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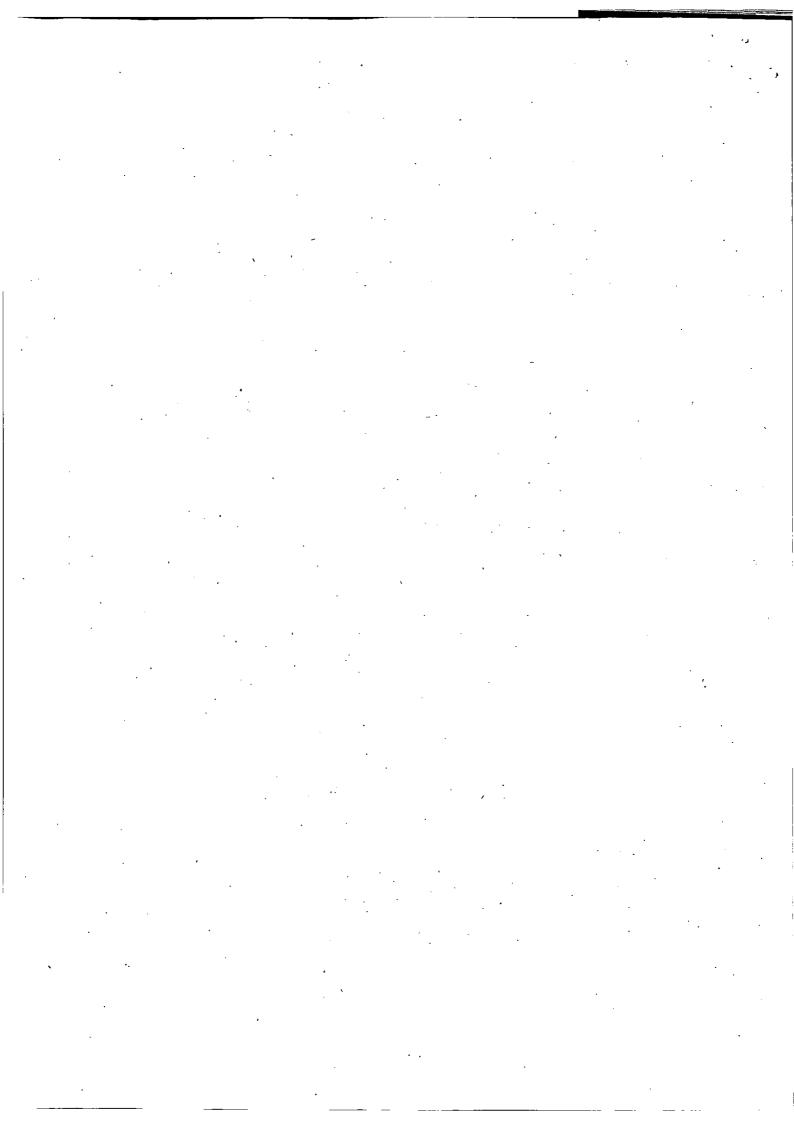
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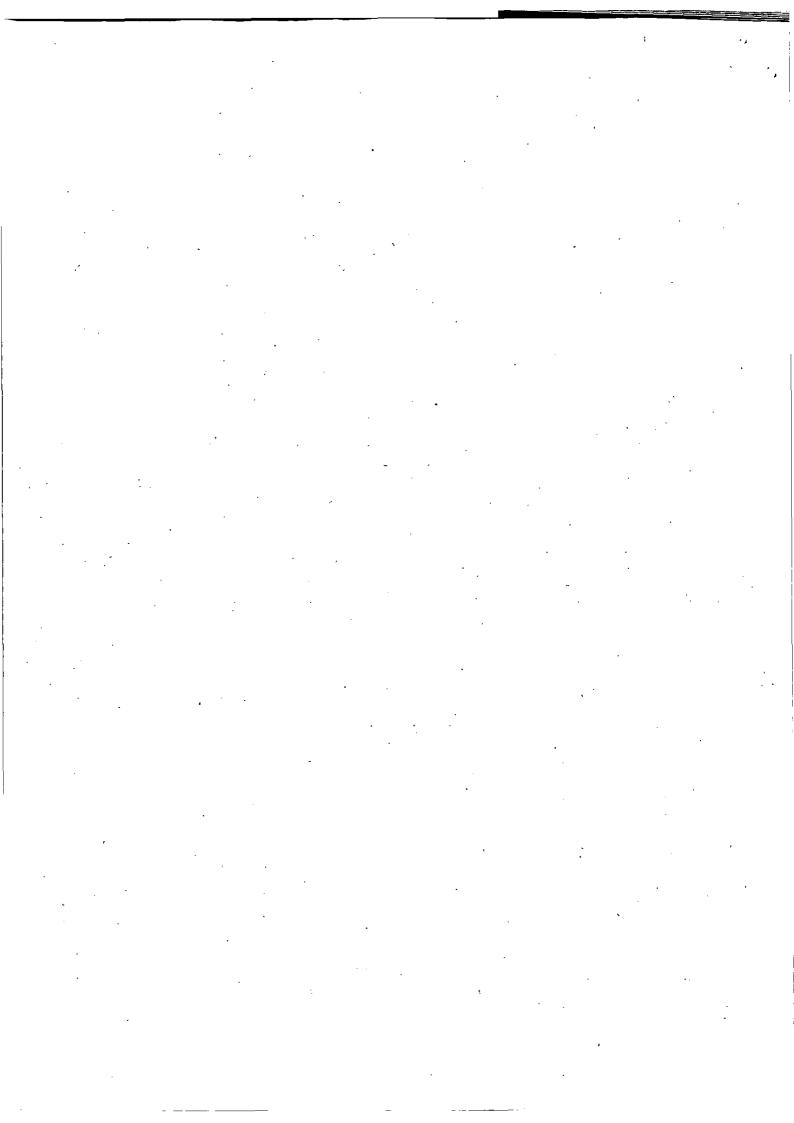
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# **DIRECTORS AND ADVISERS**

# **BOARD DIRECTORS**

DR HIBBERT

D R JONES

A KILBURN Finance

#### **BOARD MEMBERS**

S BASHFORTH

P DEAN

J STRETTON

**M BUCKLEY** 

J JOHNSON

K PENDLEBURY

# SECRETARY & REGISTERED OFFICE

AILEEN JOHNSON PO BOX 33 CIVIC CENTRE WEST STREET OLDHAM OLI IUL

# **REGISTERED AUDITORS**

STEPHEN SENIOR & COMPANY 147 UNION ST OLDHAM OLI 1TD

# **CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT**

The company has remained inactive in the past year as it has no immediate developments planned.

The assets are held for a long term developemnt linked to the possibility of the extension of the Metrolink through the town centre.

It may be opportune in the near future to look at the future of the company in light of proposals for Local Asset Backed Vehicles (LABV).

## DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2008

The Directors present their nineteenth annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2008

#### PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES

The principal objective of the Company is to act as an investment and property holding company.

#### **CAPITAL FUNDING**

The initial funding of the Company came from the Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council ('OMBC'). The Council made a grant to the Company on 28 November 1980 of £790,000 and a further grant of £425,000 on 21 October 1988 under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Over the course of the following 10 years the company undertook a development programme which required, in addition to the Council's investment, external borrowings of some £16,000,000. Scheduled repayments of the borrowings were repaid with final repayment taking place in March 2000, when the last of the Company's developed assets were sold.

In the event of its winding up or dissolution, the Company will be required to repay the funding from the Council. It is for this reason the funding from the Council is shown in the Company's financial statements as capital.

#### RESULTS FOR THE YEAR

The profit and loss account is set out on page 6.

#### **FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS**

It may be apportune in the near future to look at the future of the company in light of proposals for Local Asset Backed Vehicles (LABV).

#### **DIRECTORS**

There should be three directors in total, due to the change in membership, no meeting has been held elect the directors.

#### **SECRETARY**

Aileen Johnson.

#### **EMPLOYEES AND ADMINISTRATION**

The Board's policy with regard to the running of the Company is to work closely with the Council.

The Company has no employees, therefore, all necessary professional and administrative services are obtained from appropriate Council staff. This also applies to those Council Officers who are directors of the Company.

More specialised financial and taxation advice is provided by Stephen Senior & Company.

#### **TAXATION**

The Company is liable in the ordinary way to corporation tax on its profits or Company surpluses. It is the objective of the Company to realise profits for further investment and the income received from the invested capital will ordinarily be liable to tax.

The Company is not a close Company within the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988, and this position has not changed since the end of the financial year.

## STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period that 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.

The directors confirm that suitable accounting policies have been used and applied consistently. They also confirm that reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates have been made in preparing the financial statements for the 12 months ended 31 March 2008 and that applicable accounting standards have been followed and that it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on the going concern basis.

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 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

## **AUDITORS**

The auditors, Stephen Senior & Company, have indicated their willingness to continue in office, and a resolution concerning their reappointment will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

By order of the Board

Aileen Johnson (Secretary)

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE BOARD DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS OF OLDHAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 6 to 11 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 8.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. 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 auditors' 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.

## Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards are set out in the statement of directors' responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the directors' report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions is not disclosed.

We read the other information contained in the annual report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements. The other information comprises only the directors' report.

# Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

## **Opinion**

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs at 31 March 2008 and of its loss for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Stephen Senior & Company

Chartered Certified Accountants and Registered Auditors

Oldham

[Date] 29/01/09

# PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2008

	NOTE	2008 £	2007 . £
Turnover: General rental income	3	•	•
Operating expenses		0	. 0
Administrative expenses	. 4	(1,096)	(3,500)
Operating loss		(1,096)	(3,500)
Investment income	5	376	150
Loss on ordinary activities before tax	6	(720)	(3,350)
Tax on loss on ordinary activities	. 7	•	•
Loss for the year		(720)	(3,350)

All results derive from continuing operations

The company has no recognised gains and losses other than those included in the loss above and, therefore, no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented.

# **BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2008**

	NOTE	2008 £	2007 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	8	429,000	429,000
	•	429,000	429,000
Current Assets			
Debtors Cash in bank and in hand	10	355,655 9,058	354,581 13,321
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	364,713 (29,563)	367,902 (32,032)
Net current assets		335,150	335,870
Total assets less current liabilities	•	764,150	764,870
Net assets		764,150	764,870
Capital and Reserves			
Capital Fund Profit and Loss account	· 13 13	1,215,000 (450,850)	1,215,000 (450,130)
Members funds	· 13	764,150	764,870

The financial statements on pages 6 to 11 were approved by the Board of Directors on and were signed on its behalf by :

DIRECTOR

Dave Hibbart

DATE

29/1/09

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2008

#### 1. GUARANTEE

The Company is limited by guarantee. At 31 March 2008 there were 8 members, each of whom on a winding up has undertaken to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

#### 2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards in the United Kingdom. A summary of the accounting policies, which have been applied consistently, is set out below.

#### Basis of Accounting

The financial statements contain information about Oldham Economic Development Association Limited as an individual company and do not contain consolidated financial information as the parent of a group. The company is exempt under Section 248 of the Companies Act 1985 from the requirement to prepare consolidated financial statements as the group it heads qualifies as a small group.

#### Cash Flow

The company and the group are exempt from the requirements of FRS1 to prepare a cash flow statement.

#### **Tangible Fixed Assets**

Tangible fixed assets, which comprise freehold land held for redevelopment, is held at valuation. Valuations are performed on a regular basis by external valuers and are reviewed in the intervening periods by internal officers. Freehold land is not depreciated.

### **Deferred Taxation**

Deferred Taxation is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date. Deferred tax assets are regarded as recoverable and recognised in the financial statements when, on the basis of available evidence, it is more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which future reversal of the timing differences can be deducted. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

#### Turnover

Turnover represents rental and service charge income net of value added tax.

#### 3. ANALYSIS OF RENTAL INCOME

There has been no rental income for the past six years.

4.	ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES	2008 £	2007 £
	Administration expenses - general	1,096	3,505
		1,096	3,505
5.	INVESTMENT INCOME	2008 £	2007 £
	Income from current asset investments Interest on short term monies loaned to parent	376	150
		376	150

6.	LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	2008 £		2007 £
	Loss on ordinary activities before taxation is stated			-
	after charging expenditure relating to:	<del>-</del>		•
	Auditors' remuneration for:			
	Audit	900		900
	Other Services		•	
	Reimbursement to OMBC in respect of all professional			
	and staff costs, including related overheads.		•	2,600
		900	-	3,500
7.	TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES			
	The taxation charge for the year is Nil (2007: Nil)	nil		nil
· <b>8.</b>	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS			
				_
	VALUATION	<b>£</b>	•	£
•	At 31 March 2007 & 31 March 2008	429,000		429,000
	DEPRECIATION			
	At 31 March 2007 & 31 March 2008			•
	NET BOOK VALUE		•	٠
	At 31 March 2007 & 31 March 2008	429,000	-	429,000
	THE PROPERTY OF STREET POOR	747,000		727,000

The last external valuation of the land was performed by Lambert Smith Hampton in March 2000 and supported a carrying value of £545,000. An internal valuation was performed in December 2002, which indicated that the value of the land had fallen to £429,000 and hence the carrying value was reduced.

The internal valuation has been prepared by John R Mitchell (MRICS) on the Open Market Value basis, which is defined in the Appraisal and Valuation Manual published by the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors.

#### 9. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENT

The Company has a 100% subsidiary, Southlink Developments Limited, a Company registered in England and Wales, which operates as a property development company. This has been fully written down in the books of The Company.

10.	DEBTORS	2008	2007
		£	£
	Amounts falling due within one year:		
	Amounts owed by Subsidiary Undertaking	5,664	4,606
	Amounts owed by Parent Company	349,970	349,970
	Other Debtors	21	5
	•	355,655	354,581

The figure in 'Amounts owed by Parent Company' represents £349,970 as the balance owed on the purchase price of land and property at Southlink Business Park, less charges.

#### 11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

			2008 £	2007 £
Accruals and other creditors			29,563	32,032
			29,563	32,032

## 12. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

:	2008 £	2007 £
Loss on ordinary activities after taxation	(720)	(3,355)
Opening shareholders' funds	(3,355)	. 0
Closing shareholders' funds	(4,075)	(3,355)

## 13. MOVEMENT OF CAPITAL AND RESERVES

•	CAPITAL · FUND	PROFIT and LOSS
	£	f
At 1April 2007	1,215,000	(450,130)
Loss for the year	•	(720)
At 31 March 2008	1,215,000	(450,850)

The initial funding of the Company came from the Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council. The Council made an grant to the Company on 28 November 1980 of £790,000 and a further grant of £425,000 on 21October 1988.

# 14. INFORMATION ON THE PARENT COMPANY

The Company is a 100% subsidiary of Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council (OMBC). The principal place of business for OMBC is the Civic Centre, West Street, Oldham, OL1 1UL.