currency risk**

The Company has no material exposure to foreign currency risk.

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**7. INTEREST RECEIVABLE**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
Interest receivable in respect of		
First mortgages	2,747	2,932
Secured consumer loans	5,421	6,693
Unsecured consumer loans	11,952	30,134
	<u>20,120</u>	<u>39,759</u>

**8. INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
Interest payable to other group companies	<u>6,269</u>	<u>6,480</u>

**9. 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.

**10. OPERATING PROFIT, BEING PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
Operating profit is after charging:		
Auditor remuneration - audit services	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>

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.

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11. TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

a) Tax charge for the year

	2020 £000	2019 £000
Current tax		
Corporation tax	900	4,407
Adjustment in respect of prior periods	-	(7)
Total current tax	<u>900</u>	<u>4,400</u>
Deferred tax (note 16)		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	(11)	154
Adjustment in respect of prior periods	(82)	-
Rate change	11	(16)
Total deferred tax	<u>(82)</u>	<u>138</u>
Tax charge on profit on ordinary activities	<u><u>818</u></u>	<u><u>4,538</u></u>

b) Factors affecting the tax charge for the year

	2020 £000	2019 £000
Profit before tax	<u>4,680</u>	<u>23,068</u>
UK corporation tax at 19% (2019: 19%) based on the profit for the year	889	4,383
Effects of:		
Permanent differences	-	178
Prior period credit	(82)	(7)
Change in rate of taxation on deferred tax balances	11	(16)
Tax charge for the year	<u><u>818</u></u>	<u><u>4,538</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.

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**12. FINANCIAL ASSETS**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
Loans to customers (note 13)	492,975	300,004
	<u>492,975</u>	<u>300,004</u>
	<u><u>492,975</u></u>	<u><u>300,004</u></u>

Loan accounts at 30 September 2020 and 30 September 2019, which are all denominated and payable in sterling, were:

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
First mortgage loans	335,142	86,435
Secured loans	58,779	73,915
Unsecured loans	99,054	139,654
	<u>492,975</u>	<u>300,004</u>
	<u><u>492,975</u></u>	<u><u>300,004</u></u>

First mortgages which are secured on residential property within the United Kingdom and secured loans enjoy first charges on residential property.

Mortgage loans have a contractual term of up to thirty years and secured loans up to twenty five years. In all cases the borrower is entitled to settle the loan at any point and in most cases, such early settlement does take place. All borrowers are required to make monthly payments, except where an initial deferred period is included in the contractual terms.

Secured loans enjoy second charges on residential property.

Secured loans have a contractual term of up to 25 years. In all cases the borrower is entitled to settle the loan at any point and in most cases such early settlement does take place. All borrowers are required to make monthly payments, except where an initial deferred period is included in the contractual terms.

Unsecured loans have a contractual term of up to 10 years. In all cases the borrower is entitled to settle the loan at any point and in most cases such early settlement does take place. All borrowers are required to make monthly payments, except where an initial deferred period is included in the contractual terms.

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## 13. IMPAIRMENT PROVISIONS ON LOANS TO CUSTOMERS

This note sets out information on the Company's impairment provisioning under IFRS 9 for the loans to customers balances set out in note 12, loans held at amortised cost, accounted for under IFRS 9, subject to the IFRS 9 impairment requirements.

The disclosures are set out under the following headings:

- Basis of provision
- Impairments by stage and division
- Movements in impairment provision in the period
- Impairments charged to income

**Basis of provision**

IFRS 9 requires that impairment is evaluated on an expected credit loss ('ECL') basis. ECLs are based on an assessment of the probability of default ('PD') and loss given default ('LGD'), discounted to give a net present value. The estimation of ECL should be unbiased and probability weighted, considering all reasonable and supportable information, including forward looking economic assumptions and a range of possible outcomes. Provision may be based on either twelve month or lifetime ECL, dependant on whether an account has experienced a significant increase in credit risk ('SICR').

*Calculation of expected credit loss ('ECL')*

For the majority of the Company's loan assets, the ECL is generated using statistical models applied to account data to generate PD and LGD components.

PD on both a twelve month and lifetime basis is estimated based on statistical models for the Company's most significant asset classes. The PD calculation is a function of current asset performance, customer information and future economic assumptions. The structure of the models was derived through analysis of correlation in historic data, which identified which current and historical customer attributes and external economic variables were predictive of future loss. The Company utilised all reasonably available information in its possession for this exercise.

LGD for each account is derived by calculating a value for exposure at the point of default (which will include consideration of future interest, account charges and receipts) and reducing this for security values and costs of recovery. These calculations allow for the Company's potential case management activities. This evaluation includes the potential impact of economic conditions at the time of any future default or enforcement. The derivation of the significant assumptions used in these calculations is discussed below.

In certain asset classes a fully modelled approach is not possible. This is generally where there are few assets in the class, where there is insufficient historical data on which to base an analysis or where certain measures, such as days past due are not useful. In these cases, which represent a small proportion of the total portfolio, alternative approaches are adopted. These rely on internal credit monitoring practices and professional credit judgement.

Notwithstanding the mechanical procedures discussed above, the Company will always consider whether the process generates sufficient provision for particular loans, especially large exposures, and will provide additional amounts as appropriate.

*Significant Increase in Credit Risk ('SICR')*

Under IFRS 9, SICR is not defined solely by account performance, but on the basis of the customer's overall credit position, and this evaluation should include consideration of external data. The Company's aim is to define SICR to correspond, as closely as possible, to that population of accounts which are subject to enhanced administrative and monitoring procedures operationally. The Company assesses SICR in its modelled portfolios primarily on the basis of the relative difference in an account's lifetime PD between origination and the reporting date. The levels of difference required to qualify as an SICR may differ between portfolios and will depend, to some extent, on the level of risk originally perceived and are monitored on an ongoing basis to ensure that this calibrates with actual experience.

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**13. IMPAIRMENT PROVISIONS ON LOANS TO CUSTOMERS (CONTINUED)**

*Significant Increase in Credit Risk ('SICR') (continued)*

It should be noted that the use of the current PD, which includes external factors such as credit bureau data, means that all relevant information in the Company's hands concerning the customers present credit position is included in the evaluation, as will future economic expectations.

In all cases accounts which are more than one month in arrears, where this is a meaningful measure, are considered to have an SICR.

The Company uses arrears multiples as a proxy for days past due, as this measure is commonly used in its arrears reporting. A loan will generally be one month in arrears from the point it is one day past due until it is thirty days past due.

*Definitions of default*

As the IFRS 9 definition of ECL is based on PD, default must be defined for this purpose. The Company's definitions of default for its various portfolios are aligned to its internal operational procedures and the regulatory definitions of default used internally. In particular the Company's receiver of rent cases are defined as defaulted for modelling purposes as the behaviour of the case after that point is significantly influenced by internal management decisions.

IFRS 9 provides a rebuttable presumption that an account is in default when it is ninety days overdue and this was used as the basis of the Company's definition. A combination of qualitative and quantitative measures were used in developing the definitions. These include account management activities and internal statuses.

*Credit Impaired loans*

IFRS 9 defines a credit impaired account as one where an account has suffered one or more event which has had a detrimental effect on future cash flows. It is thus a back-ward looking definition, rather than one based on future expectations.

Credit impaired assets are identified either through quantitative measures or by operational status. Designations of accounts for regulatory capital purposes are also taken into account. Assets may also be assigned to Stage 3 if they are identified as credit impaired as a result of management review processes.

During the year the Company revised certain of its default definitions for regulatory purposes. Where appropriate, IFRS 9 definitions have been amended to harmonise with the new definition and hence the staging at 1 October 2019.

As a result of this harmonisation all default cases are considered to be credit impaired, including all receiver of rent cases and all cases with at least one payment more than ninety days overdue, even where such cases are being managed in the expectation of realising all of the carrying balance.

*IFRS 9 Staging*

IFRS 9 calculations and related disclosures require loan assets to be divided into three stages, with accounts which were credit impaired on initial recognition representing a fourth class.

The three classes comprise: those where there has been no SICR since advance or acquisition (Stage 1); those where there has been a SICR (Stage 2); and loans which are impaired (Stage 3).

On initial recognition, and for assets where there has not been an SICR, provisions will be made in respect of losses resulting from the level of credit default events expected in the twelve months following the balance sheet date

Where a loan has experienced an SICR, whether or not the loan is considered to be credit impaired, provisions will be made based on the ECLs over the full life of the loan.

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13. IMPAIRMENT PROVISIONS ON LOANS TO CUSTOMERS (CONTINUED)

*IFRS 9 Staging (continued)*

For credit impaired assets, provisions will also be made on the basis of ECLs.

For assets which were ‘Purchased or Originated as Credit Impaired’ (‘POCI’) accounts (i.e. considered as credit impaired at the point of first recognition) the carrying valuation is based on expected cash flows discounted by the EIR determined at the point of acquisition.

**Impairments by stage**

An analysis of the Company’s loan portfolios between the stages defined above is set out below.

	<b>Stage 1</b>	<b>Stage 2 *</b>	<b>Stage 3 *</b>	<b>POCI</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
<b>30 September 2020</b>					
<b>Gross loan book</b>					
First mortgage loans	289,241	38,500	5,789	3,608	337,138
Secured loans	36,428	3,894	10,137	9,743	60,202
Unsecured loans	-	-	-	99,054	99,054
<b>Total</b>	<u>325,669</u>	<u>42,394</u>	<u>15,926</u>	<u>112,405</u>	<u>496,394</u>
<b>Impairment provision</b>					
First mortgage loans	(52)	(449)	(1,495)	-	(1,996)
Secured loans	(52)	(103)	(1,268)	-	(1,423)
Unsecured loans	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<u>(104)</u>	<u>(552)</u>	<u>(2,763)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,419)</u>
<b>Net loan book</b>					
First mortgage loans	289,189	38,051	4,294	3,608	335,142
Secured loans	36,376	3,791	8,869	9,743	58,779
Unsecured loans	-	-	-	99,054	99,054
<b>Total</b>	<u>325,565</u>	<u>41,842</u>	<u>13,163</u>	<u>112,405</u>	<u>492,975</u>
<b>Coverage ratio</b>					
First mortgage loans	0.02%	1.17%	25.82%	-	0.59%
Secured loans	0.14%	2.64%	12.51%	-	2.36%
Unsecured loans	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	-	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<u>0.03%</u>	<u>1.30%</u>	<u>17.35%</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>0.69%</u>

\* Stage 2 and 3 balances are analysed in more detail below.



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13. IMPAIRMENT PROVISIONS ON LOANS TO CUSTOMERS (CONTINUED)

	Stage 1 £000	Stage 2 * £000	Stage 3 * £000	POCI £000	Total £000
<i>30 September 2019</i>					
<b>Gross loan book</b>					
First mortgage loans	80,789	1,265	264	4,118	86,436
Secured loans	46,374	5,695	10,794	12,227	75,090
Unsecured loans	-	-	-	139,654	139,654
<b>Total</b>	<u>127,163</u>	<u>6,960</u>	<u>11,058</u>	<u>155,999</u>	<u>301,180</u>
<b>Impairment provision</b>					
First mortgage loans	-	(1)	-	-	(1)
Secured loans	(74)	(188)	(913)	-	(1,175)
Unsecured loans	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<u>(74)</u>	<u>(189)</u>	<u>(913)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,176)</u>
<b>Net loan book</b>					
First mortgage loans	80,789	1,264	264	4,118	86,435
Secured loans	46,300	5,507	9,881	12,227	73,915
Unsecured loans	-	-	-	139,654	139,654
<b>Total</b>	<u>127,089</u>	<u>6,771</u>	<u>10,145</u>	<u>155,999</u>	<u>300,004</u>
<b>Coverage ratio</b>					
First mortgage loans	0.00%	0.08%	0.00%	-	0.00%
Secured loans	0.16%	3.30%	8.46%	-	1.56%
Unsecured loans	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	-	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<u>0.06%</u>	<u>2.72%</u>	<u>8.26%</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>0.39%</u>

\* Stage 2 and 3 balances are analysed in more detail below.

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13. IMPAIRMENT PROVISIONS ON LOANS TO CUSTOMERS (CONTINUED)

In terms of the Company's credit management processes, Stage 1 cases will fall within the appropriate customer servicing functions and Stage 2 cases will be subject to account management arrangements. Stage 3 cases will include both those subject to recovery or similar processes and those which, though being managed on a long-term basis, are included with defaulted accounts for regulatory purposes. However, these broad categorisations may vary between different product types.

*Analysis of Stage 2 loans*

The table below analyses the accounts in stage 2 between those not more than one month in arrears where an SICR has nonetheless been identified from other information and accounts more than one month in arrears, which are automatically deemed to have an SICR.

	<b>&lt; 1 month arrears</b>	<b>&gt; 1 &lt;= 3 months arrears</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
<i>30 September 2020</i>			
<b>Gross loan book</b>			
First mortgage loans	37,620	880	38,500
Secured loans	2,291	1,603	3,894
Unsecured loans	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<u>39,911</u>	<u>2,483</u>	<u>42,394</u>
<b>Impairment provision</b>			
First mortgage loans	(372)	(77)	(449)
Secured loans	(56)	(47)	(103)
Unsecured loans	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<u>(428)</u>	<u>(124)</u>	<u>(552)</u>
<b>Net loan book</b>			
First mortgage loans	37,248	803	38,051
Secured loans	2,235	1,556	3,791
Unsecured loans	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<u>39,483</u>	<u>2,359</u>	<u>41,842</u>
<b>Coverage ratio</b>			
First mortgage loans	0.99%	8.75%	1.17%
Secured loans	2.44%	2.93%	2.64%
Unsecured loans	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<u>1.07%</u>	<u>4.99%</u>	<u>1.30%</u>

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13. IMPAIRMENT PROVISIONS ON LOANS TO CUSTOMERS (CONTINUED)

	<b>&lt; 1 month arrears</b>	<b>&gt; 1 &lt;= 3 months arrears</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
<i>30 September 2019</i>			
<b>Gross loan book</b>			
First mortgage loans	796	469	1,265
Secured loans	3,296	2,399	5,695
Unsecured loans	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<u>4,092</u>	<u>2,868</u>	<u>6,960</u>
<b>Impairment provision</b>			
First mortgage loans	(1)	-	(1)
Secured loans	(108)	(80)	(188)
Unsecured loans	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<u>(109)</u>	<u>(80)</u>	<u>(189)</u>
<b>Net loan book</b>			
First mortgage loans	795	469	1,264
Secured loans	3,188	2,319	5,507
Unsecured loans	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<u>3,983</u>	<u>2,788</u>	<u>6,771</u>
<b>Coverage ratio</b>			
First mortgage loans	0.13%	0.00%	0.08%
Secured loans	3.27%	3.33%	3.30%
Unsecured loans	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<u>2.66%</u>	<u>2.79%</u>	<u>2.72%</u>

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13. IMPAIRMENT PROVISIONS ON LOANS TO CUSTOMERS (CONTINUED)

*Analysis of Stage 3 loans*

The table below analyses the accounts in Stage 3 between accounts in the process of enforcement or where full recovery is considered unlikely ('Realisations' in the table), loans being managed on a long term basis where full recovery is possible but which are considered in default for regulatory purposes and buy-to-let mortgages where a receiver of rent ('RoR') has been appointed by the Company to manage the property on the customer's behalf. RoR accounts in Stage 3 may be fully up-to-date with full recovery possible. These accounts are included in Stage 3 as they are classified as defaulted for regulatory purposes.

	<b>&gt; 3 month arrears £000</b>	<b>RoR managed £000</b>	<b>Realisations £000</b>	<b>Total £000</b>
<i>30 September 2020</i>				
<b>Gross loan book</b>				
First mortgage loans	1,104	3,066	1,619	5,789
Secured loans	10,082	-	55	10,137
Unsecured loans	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<u>11,186</u>	<u>3,066</u>	<u>1,674</u>	<u>15,926</u>
<b>Impairment provision</b>				
First mortgage loans	(45)	(982)	(468)	(1,495)
Secured loans	(1,268)	-	-	(1,268)
Unsecured loans	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<u>(1,313)</u>	<u>(982)</u>	<u>(468)</u>	<u>(2,763)</u>
<b>Net loan book</b>				
First mortgage loans	1,059	2,084	1,151	4,294
Secured loans	8,814	-	55	8,869
Unsecured loans	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<u>9,873</u>	<u>2,084</u>	<u>1,206</u>	<u>13,163</u>
<b>Coverage ratio</b>				
First mortgage loans	4.08%	32.03%	28.91%	25.82%
Secured loans	12.58%	0.00%	0.00%	12.51%
Unsecured loans	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<u>11.74%</u>	<u>32.03%</u>	<u>27.96%</u>	<u>17.35%</u>

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13. IMPAIRMENT PROVISIONS ON LOANS TO CUSTOMERS (CONTINUED)

	> 3 month arrears £000	RoR managed £000	Realisations £000	Total £000
<i>30 September 2019</i>				
<b>Gross loan book</b>				
First mortgage loans	142	-	122	264
Secured loans	10,650	-	144	10,794
Unsecured loans	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	10,792	-	266	11,058
<b>Impairment provision</b>				
First mortgage loans	-	-	-	-
Secured loans	(877)	-	(36)	(913)
Unsecured loans	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	(877)	-	(36)	(913)
<b>Net loan book</b>				
First mortgage loans	142	-	122	264
Secured loans	9,773	-	108	9,881
Unsecured loans	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	9,915	-	230	10,145
<b>Coverage ratio</b>				
First mortgage loans	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Secured loans	8.23%	0.00%	25.00%	8.46%
Unsecured loans	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	8.13%	0.00%	13.53%	8.26%

The exposure at default in the calculation shown above for stage 3 accounts is reduced by £7.9m in respect of the value of security given by customers. The estimated value of the security represents, for each account, the lesser of the valuation estimate and the exposure value in the central economic scenario. Security values are based on the most recent valuation of the relevant property held by the Company, indexed as appropriate.

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13. IMPAIRMENT PROVISIONS ON LOANS TO CUSTOMERS (CONTINUED)

Movements in impairment provision by stage

The movements in the impairment provision calculated under IFRS 9 is set out below.

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
At 1 October 2019	1,176	282
Recovered in period	1,924	615
Amounts written off	319	279
<b>At 30 September 2020</b>	<u>3,419</u>	<u>1,176</u>

Accounts are considered to be written off for accounting purposes when standard enforcement processes have been completed, subject to any amount retained in respect of expected salvage receipts. This has no effect on the net carrying value, only on the amounts reported as gross loan balances and accumulated impairment provisions. At 30 September 2020 enforceable contractual balances of £3,279,000 were outstanding on non-POCI assets written off in the period. This will exclude those accounts where a full and final settlement was agreed and those where the contractual terms do not permit any further action. Enforceable balances will be kept under review for operational purposes but no amounts will be recognised in respect of such accounts unless further cash is received or there is a strong expectation that it will be.

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13. IMPAIRMENT PROVISIONS ON LOANS TO CUSTOMERS (CONTINUED)

A more detailed analysis of these movements by IFRS 9 stage on a consolidated basis for the year ended 30 September 2020 is set out below.

	Stage 1	Stage 2 *	Stage 3 *	POCI	Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Loss allowance at 1 October 2019	74	189	913	-	1,176
New assets originated or purchased	41	443	1,596	-	2,080
Changes in loss allowance					
Transfer to stage 1	88	(75)	(13)	-	-
Transfer to stage 2	(3)	11	(8)	-	-
Transfer to stage 3	(16)	(43)	59	-	-
Changes due to credit risk	(80)	27	535	-	482
Write offs	-	-	(319)	-	(319)
Assets recognised	-	-	-	-	-
Loss allowance at 30 September 2020	<u>104</u>	<u>552</u>	<u>2,763</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,419</u>
Loss allowance at 1 October 2018	59	75	148	-	282
New assets originated or purchased	-	-	-	-	-
Changes in loss allowance					
Transfer to stage 1	58	(58)	-	-	-
Transfer to stage 2	(15)	19	(4)	-	-
Transfer to stage 3	(44)	(40)	84	-	-
Changes due to credit risk	16	193	406	-	615
Write offs	-	-	279	-	279
Assets recognised	-	-	-	-	-
Loss allowance at 30 September 2019	<u>74</u>	<u>189</u>	<u>913</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,176</u>

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13. IMPAIRMENT PROVISIONS ON LOANS TO CUSTOMERS (CONTINUED)

The movements in the Loans to Customers balances in respect of which these loss allowances have been made are set out below.

	Stage 1 £000	Stage 2 * £000	Stage 3 * £000	POCI £000	Total £000
Balances at 1 October 2019	127,163	6,960	11,058	155,999	301,180
New assets originated or purchased	214,986	36,676	5,533	-	257,195
Changes in staging					
Transfer to stage 1	3,394	(3,145)	(249)	-	-
Transfer to stage 2	(3,265)	3,544	(279)	-	-
Transfer to stage 3	(902)	(1,007)	1,909	-	-
Redemptions and repayments	(18,054)	(675)	(1,620)	(43,594)	(63,943)
Assets recognised	-	-	-	-	-
Write offs	-	-	(319)	-	(319)
Other changes	2,347	41	(107)	-	2,281
Balance at 30 September 2019	325,669	42,394	15,926	112,405	496,394
Loss allowance	(104)	(552)	(2,763)	-	(3,419)
Carrying value	325,565	41,842	13,163	112,405	492,975
Balances at 1 October 2018	125,541	3,712	766	218,744	348,763
New assets originated or purchased	25,422	3,908	10,357	4,118	43,805
Changes in staging					
Transfer to stage 1	2,280	(2,199)	(81)	-	-
Transfer to stage 2	(3,003)	3,567	(564)	-	-
Transfer to stage 3	(905)	(946)	1,851	-	-
Redemptions and repayments	(22,521)	(1,172)	(1,776)	(66,863)	(92,332)
Assets recognised	-	-	-	-	-
Write offs	-	-	279	-	279
Other changes	349	90	226	-	665
Balance at 30 September 2019	127,163	6,960	11,058	155,999	301,180
Loss allowance	(74)	(189)	(913)	-	(1,176)
Carrying value	127,089	6,771	10,145	155,999	300,004



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13. IMPAIRMENT PROVISIONS ON LOANS TO CUSTOMERS (CONTINUED)

**Impairments charged to income**

The amounts charged to the profit and loss account in the period are analysed as follows.

	2020	2019
	£000	£000
Provided / (recovered) in period	531	(615)
Recovery of written off amounts	319	915
	<u>850</u>	<u>300</u>

**Economic impacts**

Impairment provision under IFRS 9 is calculated on a forward-looking ECL basis, based on expected economic conditions in multiple internally coherent scenarios. The Company uses four distinct economic scenarios chosen to represent the range of possible outcomes and allow for the impact of economic asymmetry in the calculations.

In developing its economic scenarios, the Company considers analysis from reputable external sources to form a general market consensus which inform its central scenario. These sources included forecasts produced by the Office of Budget Responsibility ('OBR') and the PRA as well as private sector economic research bodies.

The central scenario is the economic forecast used within the Company for planning purposes and represents its expectation of the most likely outcome. The upside and downside scenarios are less likely variants developed from this base case. The final scenario represents a protracted slump and is derived from the Bank of England's annual stress testing scenarios. Each scenario comprises a number of economic parameters and while models for different portfolios may not use all of the variables, the set, as a whole, is defined for the Company and must be consistent.

The economic variables comprising each scenario, and their projected average rates of increase (or decrease) for the first five years of the forecast period are set out below.

*30 September 2020*

	Central scenario		Upside scenario		Downside scenario		Severe scenario	
	Max %	Min %	Max %	Min %	Max %	Min %	Max %	Min %
<b>Economic driver</b>								
GDP	18.0	(7.6)	18.8	(5.9)	17.8	(15.1)	20.5	(17.9)
HPI	5.0	(4.0)	4.0	0.0	4.0	(10.0)	4.0	(20.0)
BBR	0.8	0.1	1.0	0.1	1.0	0.1	0.8	(0.4)
CPI	2.4	0.6	2.3	0.7	2.3	0.2	2.3	(0.3)
Unemployment	7.6	4.0	7.0	4.0	9.0	4.5	9.0	5.3
Secured lending	3.9	3.5	4.8	4.0	3.8	1.7	3.7	(1.2)
Consumer credit	6.3	6.0	8.8	6.7	5.7	1.5	4.8	(5.2)

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13. IMPAIRMENT PROVISIONS ON LOANS TO CUSTOMERS (CONTINUED)

30 September 2019

	Central scenario		Upside scenario		Downside scenario		Severe scenario	
	Max %	Min %	Max %	Min %	Max %	Min %	Max %	Min %
<b>Economic driver</b>								
GDP	1.9	1.2	3.1	1.2	1.6	(1.0)	1.3	(4.7)
HPI	4.3	0.7	9.7	0.9	4.9	(4.7)	5.7	(17.8)
BBR	0.8	0.8	2.5	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
CPI	2.2	2.0	2.2	1.4	3.2	2.0	4.9	2.0
Unemployment	4.1	3.8	3.9	3.5	6.1	4.2	9.2	4.5
Secured lending	3.9	3.2	4.8	3.3	3.8	1.7	3.7	(1.2)
Consumer credit	6.3	6.0	8.8	6.2	6.0	1.5	5.9	(5.2)

14. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	2020 £	2019 £
Allotted:		
1 ordinary share of £1 each (fully paid)	1	1

15. PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

	£000
At 01 October 2018	3,027
Profit for the financial year	18,530
Change in accounting policy on adoption of IFRS9	(101)
Dividend paid	(18,000)
At 30 September 2019	3,456
Profit for the financial year	3,862
Dividend paid	(5,000)
At 30 September 2020	2,318

An interim dividend of £5,000,000.00 per ordinary share was paid during the year (2019: £18,000,000.00 per share). The directors do not propose a final dividend (2019: £nil).

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16. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES

Deferred tax

The movements in the net liability for deferred tax are as follows:

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
Balance at 1 October 2019	172	55
Profit and loss credit prior period (note 11)	(82)	-
Profit and loss (credit) / charge (note 11)	(11)	154
Rate change (note 11)	11	(16)
Change in accounting policy on adoption of IFRS9	-	(21)
Balance at 30 September 2020	<u>90</u>	<u>172</u>

The net deferred tax liability for which provision has been made is analysed as follows:

Other timing differences	<u>90</u>	<u>172</u>
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17. CREDITORS

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Amounts due to group companies	489,644	291,959
Corporation tax	913	4,407
Accruals and deferred income	10	10
	<u>490,567</u>	<u>296,376</u>

18. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

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

Copies of the financial statements of the Company and Paragon Banking Group PLC may be obtained from the Company Secretary, 51 Homer Road, Solihull, West Midlands, B91 3QJ.