Directors' Report And Accounts for the year ended 31st March 1997

Registered number: 2366959



Directors' report

For the year ended 31st March 1997

The directors present their report, together with the accounts and auditors' report, for the year ended 31st March 1997.

Principal activity

The principal activities of the Company are estate management and the provision of property services.

Business review

The Company is a subsidiary of Broadgate Properties Plc. The activities of the Broadgate Properties Plc group are reviewed in the Directors' Report of that company.

Results and dividends

The accounts show the state of the Company's financial affairs. No dividend is recommended.

Directors and their interests in share capital

The directors of the Company who served during the year were as follows:

S. Adam

A.W. Adams (appointed 22nd November 1996)

N.J.C. Bates (resigned 16th May 1996)

R.S.Flood

M.I. Gunston (appointed 22nd November 1996)

J.H. Iddiols (appointed 22nd November 1996)

Mrs A. M. Penman

J. Sutherland

B. C. Winfield

R. L. Fisher was appointed a director of the company on 1st April 1997.

No Director held a beneficial interest in the share capital of the Company. The beneficial interests of the directors in the share capital of the ultimate holding company are:

Options Over Ordinary Shares

| | Fully paid ordin | ary shares | 1984 Option | Scheme | Share Save S | Scheme |
|---------------|------------------|------------|-------------|----------|--------------|----------|
| | 01.04.96 | 31.03.97 | 01.04.96 | 31.03.97 | 01.04.96 | 31.03.97 |
| A. W. Adams | 4,452 | 4,739 | 39,905 | 39,905 | 11,546 | 11,546 |
| M. I. Gunston | 35,694 | 37,539 | 161,567 | 105,209 | 11,546 | 11,546 |
| J. H. Iddiols | 20,490 | 22,438 | 129,228 | 79,738 | 11,546 | 11,546 |

Directors' report

For the year ended 31st March 1997

During the year, Mr M. I. Gunston and Mr J. H. Iddiols exercised options in respect of 56,358 shares and 49,490 shares respectively. There were no further options granted.

Statement of directors' responsibilities

The directors are required to prepare financial statements which comply with the Companies Act 1985, on a going concern basis (unless inappropriate) and which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at the end of the financial year and of the profit for that period. In preparing these financial statements suitable accounting policies consistently applied and supported by reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates and applicable accounting standards have been followed.

The directors are also responsible for ensuring that proper and adequate accounting records have been maintained and that reasonable procedures have been followed for safeguarding the assets of the Company and for preventing and detecting fraud and other irregularities.

Auditors

Binder Hamlyn have indicated their willingness to continue in office and a resolution proposing their reappointment as auditors of the Company will be put before the Annual General Meeting.

This report was approved by the board on 13th June 1997.

P. Clarke Secretary

10 Cornwall Terrace

Regent's Park

London NW1 4QP

Auditors' report

For the year ended 31st March 1997

To the shareholders of Broadgate Estates Limited

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 9 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 6.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 2 the Company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of 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 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 Company's state of affairs at 31st March 1997 and of its profit for the period then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act

Binder Hamlyn

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

20 Old Bailey

London EC4M 7BH

13th June 1997

Profit and loss account

For the year ended 31st March 1997

| | | | Period from |
|---|------|------------|---------------------------------------|
| | | | 1st October |
| | | Year ended | 1995 |
| | | 31st March | to 31st |
| | Note | 1997 | March 1996 |
| | | £′000 | £′000 |
| TURNOVER | 2 | 4,216 | 2,160 |
| Cost of sales | | 3,724 | 1,980 |
| OPERATING PROFIT | _ | 492 | 180 |
| | | | |
| Interest receivable | 3 | 72 | 30 |
| Interest payable | 4 | | 1 |
| PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION | 5 | 564 | 211 |
| Taxation charge | | 186 | |
| PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION | | | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |
| TRANSFERRED TO RESERVES | | 378 | 211 |
| | | | |

The Company's results all derive from continuing operations.

There were no recognised gains or losses other than the profit for the year and the preceding period.

Balance sheet

At 31st March 1997

| CURRENT ASSETS | Note | 31st March 1997 £′000 | 31st March 1996 £′000 |
|-------------------------------------|------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Debtors Cash at bank and in hand | 7 | 958 1,916 | 1,653 587 |
| | | 2,874 | 2,240 |
| CREDITORS due within one year | 8 | 1,947 | 1,691 |
| NET ASSETS | | 927 | 549 |
| CAPITAL AND RESERVES | | . • | |
| Called up share capital | 9 | 13 | 13 |
| Profit and loss account | | 914 | 536 |
| SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS | 10 | 927 | 549 |

S. Adam

B.C. Winfield

Directors

Approved by the board on 13th June 1997

Notes to the accounts

For the year ended 31st March 1997

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting basis

The accounts are prepared in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and under the historical cost convention.

Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is calculated on the liability method but is not provided on timing differences which will probably not reverse.

2. TURNOVER

Turnover comprises service charges and fees receivable from estate management.

3. INTEREST RECEIVABLE

| | 1997 £′000 | 1996 £′000 |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Bank interest receivable | 72 | 30 |

Bank interest receivable on cash advanced by tenants and landlords accrues to their benefit and not to the benefit of the Company.

4. INTEREST PAYABLE

During the previous period, Broadgate Properties Plc waived interest of £1,000 due from the Company which had been charged to the profit and loss account in prior periods.

5. PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION

The profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging:

| | 1997 £'000 | 1996 £′000 |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Staff costs (see note 6) | 2,064 | 961 |

Notes to the accounts

For the year ended 31st March 1997

| 6. | STAFF COSTS | |
|----|-------------|--|
| | | |

| a) | Particulars of staff costs | including executive dire | ctors) are shown below: |
|----|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
|----|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|

| | 1997 | 1996 |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|
| | £′000 | £'000 |
| Wages and salaries | 1,791 | 869 |
| Social security costs | 157 | 78 |
| Other pension costs | 116 | 14 |
| | 2,064 | 961 |

The average number of persons employed by the Company during the period was 71 (1996 - 74).

Other pension costs shown above relate to contributions by the Company to certain employees' personal pension schemes.

b) Directors' remuneration

The remuneration of the directors of the Company during the period was as follows:

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|--|-------------------------------------|------------|
| | 1997 | 1996 |
| | £'000 | £′000 |
| Salaries and fees | 253 | 100 |
| Other emoluments (including pension contributions) | 52 | 11 |
| | 305 | 111 |
| The directors' remuneration shown above (excluding pension contri | butions) included: | |
| | 1997 | 1996 |
| | £′000 | £'000 |
| Chairman | | |
| Highest paid director | 126 | 34 |
| Directors received emoluments (excluding pension contributions) in | the following ranges: 1997 No | 1996 No |
| | 140 | 110 |
| £nil - £5,000 | 5 | 5 |
| £20,001 - £25,000 | | 1 |
| £25,001 - £30,000 | 1 | 2 |
| £30,001 - £35,000 | | 1 |
| £55,001 - £60,000 | 1 | |
| £70,001 - £75,000 | 1 | |
| 27.0,001 27.0,000 | 1 | |

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6. STAFF COSTS (continued)

Loans made to directors during the year, repayable in monthly instalments over 12 months were as follows:

| | | Maximum |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Balance | balance |
| | outstanding | outstanding |
| | as at 31st | during |
| | March 1997 | year |
| | £'000 | £'000 |
| J. Sutherland | 4 | 4 |
| R.S. Flood | 2 | 3 |
| B.C. Winfield | - | 5 |
| b.C. winned | | |
| 7. DEBTORS | | |
| | 1997 | 1996 |
| | £′000 | £′000 |
| | 5/0 | 1 205 |
| Trade debtors | 569 | 1,305 |
| Other debtors | 79 | 31 |
| Amounts owed by group companies | 310 | 317 |
| | 958 | 1,653 |
| 8. CREDITORS due within one year | | |
| | 1997 | 1996 |
| | £′000 | £'000 |
| Trade creditors | 66 | 122 |
| VAT | 67 | 116 |
| Social Security and PAYE | 59 | 47 |
| Taxation | 186 | ^* |
| Amounts owed to group companies | | 12 |
| Accruals and deferred income | 1,569 | 1,394 |
| • | 1,947 | 1,691 |

Notes to the accounts

For the year ended 31st March 1997

| 9. | SHARE | CAPITAL |
|----|-------|---------|
| | | |

10.

| | 1997 | 1996 |
|--|-------|--------|
| | £′000 | £'000 |
| Authorised | 2 000 | 25 000 |
| 100,000 ordinary shares of £1 each | 100 | 100 |
| Allotted, called up and partly paid | | |
| 50,000 ordinary shares of £1 each, 25 pence paid | 13 | 13 |
| RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS | 1997 | 1996 |
| | £′000 | £′000 |
| Profit for the year | 378 | 211 |
| Increase in shareholders' funds | 378 | 211 |
| Opening shareholders' funds | 549 | 338 |
| Closing shareholders' funds | 927 | 549 |

11. RELATED PARTIES

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption granted to 90% subsidiaries not to disclose transactions with group companies under the provisions of Financial Reporting Standard 8.

12. HOLDING COMPANY

The Company is a subsidiary of Broadgate Properties Plc.

The ultimate holding company is The British Land Company PLC, which is registered in England and Wales. Group accounts for The British Land Company PLC and accounts for Broadgate Properties Plc are available on request from 10 Cornwall Terrace, Regent's Park, London, NW1 4QP.