**Group Strategic Report,** 

**Director's Report and** 

**Consolidated Financial Statements** 

for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

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## Company Information for the year ended 31 December 2020

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## Group Strategic Report for the year ended 31 December 2020

The director presents his strategic report of the company and the group for the year ended 31 December 2020.

#### Performance and financial review

We had been anticipating a year of strong growth in 2020 before the onset of Covid-19, and the strategic initiatives we put in place in 2019, along with an early pivot to virtual training, allowed Imparta to be more resilient in 2020 than many training companies. We limited the impact of the pandemic to a 16% fall in revenue and returned to profitability, with EBITDA of £590,231 in 2020 (an increase of £1.35m over 2019). The highlight figures for 2020 were:

- Turnover decreased by 16%, from £7,255,507 to £6,109,438
- EBITDA increased to a profit of £590,231 from a loss of £754,767 in 2019
- Profit before tax in 2020 was £129,888 compared to a loss of £1,226,251 in 2019
- Total assets less current liabilities decreased from £4,571,027 to £4,438,977

In common with many businesses, including most of the professional training sector, Imparta faced a challenging trading environment in 2020. The main issues were:

- Several clients were in sectors directly affected by the pandemic, and cut much of their external spend, including training.
- A number of other clients deferred significant training spend while they adjusted to the pandemic (this was still happening as late as December 2020).
- Some of the remaining decision-makers were unwilling to switch to virtual training, preferring to wait until in-person training could recommence.
- Brexit continued to have a negative impact. Our European revenue fell by 76%, from £2,537,500 in 2019 to £1,682,943 in 2020. While we took steps to mitigate the direct impact (for example by increasing our European trainer bench, creating an EU-based entity and investing more in translation), we believe the attitudinal impact was still significant.

Despite these challenges, we managed to limit the revenue decline in 2020, through:

An early pivot to virtual training. We recognised the potential for disruption from Covid-19 early on, and started to migrate clients proactively to virtual training in January 2020. We also created pandemic-related learning content early in the year, and this content generated significant revenue and new client relationships throughout 2020. It included:

- Virtual Instructor-Led Training (VILT) and eLearning around Virtual Selling, Virtual Sales Management and Mastering Virtual Presence.
- A range of Business-Critical Interventions to help companies deal with issues emerging from their own customers' responses to Covid-19, including dealing with stalled sales pipelines, handling difficult customer conversations, and dealing with Procurement demands for price cuts and extended payment terms.

The positive impact of a range of strategic initiatives undertaken in 2019 and continuing throughout 2020. These included:

- A complete brand refresh, with significantly greater appeal and differentiation.
- A more differentiated market positioning based on our 3D Advantage® IP.
- A redesigned and extended modular curriculum with improved research, quality, consistency and learning effectiveness.
- Significant and ongoing upgrades to our i-Coach® learning experience platform, including a new native mobile app.
- The creation of a new eLearning approach that is more research-based, appealing, bite-sized and cross-platform, and supported by Application Playbooks. This is being rolled out across our whole curriculum.
- The creation of a second complete curriculum around Customer Experience (CX), based on our previous IP plus new research.

An increase in contractual Annual Recurring Revenue.

- Imparta has historically enjoyed a strong level of recurring revenue from clients where we have a Master Services Agreement in place.
- In 2019 we began a strategic shift towards more contractual ARR, with the introduction of our Training as a Service (TaaS). This has significant benefits for clients (giving them more operational flexibility and increased value), but also increases the level of contractual ARR for Imparta. This proved beneficial during 2020, as TaaS revenue increased from £59k in 2019 to £468k in 2020. Further significant increases are expected in 2021 and beyond.

Growth in the UK and US markets. Imparta's UK revenue grew by 13% (from £3.18m in 2019 to £3.59m in 2020). US revenue grew by 46%, from £1.18, to £1.72m.

The impact of these positive factors is perhaps best illustrated by noting that we estimate £3.5m of new business won in 2020 was then postponed due to the pandemic.

In addition to limiting the revenue impact of the pandemic, we were able to bring costs down to increase profitability:

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- We reduced cost of sales by 39% from £1.73m to £1.06m. This was in part thanks to fewer expenses (with less travel for client meetings and to deliver training), but was mostly due to a shift in revenue from service revenue to higher-margin IP revenue as we rolled out the more standardised curriculum, the enhanced i-Coach® platform, and the TaaS model noted above.
- We also reduced fixed costs by 32%, from £6.64m to £4.88m. This reflected cost savings driven by standardization & the TaaS model, and the implementation of new end-to-end systems based on Salesforce, including integrated project management and invoicing. These costs savings were facilitated by a limited use of the furlough scheme and a period where a number of employees worked 4-day weeks.

#### Strategy and operations

Imparta's mission remains to deliver and measure significant, sustainable performance improvements for customer-facing roles such as sales, customer success and customer experience, to a global client base. We combine world-class research, content and methodologies into a fully modular curriculum that offers flexibility between instructor-led, virtual instructor-led, manager-led and eLearning approaches. Our lean change processes help clients make the training stick, and to deliver and measure genuine positive impact. Our 2021 strategy includes:

- Leveraging our strong strategic position (including the new branding and competitive positioning, and our full modular curricula in Sales/Customer Success, Leadership and Customer Experience) to drive up revenue through increased investment in sales, marketing and account growth.
- Continuing our shift towards IP-based rather than service-based revenue, and towards contractual ARR and the TaaS model, for the mutual benefit of Imparta and its clients.
- Continuing and accelerating investment into our i-Coach® learning experience platform, to realise the ambitious vision we have developed for it over the last 2 years. i-Coach underpins our TaaS model, but also has the potential to compete in the sales enablement/learning experience market in its own right.
- Increasing geographic diversification, including additional investments into North America.

We will also continue to mitigate any economic risk by maintaining a low fixed cost base, leveraging the increased productization of our learning materials and client support processes. This more variable cost base protects against future demand volatility, and we are protecting ourselves further by diversifying regionally, and working to increase our % of contractual ARR, as noted above.

## Principal risks and uncertainties

We are at this stage anticipating a year of growth in revenue and profitability in 2021, but there the principal risks to the business include:

- The economic and practical impact of the pandemic. At the time of writing, vaccine rollout is progressing at different rates across the world, and mutations of the virus remain a concern. There is also continued risk of further global economic slowdown in the wake of the pandemic. These factors pose a risk to the timing and level of spend on training initiatives, although many businesses remain committed to investing in employee development as part of their revised go-to-market and employee welfare strategies. We will mitigate any residual risk through control of fixed costs and a shift to ARR, as noted above.
- Currency risk. The Imparta group of companies trades with a number of overseas clients, and operates in North America, Europe and Asia Pacific, and so has exposure to currency risks. We aim to limit this exposure by matching the currency of any costs incurred to the currency in which revenue is earned, and by converting surplus funds to sterling on a regular basis.
- The ongoing impact of Brexit. We have established a European trading company and grown our bench of European-based trainers. Even while local delivery is less of an issue, this team appeals to a less UK-facing set of decision-makers. When in-person training recommences, we have local printing in place to eliminate cross-border shipping.

## **Group Strategic Report** for the year ended 31 December 2020

## Research and development activities

As noted above, the group continued to invest significantly in research and development during the period, including:

- The continued development extension of our i-Coach® learning portal and a new mobile app, i-Coach GO.
- A research-driven rebuild of our extensive core curriculum, covering both methodology and learning design.
  The creation and implementation of a new eLearning module structure and design.

On behalf of the board:

R J B Barkey - Director

Date:

## Director's Report for the year ended 31 December 2020

The director presents his report with the financial statements of the company and the group for the year ended 31 December 2020.

#### **Principal activity**

The principal activity continued to be the development and delivery of capability building solutions that combine traditional workshops with sophisticated e-learning, coaching and reinforcement to create measurable and sustainable impact for our global client list. The group continues to focus its activities around three areas: sales, service and sales through service.

#### Dividends

The total distribution of dividends for the year ended 31 December 2020 will be £196,392 (2019: £414,405.)

#### Director

R J B Barkey held office during the whole of the period from 1 January 2020 to the date of this report.

#### Indemnity provisions

The directors are indemnified by the group against all losses, which they may incur in the execution of the duties of their office, other than those arising as a result of their gross negligence or wilful default. An insurance policy effecting cover against such liability has been purchased by Imparta Limited, to cover all companies in the Group.

#### Statement of director's responsibilities

The director is responsible for preparing the Group Strategic Report, the Director's Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the director to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the director has elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the director must not approve the financial statements unless he is satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and the group and of the profit or loss of the group for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the director is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The director is responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's and the group's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and the group and enable him to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. He is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

#### Statement as to disclosure of information to auditors

So far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information (as defined by Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006) of which the group's auditors are unaware, and he has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the group's auditors are aware of that information.

On behalf of the board:

R J B Barkey - Director

Date:

### Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of Imparta Limited

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Imparta Limited (the 'parent company') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 31 December 2020 which comprise the Consolidated Income Statement, Consolidated Other Comprehensive Income, Consolidated Balance Sheet, Company Balance Sheet, Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity, Company Statement of Changes in Equity, Consolidated Cash Flow Statement and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and of the parent company affairs as at 31 December 2020 and of the group's loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

#### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

## Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the director's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

However, not all future events or conditions can be predicted. The COVID-19 viral pandemic is one of the most significant economic events for the UK with unprecedented levels of uncertainty of outcomes. It is therefore difficult to evaluate all of the potential implications on the company's trade, customers, suppliers and wider economy. The Director's view on the impact of COVID-19 is disclosed within the accounting policies note.

### Other information

The director is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information in the Group Strategic Report and the Director's Report, but does not include the financial statements and our Auditors' Report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

## Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Group Strategic Report and the Director's Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Group Strategic Report and the Director's Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

## Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of Imparta Limited

### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the group and the parent company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Group Strategic Report or the Director's Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

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

#### Responsibilities of director

As explained more fully in the Statement of Director's Responsibilities, the director is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the director determines necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the director is responsible for assessing the group's and the parent 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 the director either intends to liquidate the group or the parent company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

### Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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 an Auditors' Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a 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 the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

We gained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the company and the industry in which it operates, and considered the risk of acts by the company that were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud. We discussed with the Directors the policies and procedures in place regarding compliance with laws and regulations. We discussed amongst the audit team the identified laws and regulations, and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance.

During the audit we focussed on laws and regulations which could reasonably be expected to give rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements, including, but not limited to, the Companies Act 2006 and UK tax legislation. Our tests included agreeing the financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation and enquiries with management.

Our procedures in relation to fraud included but were not limited to: inquires of management whether they have any knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud, and discussions amongst the audit team regarding risk of fraud such as opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of financial statements. We determined that the principal risks related to posting manual journal entries to manipulate financial performance and management bias through judgements in accounting estimates. We also addressed the risk of management override of internal controls, including testing journals and evaluating whether there was evidence of bias by the directors that represented a risk of material misstatement due to fraud

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditors' Report.

## Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of Imparta Limited

Use of our report

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 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.

Gary Staunton (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of Haines Watts

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Date: 20 09 2021

# Consolidated Income Statement for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
Turnover	3	6,109,438	7,255,507
Cost of sales		(1,063,882)	(1,731,722)
Gross profit		5,045,556	5,523,785
Research and development costs Selling and distribution costs Administrative expenses Foreign exchange (loss)/gain Other operating income		(111,253) (2,716,893) (1,662,020) (39,870) 74,711	(238,693) (4,153,693) (1,778,583) (105,832)
EBITDA		590,231	(753,016)
Depreciation and amortisation Interest receivable and similar income Interest payable and similar expenses	6	(347,791) 3 (112,556)	(367,931) 64 (105,365)
(Loss)/profit before taxation	7	129,887	(1,226,251)
Tax on (loss)/profit	8	(179,015)	517,731
(Loss)/profit for the financial year		(49,128)	(708,521)
(Loss)/profit attributable to: Owners of the parent		<u>(49,128)</u>	(708,521)

# Consolidated Other Comprehensive Income for the year ended 31 December 2020

Notes	2020 £	2019 £
Loss for the year	(49,128)	(708,521)
Other comprehensive income Exchange differences on retranslation Income tax relating to other comprehensive income	180 <del>-</del>	36,470 
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of income tax  Total comprehensive income for the year	180 (48,948)	<u>36,470</u> (672,051)
Total comprehensive income attributable to: Owners of the parent	(48,948)	(672,051)

## **IMPARTA LIMITED (REGISTERED NUMBER: 03370400)**

## Consolidated Balance Sheet 31 December 2020

·	Notes	£	2020 £	£	2019 £
Fixed assets	,				
Intangible assets	11		745,054		889,716
Tangible assets	12		26,802		41,334
Investments	13		<del></del>		
			771,856		931,050
Current assets					
Debtors	14	5,544,930		5,738,554	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>586,649</u>		334	
		6,131,579		5,738,888	
Creditors	15	2 464 450		2,098,911	
Amounts falling due within one year	15	2,464,458		2,090,911	
Net current assets			3,667,121		3,639,977
Total assets less current liabilities			4,438,977		4,571,027
Creditors					
Amounts falling due after more than one	40		4 000 700		4 400 440
year	16		1,303,702		1,190,412
Net assets			3,135,275		3,380,615
Capital and reserves					•
Called up share capital	19		4,504		4,504
Share premium	20		325,701		325,701
Capital redemption reserve	20		1,632		1,632
Retained earnings	20		2,803,438		3,048,778
Shareholders' funds			3,135,275		3,380,615

The financial statements were approved by the director and authorised for issue on were signed by:

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## IMPARTA LIMITED (REGISTERED NUMBER: 03370400)

## Company Balance Sheet 31 December 2020

	Notes	£	2020 £	£	2019 £
Fixed assets			=45.454		000 5 40
Intangible assets Tangible assets	11 12		745,053 25,228		889,548 39,224
Investments	13		25,226 91		39,224 91
			770,372		928,863
Current assets					
Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	14	6,726,227 420,212		6,555,957 <u>334</u>	
		7,146,439		6,556,291	
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	15	2,333,575		1,770,320	
Net current assets			4,812,864		4,785,971
Total assets less current liabilities			5,583,236		5,714,834
Creditors					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	16		1,303,702		1,190,412
Net assets			4,279,534		4,524,422
Capital and reserves	10		4,504		4,504
Called up share capital Share premium	19 20		4,504 325,701		325,701
Capital redemption reserve	20		1,632		1,632
Retained earnings	20		3,947,697		4,192,585
Shareholders' funds			4,279,534		4,524,422
Company's loss for the financial year			(48,496)		(466,056)

The financial statements were approved by the director and authorised for issue on were signed by:

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## Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Called up share capital £	Retained earnings £	Share premium £	Capital redemption reserve £	Total equity £
Balance at 1 January 2019	4,504	4,135,234	325,701	1,632	4,467,071
Changes in equity Dividends Total comprehensive income  Balance at 31 December 2019	4,504	(414,405) (672,051) 3,048,778	325,701	1,632	(414,405) (672,051) 3,380,615
Changes in equity Dividends Total comprehensive income	<u> </u>	(196,392) (48,948)	- -	<u>-</u>	(196,392) (48,948)
Balance at 31 December 2020	4,504	2,803,438	325,701	1,632	3,135,275

# Company Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Called up share capital £	Retained earnings £	Share premium £	Capital redemption reserve £	Total equity
Balance at 1 January 2019	4,504	5,073,046	325,701	1,632	5,404,883
Changes in equity Dividends Total comprehensive income		(414,405) (466,056)			(414,405) (466,056)
Balance at 31 December 2019	4,504	4,192,585	325,701	1,632	4,524,422
Changes in equity Dividends Total comprehensive income		(196,392) (48,496)	- -	<u>-</u>	(196,392) (48,496)
Balance at 31 December 2020	4,504	3,947,697	325,701	1,632	4,279,534

# Consolidated Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
Cash flows from operating activities Cash generated from operations Interest paid Tax paid	23	981,450 (112,556) (7,108)	(791,405) (105,369) <u>60,738</u>
Net cash from operating activities		861,786	(836,036)
Cash flows from investing activities Purchase of intangible fixed assets Purchase of tangible fixed assets Interest received  Net cash from investing activities		(175,454) (13,036) ————————————————————————————————————	(238,319) (14,580) <u>64</u> (252,835)
Cash flows from financing activities Long term loan Loan repayments in year Equity dividends paid		500,000 (274,645) (196,392)	350,000 - 
Net cash from financing activities		_28,963	350,000
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash ed Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		702,263	(738,871) 623,257
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	ar 24	586,649	<u>(115,614</u> )

## Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020

### 1. Statutory information

Imparta Limited is a private company, limited by shares, registered in England and Wales. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

#### 2. Accounting policies

#### Basis of preparing the financial statements

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the group and rounded to the nearest  $\mathfrak{L}$ .

#### Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The Director has reviewed and considered relevant information, including the annual budget and future cash flows in making their assessment.

The group has a mixture of income streams with a combination of contractual and general sales. Some parts of the business have been impacted negatively by COVID-19 whilst others have seen an increase in business. There will be an impact to current year profitability and cash flow however this impact is manageable. There is a degree of some uncertainty around future non contracted sales pending rules on relaxation of lockdown.

The group has secured COVID-19 governmental support and will reduce costs in line with sales wherever possible. For these reasons the director believes there are sufficient funds available within the company for the business to operate as a going concern.

## Basis of consolidation

The group financial statements incorporate the financial statements of the company and entities controlled by it (its subsidiary undertakings). All the subsidiary undertakings have been included in the group financial statements using the purchase method of accounting. Accordingly the group income statement and the group statement of cash flows include the results and cash flows of the subsidiary undertakings.

The results of any subsidiaries acquired or disposed of during the year are included in the group income statement from the effective date of acquisition/formation or up to the effective date of disposal, as appropriate.

#### Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the company's accounting policies, the directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

#### Critical judgements

The following judgements (apart from those involving estimates) have had the most significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements.

#### Depreciation

The annual depreciation charge for property, plant and equipment is sensitive to changes in the estimated useful economic lives and residual values of the assets. The useful economic lives and residual values are re-assessed annually.

They are amended when necessary to reflect current estimates, based on technological advancement, future investments, economic utilisation and the physical condition of the assets.

## Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2020

### 2. Accounting policies - continued

#### Significant judgements and estimates

#### Amortisation

The annual amortisation charge for intangible assets is sensitive to changes in the estimated lives and residual values of the assets. The useful economic lives and residual values are re-assessed annually. Goodwill impairment reviews are also performed annually. These reviews require an estimation of the value in use of the cash generating units to which goodwill has been allocated. The value in use calculation requires the entity to estimate the future cash flows expected to arise for the cash generating unit and a suitable discount rate to calculate present value.

### Holiday pay accrual

Short term employee benefits are charged to the profit and loss account as the employee service is received, resulting in the company recognising a liability for holiday pay at the year end. This accrual created is a best estimate based on average staff holiday trends.

#### Turnover

The company generates service revenue from licence fees, course fees and service fees. The policies adopted for the recognition of turnover from services rendered are as follows:

#### Licence fees

Licence fees are earned under software license agreements to end-users.

Turnover from perpetual licenses to end-users are recognised when licences are made available to the client in accordance with the contract, statement of work or wording on the invoice if collection of the resulting receivable is probable, the fee is fixed and determinable, and there are no significant post- delivery obligations. If an acceptance period is required, revenues are recognised upon the earlier of customer acceptance or the expiration of the acceptance period. Revenues from licences for a defined or finite period are recognised evenly over this period.

The company generates the following types of service revenue:

#### Course fees

The company facilitates learning programmes. Revenue from such courses is generally recognised rateably as the courses take place. Turnover from courses are recognised rateably as the courses take place.

#### Service fees

Services consist of support arrangements, consulting, tailoring and development services. When the outcome of a transaction can be estimated reliably, turnover from service fees is recognised by reference to the stage of completion at the balance sheet date. Stage of completion is measured by reference to service performed.

Support agreements generally call for the company to provide technical support and provide certain rights to software updates to customers. Revenue on technical support and software update rights is recognised evenly over the term of the support agreement. The company provides consulting and tailoring services to its customers; revenue from such services is generally recognised as the services are performed.

#### Interest and dividends receivable

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method and dividend income is recognised as the company's right to receive payment is established.

#### Goodwill

Goodwill arising on business combinations is capitalised, classified as an asset on the balance sheet and amortised on a straight line basis over its useful life. The Group establishes a reliable estimate of the useful life of goodwill. This estimate is based on a variety of factors such as the expected use of the acquired business, any legal, regulatory or contractual provisions that can limit useful life and assumptions that market participants would consider in respect of similar businesses. Costs incurred in relation to the acquisition of Procter Consultancy Limited are treated collectively as an intangible asset and are amortised over an estimated useful economic life of 20 years.

## Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2020

## 2. Accounting policies - continued

#### Intangible assets

Costs incurred in the creation of the company's software platforms that meet the criteria required for capitalisation in terms of FRS 102 are treated collectively as an intangible asset and amortised over an estimated useful economic life of 5 years, commencing from the date the asset is brought into use for commercial purposes.

Costs incurred in relation to patents and trademarks are treated collectively as an intangible asset and are amortised over an estimated useful economic life of 10 years.

On an annual basis the director's review the intangible fixed assets for indications of impairment and if required make provisions to reduce the carrying value to the fair value of the assets.

#### Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows:

Fixtures and fittings 10% straight line per annum Office equipment 20% straight line per annum

Computer equipment 20% and 33% straight line per annum

The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable.

## Research and development

Research and development expenditure is written off to the profit and loss account in the year in which it is incurred. Identifiable development expenditure is capitalised to the extent that the technical, commercial and financial feasibility can be demonstrated.

## Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result.

#### Leasing commitments

Costs incurred in respect of operating leases are charged on a straight line basis over the term of the lease. Leasing arrangements which transfer to the company substantially all the benefits and risks of ownership of an asset are treated as if the asset had been purchased outright. The assets are included in fixed assets and the capital element of the leasing commitments is shown as obligations under finance leases. The lease rentals are treated as consisting of capital and interest elements. The capital element is applied to reduce the outstanding obligations and the interest element is charged against profit so as to give a constant periodic rate of charge on the remaining balance outstanding at each accounting period.

#### **Employee benefits**

When employees have rendered service to the company, short-term employee benefits to which the employees are entitled are recognised at the undiscounted amount expected to be paid in exchange for that service.

The company operates a defined contribution plan for the benefit of its employees. Contributions are expensed as they become payable.

There is a provision made in the financial statements in relation to pensions that are contractually provided for in employee service agreements. Where the pension relates to a director, the cost of this has been included as part of directors' emoluments in the notes to the financial statements.

The company operates a stakeholder pension scheme that is open to all employees. The company makes additional contributions towards this scheme in accordance to the UK auto enrolment pension requirements.

## Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2020

## 2. Accounting policies - continued

### Financial instruments policy

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised in the balance sheet when the company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Trade and other debtors and creditors are classified as basic financial instruments and measured at initial recognition at transaction price. Debtors and creditors are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. A provision is established when there is objective evidence that the company will not be able to collect all amounts due.

Cash and cash equivalents are classified as basic financial instruments and comprise cash in hand and at bank and bank overdrafts which are an integral part of the company's cash management.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments issued by the company are classified in accordance with the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into and the definitions of a financial liability and an equity instrument. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities. Equity instruments issued by the company are recorded at the proceeds received, net of direct issue costs.

#### Investments

Other fixed asset investments are stated at cost less provision for impairment. The carrying values of fixed asset investments are reviewed for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable

#### Loans and borrowings

Loans and borrowings are initially recognised at the transaction price including transaction costs. The company has convertible loan notes and entered into a new deed of variation for the existing loan agreement. Interest is payable on a quarterly and annual basis.

### Turnover

The turnover and profit (2019 - loss) before taxation are attributable to the one principal activity of the group.

An analysis of turnover by geographical market is given below:

		2020	2019
		£	£
	United Kingdom	3,618,892	3,177,795
	Europe	605,442	2,537,500
	United States of America	1,719,210	1,235,242
	Asia	153,126	223,388
	Africa	4,031	60,749
	Australasia	8,737	20,833
•		6,109,438	7,255,507
4.	Employees and directors		
₹.	Limployees and directors	2020	2019
		£	£
	Wages and salaries	3,191,805	4,332,530
	Social security costs	347,144	481,085
	Other pension costs	55,460	69,983
		3,594,409	4,883,598

4.	Employees and directors - continued		
	The average number of employees during the year was as follows:	2020	2019
	Research & development Selling & distribution Administrative	5 39 13	7 42 <u>16</u>
		57	<u>65</u>
	The average number of employees by undertakings that were proportionately (2019 - 4).	consolidated during	the year was 4
5.	Directors' emoluments	2020	2019
	Director's remuneration	£ 109,426	£ 109,165
6.	Interest payable and similar expenses	2020	2019
	Loan note interest paid Other interest	£ 73,436 39,120	£ 62,893 42,476
	ı	112,556	105,369
7.	Profit/(loss) before taxation		
	The profit is stated after charging/(crediting):		
	Auditors remuneration Directors remuneration Operating lease rentals - land and buildings Amortisation of intangible fixed assets Depreciation of tangible fixed assets Foreign exchange difference	2020 £ 20,000 109,426 172,939 320,121 27,670 (39,870)	2019 £ 20,000 109,165 266,985 335,547 32,383 105,832

8.	Taxation					
	Analysis of the tax (credit) The tax (credit)/charge on the		ır was as follows	:	2020 €	2019 £
	Current tax: Corporation tax Prior year adjustments				(32,870) 7,108	(276,518) (74,454)
	Deferred tax				204,777	(166,759)
	Tax on (loss)/profit				179,015	_(517,731)
	Tax effects relating to other	er comprehensiv	e income		2020 £	2019 £
	Exchange differences on rel	translation			180	36,470
9.	Individual income stateme	ent				
	As permitted by Section 40 presented as part of these fi			e Income Statem	ent of the parent	company is not
10.	Dividends					
					2020 £	2019 £
	Interim				196,392	414,405
11.	Intangible fixed assets					
	Group	Goodwill £	Patents and trademarks £	Platform development £	Formation costs	Totals £
	Cost At 1 January 2020 Additions	288,415 	51,455 	2,337,311 175,454	7,542 	2,684,723 175,454
	At 31 December 2020	288,415	51,455	2,512,765	7,542	2,860,177
	Amortisation At 1 January 2020 Amortisation for year	144,208 14,420	26,136 4,326	1,617,121 301,370	7,542 	1,795,007 320,116
	At 31 December 2020	158,628	30,462	1,918,491	7,542	2,115,123
	Net be already					
	Net book value At 31 December 2020	129,787	20,993	594,274		745,054

11.	Intangible fixed assets - continued				
	Company	Goodwill £	Patents and trademarks	Platform development £	Totals £
	Cost	£	£	£	ž.
	At 1 January 2020 Additions	288,415 	48,946	2,329,435 175,454	2,666,796 175,454
	At 31 December 2020	288,415	48,946	2,504,889	2,842,250
	Amortisation At 1 January 2020 Amortisation for year	144,208 14,420	23,794 4,159	1,609,246 301,370	1,777,248 319,949
	At 31 December 2020	158,628	27,953	1,910,616	2,097,197
	Net book value At 31 December 2020	129,787	20,993	<u>594,273</u>	745,053
	At 31 December 2019	144,207	25,152	720,189	<u>889,548</u>
12.	Tangible fixed assets				
	Group	Fixtures and fittings £	Office equipment £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
	Cost At 1 January 2020 Additions	329,254 	72,446 	223,212 5,919	624,912 13,036
	At 31 December 2020	329,254	79,563	229,131	637,948
	<b>Depreciation</b> At 1 January 2020 Charge for year	325,221 1,551	65,418 3,018	192,939 22,999	583,578 27,568
	At 31 December 2020	326,772	68,436	215,938	611,146
	Net book value				
	At 31 December 2020	2,482	11,127	<u>13,193</u>	26,802
	At 31 December 2019	4,033	7,028	30,273	41,334

# Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2020

12.	Tangible fixed assets - continued				
	Company	Fixtures and fittings £	Office equipment £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
	Cost At 1 January 2020 Additions	329,051	72,445 7,117	213,580 4,618	615,076 11,735
	At 31 December 2020	329,051	79,562	218,198	626,811
	Depreciation At 1 January 2020 Charge for year At 31 December 2020	325,018 1,551 326,569	65,417 	185,417 21,162 206,579	575,852 25,731 601,583
	Net book value At 31 December 2020	2,482	11,127	11,619	25,228
	At 31 December 2019	4,033	7,028	28,163	39,224
13.	Fixed asset investments				
	Company				Shares in group undertakings
	Cost At 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020				£ 91
	Net book value At 31 December 2020				<u>91</u>
	At 31 December 2019				<u>91</u>
	The group or the company's investments at th following:	e Balance Sheet	date in the share	capital of comp	anies include the
	Subsidiaries				

Imparta Pty Ltd. Registered office: Australia Nature of business: Sales and marketing training services	%
Class of shares:	holding
Ordinary	100.00
Imparta, Inc. Registered office: United States of America Nature of business: Sales and marketing training services	%
Class of shares:	holding
Ordinary	100.00

## Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2020

#### 13. Fixed asset investments - continued

Imparta Europe Limited

Registered office: Republic of Ireland

Nature of business: Sales and marketing training services

Class of shares:

% holding 100.00

Ordinary

#### 14. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	Group		Company	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£
Trade debtors	1,996,369	1,599,070	1,561,172	1,374,359
Amounts owed by group undertakings	2,820,437	2,816,550	4,508,471	3,868,557
Other debtors	28,061	34,096	28,061	34,096
Tax	323,103	290,234	323,103	290,234
Deferred tax asset	176,605	381,380	176,605	381,380
Prepayments and accrued income	200,355	617,224	128,815	607,331
	5,544,930	5,738,554	6,726,227	6,555,957

## Deferred tax asset

•	Group		Company	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£
Accelerated capital allowances	1,620	323	1,620	323
Tax losses carried forward	<u>174,985</u>	381,057	<u>174,985</u>	381,057
	176,605	381,380	176,605	381,380

#### 15. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Group		Company	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£
Debentures (see note 17)	324,837	141,872	324,837	141,872
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 17)	31,250	115,948	31,250	126,817
Other loans (see note 17)	77,850	180,000	77,850	180,000
Trade creditors	277,058	188,472	257,392	165,178
Social security and other taxes	99,573	107,619	97,523	106,323
VAT	170,756	50,173	170,756	50,173
Other creditors	139,365	176,933	82,349	164,816
Accruals and deferred income	1,343,769	1,137,894	1,291,618	835,141
	2,464,458	2,098,911	2,333,575	1,770,320

# Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2020

## 16. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Group		Company	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£
Debentures (see note 17)	834,952	1,115,980	834,952	1,115,980
Bank loans (see note 17)	468,750	-	468,750	-
Other loans (see note 17)		74,432		74,432
	1,303,702	1,190,412	1,303,702	1,190,412

## 17. Loans

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	(	Group	Co	mpany
	2020	2019	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year or on demand	d:			
Debentures	324,837	141,872	324,837	141,872
Bank overdrafts	-	115,948	•	126,817
Bank loans	31,250	-	31,250	-
Other loans	77,850	180,000	<u>77,850</u>	180,000
	433,937	437,820	433,937	448,689
Amounts falling due between one and two years:				
Debentures - 1-2 years	-	281,028	-	281,028
Debentures - 2-5 years	-	. 834,952	-	834,952
Bank loans - 1-2 years	250,000	-	250,000	-
Other loans - 1-2 years	-	74,432		74,432
	250,000	1,190,412	250,000	1,190,412
Amounts falling due between two and five years:				
Debentures - 2-5 years	834,952	-	834,952	-
Bank loans - 2-5 years	218,750		218,750	
	1,053,702	-	1,053,702	

## Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2020

### 17. Loans - continued

The company issued 11,029 5% convertible unsecured loan notes of £40 each ('loan notes') on 30 April 2004, raising a total of £441,186 (£431,878 after general expenses). The purpose of the issue was to raise additional funds for growth purposes. The loan notes are convertible on the later of 30 April 2010 and the fifth business day following the redemption by the company of all Series 'A-1' shares and the payment of all outstanding dividends or interest payable to the holders of the Series 'A-1' shares as detailed above, subject to a final redemption date of 30 April 2021. The loan notes are convertible into ordinary shares at the rate of £0.025 nominal for every £40 nominal of loan notes converted.

On 22 June 2015 the company entered into a 5% unsecured loan agreement with a non-executive director (the lender) raising £387,263. This loan agreement has been amended under a deed of variation of facility agreement on 2 June 2017 to amend the final repayment date. Under the new deed of variation, the company now has the right to repay part or all of the loan at any time up to the final repayment date of 30 June 2023. On 15 September 2018, a further loan £447,689 of 6.5% loan notes were issued to a non-executive director. The loan notes are repayable in 2023.

On 29 March 2019 the company entered into a 15.6% unsecured loan agreement with Spotcap (the lender) raising £350,000. The company has the right to repay part or all of the loan at any time up to the final repayment date of 04 May 2021. The loan is repayable in 2021.

On 24 September 2020 the company entered into a 2.28% plus base rate unsecured loan agreement with Lloyds Bank Plc through the Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme (CBILS) raising £500,000. The company has the right to repay part or all of the loan at any time up to the final repayment date of 24 September 2025.

#### 18. Leasing agreements

Minimum lease payments fall due as follows:

#### Group

	Non-cancellable operating leases		
	2020 £	2019 £	
Within one year Between one and five years In more than five years	43,276 291,332 49,534	194,244 29,201	
	384,142	223,445	

### 19. Called up share capital

Allotted, issu	ued and fully paid:			
Number:	Class:	Nominal	2020	2019
		value:	£	£
180,176	Ordinary	2.5p	<u>4,504</u>	4,504

## Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2020

20.	Reserves				
	Group				
		Deteined	Chana	Capital	
		Retained	Share	redemption	Tetalo
		earnings £	premium £	reserve £	Totals £
		L	L	L	£
	At 1 January 2020	3,048,778	325,701	1,632	3,376,111
	Deficit for the year	(49,128)	-	-	(49,128)
	Dividends	(196,392)	-	-	(196,392)
	Exchange differences on	·			
	retranslation	180	-		180
	At 31 December 2020	2,803,438	325,701	1,632	3,130,771
	Company				
				Capital	
		Retained	Share	redemption	T.4-1-
		earnings	premium	reserve	Totals
		£	£	£	£
	At 1 January 2020	4,192,585	325,701	1,632	4,519,918
	Deficit for the year	(48,496)	-	.,	(48,496)
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## 21. Related party disclosures

At 31 December 2020

Dividends

During the year the Group entered into transactions, in the ordinary course of business, with other related parties. Purchases relating to office space rental totalling £23,400 (2019: £23,400) were made from the director. No balance was outstanding at the year end.

(196,392)

325,701

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(196,392)

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## 22. Ultimate controlling party

The immediate parent company is The Capability Group Limited.

23.	Reconciliation of profit/(loss) before taxation to cash generate	ated from oner	ations	
23.	Reconcination of promblioss) before taxation to cash general	ated from opera	2020	2019
			£	£
	Profit/(loss) before taxation		129,888	(1,226,252)
	Depreciation charges		347,517	367,931
	Revaluation Reserve		180	36,674
	Finance costs		112,556	105,369
	Finance income		(4)	(64)
			590,137	(716,342)
	Decrease in trade and other debtors		21,911	585,156
	Increase/(decrease) in trade and other creditors		369,402	<u>(660,219</u> )
	Cash generated from operations		981,450	<u>(791,405</u> )
24.	Cash and cash equivalents			
	The amounts disclosed on the Cash Flow Statement in respectivese Balance Sheet amounts:	t of cash and ca	ash equivalents	are in respect of
	Very and all 24 December 2000			
	Year ended 31 December 2020		31/12/20	1/1/20
			£	£
	Cash and cash equivalents		586,649	334
	Bank overdrafts			<u>(115,948</u> )
			E96 640	(445 644)
			<u>586,649</u>	<u>(115,614</u> )
	Year ended 31 December 2019			
			31/12/19	1/1/19
			£	£
	Cash and cash equivalents		334	623,257
	Bank overdrafts		<u>(115,948</u> )	-
			(115,614)	623,257
			(113,014)	023,237
25.	Analysis of changes in net debt			
-		At 1/1/20	Cash flow	At 31/12/20
		£	£	£
	Net cash			
	Cash at bank and in hand	334	586,315	586,649
	Bank overdrafts	<u>(115,948</u> )	<u>115,948</u>	<del></del>
		(115,614)	702,263	586,649
		(110,014)	102,200	000,040
	Debt	(224.070)	(440.005)	(422.027)
	Debts falling due within 1 year Debts falling due after 1 year	(321,872)	(112,065)	(433,937)
	Debts talling due after 1 year	(1 <u>,190,412</u> )	<u>(113,290</u> )	(1 <u>,303,702</u> )
		(1 <u>,</u> 512,284)	(225,355)	(1,737,639)
	Total	(1 <u>,627,898</u> )	476,908	(1 <u>,150,990</u> )

## Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2020

## 26. Pensions and other post-retirement benefits

The company contributes to the defined contribution money purchase personal pension schemes of certain employees.

The pension charge for the year represents contributions payable by the company to the schemes and amounted to £55,460 (2019: £56,735).