# QED (LEEDS) HOLDINGS LIMITED ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020





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## **COMPANY INFORMATION**

Directors

Mr B Dean

Mr A Watson

Secretary

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## **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The directors present their annual report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.

### **Principal activities**

The company is, and will continue to be, a holding company with a single subsidiary, QED (Leeds) Limited. The principal activity of the subsidiary continued to be that of designing, financing and operating ten primary schools in Leeds under a 27-year contract with Leeds City Council ("the Authority"). All of the schools within the project are now in their sixteenth year of operation.

There have not been any significant changes in the company's principal activities in the year under review.

#### **Directors**

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

Mr B Dean Mr A Watson

#### Going concern

The directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies in the notes to the financial statements.

### Qualifying third party indemnity provisions

Qualifying third party indemnity provisions for the benefit of the directors of the company have been made during the year. These provisions remain in force at the reporting date.

#### **Future developments**

The directors are not aware, at the date of this report, of any major changes in the company's activities in the next year.

### **Auditor**

BDO LLP were appointed as auditor to the company and in accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006, a resolution proposing that they be re-appointed will be put at a General Meeting.

#### Statement of disclosure to auditor

The directors who held office at the date of approval of this directors' report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware; and each director has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a director to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

On behalf of the board

Mr A Watson

Director

25 June 2021

## DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The directors are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of 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;
- 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.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF QED (LEEDS) HOLDINGS LIMITED

#### Opinion on the financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 December 2020 and of its result 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.

We have audited the financial statements of QED (Leeds) Holdings Limited ("the Company") for the year ended 31 December 2020 which comprise the Statement of Comprehensive Income, Balance Sheet, Statement of Changes in Equity 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).

#### **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 Auditor's responsibilities 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 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 Directors' 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.

## Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's 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. 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 course of 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.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE MEMBERS OF QED (LEEDS) HOLDINGS LIMITED

#### Other Companies Act 2006 reporting

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

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Company and its environment 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 prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Directors' Report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

## Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities, the Directors are 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 Directors determine is 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 Directors are 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 the Directors either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditor's 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 auditor's 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.

Extent to which the audit was 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. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the entity and the industry in which it operates. We considered the significant laws and regulations to be Companies Act 2006 and the applicable accounting standards.

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls).

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE MEMBERS OF QED (LEEDS) HOLDINGS LIMITED

Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included the evaluation of the processes and controls that the company has established to address risks identified, or that otherwise prevent, deter and detect fraud and how management monitors those processes and controls.

Our audit procedures were designed to respond to risks of material misstatement in the financial statements, recognising that the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery, misrepresentations or through collusion. There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures performed and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we are to become aware of it.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

### 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 auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Jack Vraycott —AC9C9655DC06459...

Jack Draycott (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of BDO LLP, Statutory Auditor
London
25 June 2021

BDO LLP is a limited liability partnership registered in England and Wales (with registered number OC305127).

## STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	2020	2019
	£'000	£'000
Profit before taxation	-	-
Tax on profit	-	
Profit for the financial year	-	-
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The statement of comprehensive income has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

## **BALANCE SHEET**

## AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

		2020		2019	
	Notes	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Fixed assets					
Investments	6		1		1
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Capital and reserves			<del>-</del>		-
Called up share capital	7		1		1
Total shareholders' funds			1		1
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These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 25 June 2021 and are signed on its behalf by:

Mr A Watson **Director** 

Company Registration No. 05000060

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Share capital £'000
Balance at 1 January 2019	1
Year ended 31 December 2019: Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	-
Balance at 31 December 2019	1
Year ended 31 December 2020: Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	-
Balance at 31 December 2020	1

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

## 1 Accounting policies

### Company information

QED (Leeds) Holdings Limited is a private company limited by shares incorporated, domiciled, and registered in England and Wales, in the UK. 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 smaller 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 under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

The company has taken advantage of the exemption under section 399 of the Companies Act 2006 not to prepare consolidated accounts, on the basis that the group of which this is the parent qualifies as a small group. The financial statements present information about the company as an individual entity and not about its group.

## 1.2 Going concern

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

As the principal activity of the Company is to hold an investment in QED (Leeds) Limited, the Directors are not expecting any transactions for the foreseeable future that will impact the Shareholder's Funds . The Directors therefore believe that the Company will be able to settle its liabilities as they fall due for the foreseeable future and therefore it is appropriate to prepare these financial statements on the going concern basis.

#### 1.3 Fixed asset investments

Interests in subsidiaries, associates and jointly controlled entities are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. The investments are assessed for impairment at each reporting date and any impairment losses or reversals of impairment losses are recognised immediately in profit or loss.

A subsidiary is an entity controlled by the company. Control is the power to govern the financial and operating policies of the entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities.

### 1.4 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.

#### 2 Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The directors feel that there are no significant judgements made, in the application of these accounting policies that have significant effect on the financial statements and estimates with a significant risk of material adjustment in the next year.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

#### 3 Auditor's remuneration

The audit fee is paid by the company's 100% subsidiary. The directors estimate the fee attributable to the company to be £1,000 (2019: £1,000).

## 4 Employees

The company had no employees during the year (2019: nil).

#### 5 Directors' remuneration

No directors received any remuneration for services to the company during the year (2019: nil).

#### 6 Fixed asset investments

	Notes	2020 £'000	2019 £'000
Investments in subsidiaries		1	1 ====

The company holds 100% of the ordinary share capital in QED (Leeds) Limited, which is incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales. The registered address of QED (Leeds) Limited is 8 White Oak Square, London Road, Swanley, Kent, BR8 7AG.

During the year the company received dividends of £Nil (2019: £Nil) from QED (Leeds) Limited.

The aggregate amount of capital and reserves of QED (Leeds) Limited at 31 December 2020 was £2,492,000 (2019: £2,081,000) and its profit for the year then ended was £411,000 (2019: £405,000)

### Movements in fixed asset investments

				und	Shares in group dertakings £'000
	Cost or valuation				
	At 1 January 2020 & 31 December 2020				1
	Carrying amount				
	At 31 December 2020				1
	At 31 December 2019				1
7	Share capital and reserves				
		2020	2019	2020	2019
	Ordinary share capital	Number	Number	£'000	£'000
	Issued and fully paid				
	Ordinary shares of £1 each	1,000	1,000	1	1
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The holders of the ordinary shares are entitled to receive dividends as declared from time to time and are entitled to one vote per share at meetings of the company.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

## 8 Ultimate controlling party

As at 31 December 2020, the company was 54% was owned by Innisfree Nominees Ltd acting as nominee for Innisfree PFI Secondary Fund 2 LP, a Limited Partnership and 46% Innisfree Nominees Ltd acting as nominee for Innisfree PFI Secondary Fund, a Limited Partnership both of which are incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales. In the director's opinion, the ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party was Innisfree PFI Secondary Fund 2 LP. The registered office of Innisfree PFI Secondary Fund 2 LP is 1st Floor Boundary House, 91-93 Charterhouse Street, London, EC1M 6HR.

The accounts of the company are not consolidated in the accounts of any other entity.