

BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP LIMITED
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

THURSDAY



AAII5KKJ

A19

02/12/2021

#77

COMPANIES HOUSE

BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP LIMITED

COMPANY INFORMATION

Directors	Mrs G Birley-Smith Mr R Sheehan
Secretary	Vercity Social Infrastructure (UK) Ltd
Company number	03859233
Registered office	8 White Oak Square London Road Swanley Kent BR8 7AG
Auditor	Grant Thornton Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors 13-18 City Quay Dublin 2 D02 ED70 Ireland
Bankers	Lloyds Bank plc 25 Gresham Street London EC2V 7HN

BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP LIMITED

CONTENTS

	Page
Directors' report	1 - 2
Directors' responsibilities statement	3
Independent auditor's report	4 - 6
Statement of total comprehensive income	7
Statement of financial position	8
Statement of changes in equity	9
Notes to the financial statements	10 - 20

BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

The directors present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2021.

Principal activities

The principal activity of the company continued to be that of providing serviced school premises to Birmingham City Council under a Private Finance Initiative Concession Agreement dated 15 February 2000. Under the Concession Agreement, the Company was contracted to carry out school rebuilding works and the post-completion operation of property-related services at a group of schools within the City of Birmingham. The construction phase was completed in June 2002.

A further school was subsequently constructed as a variation to the Concession Agreement, which opened in September 2003.

Birmingham Schools Partnership Limited is now providing facilities management services to each of the schools for a 30-year concession term, which will end in 2032. In the opinion of the directors the Company's concession is operating satisfactorily.

Directors

The directors who held office during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were as follows:

Mrs G Birley-Smith

Mr R Sheehan

Mr J Marsh

(Resigned 18 December 2020)

Results and dividends

The results for the year are set out on page 6. The profit for the year after taxation amounted to £2,279,000 (2020: £2,944,000).

The Directors paid interim dividends totalling £3,364,000 in respect of the year ended 30 June 2021 (2020: £1,968,000).

Auditor

The auditor, Grant Thornton, was appointed during the year and will be proposed for re-appointment under section 485 of the Companies Act 2006.

Brexit

The risks from Brexit are a result of the risk it poses to the service providers, rather than the company itself. Therefore, this is linked to the service performance and service provider failure risks. The company is substantively insulated from these risks because non performance will result in deductions being passed down to the service providers. However, there remains a risk that in extreme circumstances non-performance may result in the Council having the right to terminate the Project Agreement, however performance levers are significantly below threshold levels at which point the Council would be in that position.

The service providers have performed a review of their respective exposure to Brexit. The relevant concerns relate to availability of materials and EU labour, with primary concerns revolving around delays in delivery and increased transportation costs of those suppliers which come from the EU. While there will likely be some disruption, each service provider has a strategy in place to keep this to a minimum. This will result in higher costs to the service providers but not impact the company itself. The directors are comfortable that the increased costs and disruption will not threaten the service providers to such an extent as to put the project at risk.

Going concern

The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis. Further detail regarding going concern is provided in note 1.3 on page 10.

BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

COVID-19 risk

The Company is exposed to the COVID-19 risk as a result of the inherent uncertainty around the impact of the pandemic on UK society and economy. Whilst the Company itself is not considered to be significantly exposed, subcontractors which it engages with are considered to have exposure in relation to labour and the ability to continue to perform required services. The Company is aware of the Government guidance for public bodies on payment to suppliers to ensure service continuity during and after the coronavirus outbreak, which provides additional assurance. Nevertheless, performance risk under the Project Agreement and related contracts are passed on to the service providers and to the building contractor. The obligations of these subcontractors are underwritten either by performance guarantees issued by banks or by parent company guarantees. Due to the evolving nature of the risk, the Board continue to actively monitor developments.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions in section 415A of the Companies Act applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

On behalf of the board



Mr R Sheehan

Director

22 October 2021

BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP LIMITED

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors 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, including FRS 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland. 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 and 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 judgements and accounting 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and 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 of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The directors confirm that:

- so far as each director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware; and
- the directors have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

On behalf of the board



Mr R Sheehan

Director

22 October 2021

BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP LIMITED

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Birmingham Schools Partnership Limited (the 'Company'), which comprise the Statement of total comprehensive income, the Statement of financial position and the Statement of changes in equity for the financial year ended the 30 June 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation of the financial statements is applicable law and accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council, including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, Birmingham Schools Partnership Limited's financial statements:

- give a true and fair view in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the Company as at 30 June 2021 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- have been properly 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 'Responsibilities of the auditor for the audit of the financial statements' section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the FRC's Ethical Standard and the ethical pronouncements established by Chartered Accountants Ireland, applied as determined to be appropriate in the circumstances for the entity. 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 Directors' use of 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 the date 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.

Other matter

The financial statements of Birmingham Schools Partnership Limited for the year ended 30 June 2020, were audited by another auditor who expressed an unmodified opinion on those statements on 9 October 2020.

Other information

Other information comprises information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon, including the Directors' Report. The Directors are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the 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 in the financial statements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP LIMITED

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE MEMBERS OF BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP LIMITED

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 Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Directors' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the Company and its environment we have obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Directors' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us 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; or
- the Directors were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies' exemptions from the requirement to prepare a strategic report or in preparing the Directors' report.

Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Directors' responsibilities statement, management is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including FRS 102, and for such internal control as they determine 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, management is responsible for 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 management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

Responsibilities of the auditor for the audit of the financial statements

The objectives of an auditor 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 auditor's report that includes their 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.

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

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that material misstatement in the financial statements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with the ISAs (UK).

BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP LIMITED

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE MEMBERS OF BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP LIMITED

Responsibilities of the auditor for the audit of the financial statements (continued)

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud (Continued)

Based on our understanding of the company and industry, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to compliance with data protection, employment laws, health and safety regulation and environmental regulations and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Companies Act 2006 and local tax legislation. We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls), and determined that the principal risks were related to posting inappropriate journal entries to manipulate financial performance and management bias through judgements and assumptions in significant accounting estimates, in particular in relation to significant one-off or unusual transactions. We apply professional scepticism through the audit to consider potential deliberate omission or concealment of significant transactions, or incomplete/inaccurate disclosures in the financial statements.

In response to these principal risks, our audit procedures included but were not limited to:

- inquiries of management on the policies and procedures in place regarding compliance with laws and regulations, including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
- inspection of the Company's legal correspondence and review of minutes of Directors' meetings during the year to corroborate inquiries made;
- gaining an understanding of the internal controls established to mitigate risk related to fraud;
- discussion amongst the engagement team in relation to the identified laws and regulations and regarding the risk of fraud, and remaining alert to any indications of non-compliance or opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of financial statements throughout the audit;
- identifying and testing journal entries to address the risk of inappropriate journals and management override of controls;
- designing audit procedures to incorporate unpredictability around the nature, timing or extent of our testing;
- challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in their significant accounting estimates, including fair value of derivative financial instrument and selection of appropriate financial asset rate in relation to service concession arrangement; and
- review of the financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation and inquiries of management.

The primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of irregularities including fraud rests with those charged with governance and management. As with any audit, there remains a risk of non-detection or irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or override of internal controls.

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 Directors as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Tracey Sullivan (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Grant Thornton
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors
Dublin, Ireland

22 October 2021

BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP LIMITED

STATEMENT OF TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

	Notes	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
Turnover		7,315	6,456
Operating costs		(5,472)	(3,821)
Operating profit	3	1,843	2,635
Interest receivable and similar income	6	2,831	2,981
Interest payable and similar expenses	7	(1,949)	(2,069)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		2,725	3,547
Taxation	8	(446)	(603)
Profit for the financial year		2,279	2,944
Other comprehensive income			
Effective portion of fair value change in cash flow hedge arising in the year		2,121	77
Tax relating to other comprehensive income	8	(61)	143
Other comprehensive income for the year		2,060	220
Total comprehensive profit for the year		4,339	3,164

The statement of total comprehensive income has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

The accompanying notes on pages 10 - 22 form part of these financial statements.

BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 30 JUNE 2021

		2021		2020	
	Notes	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Current assets					
Debtors falling due after more than one year	10	29,038		29,544	
Debtors falling due within one year	10	1,879		2,202	
Cash at bank and in hand		6,759		8,797	
		<u>37,676</u>		<u>40,543</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(3,892)</u>		<u>(3,834)</u>	
Net current assets			33,784		36,709
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	13		(32,063)		(35,963)
Net assets			<u>1,721</u>		<u>746</u>
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	15		1,501		1,501
Hedging reserve			(4,272)		(6,332)
Profit and loss reserves			4,492		5,577
Total equity			<u>1,721</u>		<u>746</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with the provisions of FRS102 Section 1A - Small Entities.

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 22 October 2021 and are signed on its behalf by:

Richard Sheehan

Mr R Sheehan
Director

Company Registration No. 03859233

The accompanying notes on pages 10 - 22 form part of these financial statements.

BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP LIMITED

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

	Share capital	Hedging reserve	Profit and loss reserves	Total
Notes	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Balance at 1 July 2019	1,501	(6,552)	4,601	(450)
Year ended 30 June 2020:				
Profit for the year	-	-	2,944	2,944
Other comprehensive income:				
Cash flow hedges gains	-	77	-	77
Tax relating to other comprehensive income	-	143	-	143
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	220	2,944	3,164
Dividends paid	-	-	(1,968)	(1,968)
Balance at 30 June 2020	1,501	(6,332)	5,577	746
Year ended 30 June 2021:				
Profit for the year	-	-	2,279	2,279
Other comprehensive income:				
Cash flow hedges gains	-	2,121	-	2,121
Tax relating to other comprehensive income	-	(61)	-	(61)
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	2,060	2,279	4,339
Dividends paid	-	-	(3,364)	(3,364)
Balance at 30 June 2021	1,501	(4,272)	4,492	1,721

The accompanying notes on pages 10 - 22 form part of these financial statements.

BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

1 Accounting policies

Company information

Birmingham Schools Partnership Limited is a private company limited by shares incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 8 White Oak Square, London Road, Swanley, Kent, BR8 7AG.

1.1 Accounting convention

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Section 1A of FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") as applicable to small entities and the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £'000.

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost convention, modified to include certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Amendments to FRS102: Interest rate reform

The Company's hedged items and hedging instruments continue to be linked to Sterling LIBOR. The company has applied the transitional provisions set out in the amendments to FRS102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" Interest Rate Benchmark Reform, issued in December 2019, to those hedging relationships directly affected by IBOR reform. In accordance with these amendments, for the purpose of evaluating whether there is an economic relationship between the hedged items and the hedging instruments, the company assumes that the benchmark interest rate is not altered as a result of IBOR reform and can continue to apply hedge effectiveness throughout the transition period.

1.3 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which the Directors consider to be appropriate for the following reasons.

The Directors have prepared cash flow forecasts covering a period of at least 18 months from year end of these financial statements which indicate that the Company will have sufficient funds to meet its liabilities as they fall due for that period. Those forecasts are dependent on the underlying customer continuing to meet its obligations under the Project Agreement which are underwritten by the Department for Education.

In making this assessment the Directors have considered the potential impact of the emergence and spread of COVID-19, which includes the Company's operating cash inflows which are largely dependent on the unitary charge payments receivable from Birmingham City Council. Throughout the pandemic and to date, all unitary charge payments have been received on time and in full and the Directors expect this to continue.

The Company continues to provide the asset in accordance with the contract and is available to be used. As a result, the Company does not believe there is any likelihood of a material impact to the unitary payment.

The Directors have assessed the viability of its main sub-contractors and reviewed the contingency plans of the sub-contractors and are satisfied in their ability to provide the services in line with the contract without significant additional costs to the Company, even in downside scenarios, due to the underlying contractual terms. To date, there has been no adverse impact on the services provided by the Company or its sub-contractors arising from COVID-19. However, in the unlikely event of a subcontractor failure, the Company has its own business continuity plans to ensure that service provision will continue.

BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.3 Going concern (continued)

Consequently, the Directors are confident that the Company will have sufficient funds to continue to meet its liabilities as they fall due for at least 12 months from the date of approval of the financial statements and therefore have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis.

1.4 Turnover

Turnover is recognised in accordance with the service concession contract accounting policy. Turnover represents value of work done entirely in the United Kingdom and excludes value added tax.

1.5 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.6 Financial instruments

The Company only enters into basic financial instruments transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other debtors and creditors, loans from banks and other third parties, and loans to related parties.

Debt instruments (other than those wholly repayable or receivable within one year), including loans and other accounts receivable and payable, are initially measured at present value of the future cash flows and subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Debt instruments that are payable or receivable within one year, typically trade payables or receivables, are measured, initially and subsequently, at the undiscounted amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received. However if the arrangements of a short-term instrument constitute a financing transaction, like the payment of a trade debt deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate or in case of an out-right short-term loan not at market rate, the financial asset or liability is measured, initially, at the present value of the future cash flow discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument and subsequently at amortised cost.

For financial assets measured at amortised cost, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. If a financial asset has a variable interest rate, the discount rate for measuring any impairment loss is the current effective interest rate determined under the contract.

For financial assets measured at cost less impairment, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and best estimate, which is an approximation of the amount that the Company would receive for the asset if it were to be sold at the reporting date.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the Statement of financial position when there is an enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

The Company uses interest rate swaps to adjust interest rate exposures. Interest rate swaps are initially measured at fair value on the date on which a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently measured at fair value through the statement of comprehensive income. Interest rate swaps are carried as assets when the fair value is positive and as liabilities when the fair value is negative. The fair value of interest rate swap contracts are determined by calculating the present value of the estimated future cash flows based on observable yield curves.

BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.7 Equity instruments

Equity instruments issued by the company are recorded at the proceeds received, net of transaction costs. Dividends payable on equity instruments are recognised as liabilities once they are no longer at the discretion of the company.

The called up share capital reserve records the value of the authorised and fully paid up shares of the Company. The cash flow hedge reserve is where the fair value of the swaps, and the movements thereon, are recorded, along with the deferred tax arising on the balance. The profit and loss reserve records the accumulated profits and losses of the company.

1.8 Derivatives

Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value at the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured to fair value at each reporting end date. The resulting gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss immediately unless the derivative is designated and effective as a hedging instrument, in which event the timing of the recognition in profit or loss depends on the nature of the hedge relationship.

A derivative with a positive fair value is recognised as a financial asset, whereas a derivative with a negative fair value is recognised as a financial liability.

The company does not hold or issue derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

Hedge accounting

Other financial instruments not meeting the definition of Basic financial instruments are recognised initially at fair value. Subsequent to initial recognition other financial instruments are measured at fair value with changes recognised in profit or loss except as follows:

- hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship shall be recognised as set out below.

Derivative financial instruments and hedging

Derivative financial instruments are recognised at fair value. The gain or loss on remeasurement to fair value is recognised immediately in profit or loss. However, where derivatives qualify for hedge accounting, recognition of any resultant movement in fair value is discussed below.

Cash flow hedges

Where a derivative financial instrument is designated as a hedge of the variability in cash flows of a recognised asset or liability, the effective part of any gain or loss on the derivative financial instrument is recognised directly in Other Comprehensive Income and included in the Hedging Reserve. Any ineffective portion of the hedge is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

For cash flow hedges, where the forecast transactions resulted in the recognition of a non-financial asset or non-financial liability, the hedging gain or loss recognised in Other Comprehensive Income is included in the initial cost or other carrying amount of the asset or liability. Alternatively when the hedged expected future cash flows affect profit or loss the hedging gain or loss is reclassified to profit and loss.

If the hedged future cash flows are no longer expected to occur, the amount that has been accumulated in the cash flow hedge reserve is reclassified from the reserve to profit and loss immediately. If the hedged future cash flows are still expected to occur, the cumulative gain or loss in the cash flow reserve is reclassified to profit and loss in accordance with the policy above.

BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.8 Derivatives (continued)

Hedge accounting (continued)

Cash flow hedges (continued)

The Company has entered into variable to fixed rate interest swaps to manage its exposure to interest rate cash flow risk on its variable debt. These derivatives are measured at fair value at each reporting date. To the extent the hedge is effective, movements in the fair value are recognised in other comprehensive income and presented in a separate cash flow hedge reserve. Any ineffective portions of those movements are recognised in profit and loss for the period. See note 13 for the balances at the reporting date.

Changes in the fair value of derivatives that are designated and qualify as fair value hedges are recognised in profit or loss immediately, together with any changes in the fair value of the hedged asset or liability that are attributable to the hedged risk.

1.9 Taxation

The tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax.

Current tax

The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from net profit as reported in the statement of comprehensive income because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible. The company's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting end date.

Deferred tax

Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all timing differences and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits. Such assets and liabilities are not recognised if the timing difference arises from goodwill or from the initial recognition of other assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the tax profit nor the accounting profit.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each reporting end date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered. Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period when the liability is settled or the asset is realised. Deferred tax is charged or credited in the statement of comprehensive income, except when it relates to items charged or credited directly to equity, in which case the deferred tax is also dealt with in equity. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when the company has a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets and liabilities and the deferred tax assets and liabilities relate to taxes levied by the same tax authority.

1.10 Service Concession Accounting

The company is an operator of a Public Finance Initiative ("PFI") contract. The underlying asset is not deemed to be an asset of the company because the risks and rewards of ownership are deemed to lie principally with the Authority.

During the construction phase of the project, all attributable expenditure was included in amounts recoverable on contracts and turnover. Upon becoming operational, the costs were transferred to the finance debtor. During the operational phase income is allocated between interest receivable and the finance debtor using a project specific interest rate. The remainder of the PFI unitary charge income is included within turnover. The company recognises income in respect of the services provided as it fulfils its contractual obligations in respect of those services and in line with the fair value of the consideration receivable in respect of those services.

BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Major maintenance costs are recognised when the services are performed, and the revenue in respect of these services is recognised on a contractual basis.

1.11 Interest Receivable and Payable

Interest payable and similar charges include interest payable on borrowings and associated ongoing financing fees.

Other interest receivable and similar income include interest receivable on funds invested and interest recognised on the finance debtor based upon the finance debtor accounting policy above.

2 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:

Hedge Accounting

The directors consider the company to have met the criteria for hedge accounting and the company has therefore recognised fair value movements on derivatives in effective hedging relationships through other comprehensive income as well as the deferred tax thereon. The directors exercise judgement in their consideration of whether the criteria for hedge accounting are met.

The Fair Value of the swaps recorded in the accounts are based on Mark to Market estimates provided by Lloyds Bank plc. It is expected that changes to the hedging instrument and the loan will be materially consistent and limited to the transition from LIBOR to the new benchmark, as both the loan and the swap will be transitioned to the new benchmark at similar times in a broadly matching fashion.

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

The estimates and assumptions which have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities are as follows:

Service concession arrangement

As disclosed in Note 1, the company accounts for the project as a service concession arrangement. The directors use their judgement in selecting the appropriate financial asset rate to be applied in order to allocate the income received between revenue, and capital repayment of and interest income on the financial asset; and also the service margin that is used to recognise service revenue. The directors have also used their judgement in assessing the appropriateness of the future maintenance costs that are included in the company's forecasts. The directors will continue to monitor the condition of the assets and undertake a regular review of maintenance spend.

BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

3 Operating profit

	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
Operating profit for the year is stated after charging:		
Fees payable to the company's auditor:		
For the audit of the company's financial statements	21	14
For the audit of group company's financial statements	5	5
For non-audit services (tax compliance)	6	6
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

4 Employees

The company had no employees, other than directors, during the year (2020: nil).

5 Directors' remuneration

	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
Sums paid to related parties for directors' services	71	70
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The Directors received no salary in the performance of their duties during the current or preceding year. Director's fees of £71,000 (2020: £70,000) were paid by the Company to the shareholder of Birmingham Schools Partnership (Group) Limited for the services of the Directors of Group companies during the year.

6 Interest receivable and similar income

	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
Interest income		
Interest on bank deposits	1	18
Interest receivable from group companies	376	376
Interest on finance debtor	2,454	2,587
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total income	2,831	2,981
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

7 Interest payable and similar expenses

	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
Interest on financial liabilities measured at amortised cost:		
Interest on bank overdrafts and loans	1,791	1,910
Interest on subordinated loans	147	147
Amortisation of finance arrangement costs	11	12
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	1,949	2,069
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

8 Taxation

	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
Current tax		
UK corporation tax on profits for the current period	446	603

The actual charge for the year can be reconciled to the expected charge for the year based on the profit or loss and the standard rate of tax as follows:

	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
Profit before taxation	2,725	3,547
Expected tax charge based on a corporation tax of 19.00% (2020: 19.00%)	517	674
Group relief	(71)	(71)
Tax expense for the year	446	603

In addition to the amount charged to the profit and loss account, the following amounts relating to tax have been recognised directly in other comprehensive income:

	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
Deferred tax arising on:		
Change in tax rate	(469)	-
Revaluation of financial instruments treated as cash flow hedges	530	(143)
	61	(143)

On 11 March 2021 the UK government published the Finance Bill 2021 in which it confirmed that the main rate of UK Corporation Tax would remain at 19% for periods starting 1 April 2021, rising to 25% on profits over £250,000 from 1 April 2023. The Bill was enacted in June 2021, therefore the deferred tax asset as at 30 June 2021 has been calculated using the future tax rate of 25%.

9 Financial instruments

	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
Carrying amount of financial liabilities		
Measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	(5,696)	(7,817)

Derivative financial instruments designated as hedges of variable interest rate risk comprise an interest rate swap. The fair value of the interest rate swap has been determined by reference to prices available from the markets on which instruments involved are traded.

BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

10 Debtors

	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	4	21
Finance debtor	785	1,101
Other debtors	1,090	1,080
	<u>1,879</u>	<u>2,202</u>
Amounts falling due after more than one year:		
Amounts due from group undertakings	6,260	6,260
Finance debtor	21,145	21,569
Other debtors	209	230
	<u>27,614</u>	<u>28,059</u>
Deferred tax asset	1,424	1,485
	<u>29,038</u>	<u>29,544</u>
Total debtors	<u>30,917</u>	<u>31,746</u>

The Finance debtor incurs an amortisation charge over the life of the project.

Amounts due from group undertakings is unsecured and subject to 6% interest per annum. Assurance has been provided to Birmingham Schools Project (Group) Limited that amounts due will not be requested within twelve months of the balance sheet date.

11 Bank and other loans

	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
Bank loans	26,763	28,371
Other loans	1,039	1,038
	<u>27,802</u>	<u>29,409</u>
Payable within 1 year	1,757	1,619
Payable within 1 - 2 years	2,156	1,757
Payable within 2 - 5 years	8,111	7,287
Payable after more than 5 years	15,778	18,746

BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

11 Bank and other loans

(Continued)

Bank loan facility

The bank loan facility is stated net of arrangement fees totalling £49,000 (2020: £59,000). The bank loan facility is repayable at six monthly intervals which commenced on 1 July 2003 and will end on 1 January 2030.

The amounts repayable are based on specified percentages of the loan principal which increase progressively from 0.802% to 4.897%. The loan incurs interest at a rate based on a fixed margin over LIBOR. The Company has entered into interest rate hedging arrangements that effectively fix LIBOR at between 2.64% and 6.32% per annum on borrowings under the facility until 1 July 2022, and between 2.64% and 5.15% thereafter until the final maturity date of the loan.

The bank loan facility is secured by a fixed and floating charge over the Company's shares and all other assets.

Unsecured subordinated loan stock 2032

The other loans consist of unsecured subordinated stock. The unsecured subordinated loan stock 2032 is stated net of arrangement fees totalling £7,000 (2020: £8,000). The coupon on the loan stock is payable at the rate of 12% per annum. Interest is payable semi annually in January and July of each year. The loan stock is repayable in 2032.

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
Bank and other loans	1,757	1,619
Trade creditors	135	293
Amounts owed to group undertakings	272	272
Corporation tax	217	307
VAT payable	273	289
Other creditors	1,238	1,054
	<u>3,892</u>	<u>3,834</u>

Amounts owed to group undertakings are interest free and repayable on demand.

13 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
Bank and other loans	26,044	27,790
Accruals and deferred income	323	356
Derivative financial instruments	5,696	7,817
	<u>32,063</u>	<u>35,963</u>

BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

14 Deferred taxation

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset where the company has a legally enforceable right to do so. The following is the analysis of the deferred tax balances (after offset) for financial reporting purposes:

	Assets 2021 £'000	Assets 2020 £'000
Balances:		
Derivative financial instruments	1,424	1,485
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Movements in the year:		2021 £'000
Asset at 1 July 2020		1,485
Effect of change in fair value of derivative		(530)
Effect of change in tax rate		469
		<u> </u>
Asset at 30 June 2021		1,424
		<u> </u>

There were no deferred tax movements in the year.

15 Share capital

	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
Ordinary share capital Issued and fully paid		
1,501,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	1,501	1,501
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

16 Related party transactions

Transactions with related parties

The company has entered into transactions in the ordinary course of business with its management service provider Vercity Social Infrastructure (UK) Limited. Vercity Holdings Limited, the parent company of Vercity Social Infrastructure (UK) Limited, is owned by Innisfree Limited, which also manages the funds invested in the company. During the year the company incurred costs of £190,000 (2020: £186,000) in respect of project management and other associated services to Vercity Social Infrastructure (UK) Limited. As at 30 June 2021, £1,000 (2020: £nil) due to Vercity Social Infrastructure (UK) Limited remains outstanding and is included in Creditors.

During the year ended 30 June 2021, the company incurred £35,000 (2020: £70,000) in respect of directors' services from Innisfree Limited. As at 30 June 2021 £nil (2020: £nil) due to Innisfree Limited is included in Trade creditors.

As a wholly owned subsidiary of Birmingham Schools Partnership (Holdings) Limited, which itself is a wholly owned subsidiary of Birmingham Schools Partnership (Group) Limited, the company has taken advantage of the exemption given in section 33 of FRS 102 not to disclose related party transactions with either Birmingham Schools Partnership (Holdings) Limited and Birmingham Schools Partnership (Group) Limited.

17 Events since end of financial year

There have been no significant events affecting the company since the year end. The Company directors continue to monitor and assess the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and related restrictions on the Company.

18 Parent company

The Company's immediate parent company is Birmingham Schools Partnership (Holdings) Limited which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Birmingham Schools Partnership (Group) Limited, both companies are registered in England and Wales. Birmingham Schools Partnership (Group) Limited's shareholder is Innisfree Nominees Limited, acting in its capacity as custodian of the partnership assets of the Innisfree M&G PPP LP, which is the ultimate controlling party.