

**DBE Services Limited**

**Directors' report and financial  
statements**

**Registered number 5531123**

**31 December 2022**

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## **Company information**

*for the year ended 31 December 2022*

<b>Number</b>	5531123
<b>Current Directors</b>	The Right Reverend Paul John Ferguson The Right Reverend Mark Davies The Venerable Mike Gilbertson Mrs Deborah Smith Venerable David Picken Canon Stephen Whittaker Mr Andrew Smith Revd Andrew Towner Mr Chris Penn Canon Geoffrey Almond Mr Stuart Harrison Mrs Charlotte Tudway
<b>Company Secretary</b>	Dr Sam Johnson (Appointed 1 September 2022) Revd Canon Peter James Ballard (Resigned 31 August 2022)
<b>Registered Office</b>	Blackburn Diocesan Offices Clayton House Walker Office Park Blackburn BB1 2QE
<b>Bankers</b>	National Westminster Bank plc 35 King William Street Blackburn BB1 7DL

## **Directors' report**

### **Directors and directors' interests**

The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

#### ***Principal activity***

The principal activity of the company is to carry on business as a general commercial company and in particular to provide various services to schools including but not exclusively inspections, teaching and curriculum support, administrative services, building, equipment and construction support and insurance. The company is wholly owned by the Blackburn Diocesan Board of Education, Carlisle Diocesan Board of Finance, Chester Diocesan Board of Education, Liverpool Diocesan Board of Finance, Manchester Diocesan Board of Education and York Diocesan Board of Finance, all registered charities. Ownership is explained more fully in note 9.

#### ***Business review and future developments***

The results for the year to 31 December 2022 and financial position of the company are shown in the attached financial statements.

The company operates from each of the diocesan offices.

The company recorded an operating profit for the year of £425,100 (2021: 485,958). Gift aid distribution made in the year from the profit for the financial year of £157,495 (2021: 372,488) was paid to the charities. The profit for the year is £151,643.

#### ***Directors***

The directors of the company during the year were as follows:

The Venerable Mike Gilbertson

The Right Reverend Mark Davies

The Right Reverend Paul John Ferguson

Mrs Deborah Smith

Canon Stephen Whittaker

Mr Andrew Smith

Revd Andrew Towner

Mr Chris Penn

Canon Geoffrey Almond

Mr Stuart Harrison

Mrs Vanessa O'Dea

(Resigned 1 April 2022)

The Venerable David Picken

Mrs Charlotte Tudway

(Appointed 18 May 2022)

None of the directors held interests in the shares of the company during the year.

## **Directors Report (continued)**

### ***Small company provisions***

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

By order of the board



*The Rt Revd Paul Ferguson*  
*Director*

Clayton House  
Walker Office Park  
Blackburn  
BB1 2QE

28 March 2023

## **Statement of directors' responsibilities in respect of the Directors' Report and the financial statements**

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 they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK 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 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;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- 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 have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

**Profit and loss account**  
*for the year ended 31 December 2022*

	<i>Note</i>	<b>2022</b> £	<b>2021</b> £	<b>2021</b> £	<b>2021</b> £
<b>Turnover</b>	3		2,812,941		2,622,339
Cost of sales			(1,483,636)		(1,419,960)
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<b>Gross profit</b>			1,329,305		1,202,379
Administrative expenses			(904,205)		(716,421)
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<b>Operating profit</b>			425,100		485,958
Interest receivable and similar income		29		1	
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			29		1
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<b>Profit on ordinary activities before taxation</b>	2		425,129		485,959
Tax on profit on ordinary activities			-		-
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<b>Retained profit/(loss) for the financial year before gift aid distribution</b>			425,129		485,959
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The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.

All of the activities of the company are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements

**Balance sheet**  
**at 31 December 2022**

	<i>Note</i>	<b>2022</b> <b>£</b>	<b>2022</b> <b>£</b>	<b>2021</b> <b>£</b>	<b>2021</b> <b>£</b>
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible fixed assets	6		17,694		8,222
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	7	803,432		467,152	
Cash at bank		690,627		553,604	
		<u>1,494,059</u>		<u>1,020,756</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	8	<u>(1,238,175)</u>		<u>(907,043)</u>	
<b>Net current liabilities</b>			<u>255,884</u>		<u>113,713</u>
<b>Net liabilities</b>			<u>273,578</u>		<u>121,935</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>					
Called up equity share capital	10		72		72
Share Premium			1,988		1,988
Profit and loss account			<u>271,518</u>		<u>119,875</u>
<b>Shareholders' funds</b>			<u>273,578</u>		<u>121,935</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

For the year ended 31 December 2022 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006. No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for:

- i) Ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386; and
- ii) Preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of its profit and loss for the financial year in accordance with section 393, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 28 March 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



The Rt Revd Paul Ferguson

*Director*

Registered Number: 5531123

## Statement of Changes in Equity

*At 31 December 2021*

	Called up ordinary share capital £	Share premium	Profit and loss account £	Total £
Balance at 1 January 2021	72	1,988	31,613	33,673
Retained profit/(loss) for the financial year	-	-	485,959	485,959
Gift aid distribution paid in the period	-	-	(397,697)	(397,697)
Balance at 31 December 2021	72	1,988	119,875	121,935

*At 31 December 2022*

	Called up ordinary share capital £	Share premium	Profit and loss account £	Total £
Balance at 1 January 2022	72	1,988	119,875	121,935
Retained profit/(loss) for the financial year	-	-	425,129	425,129
Gift aid distribution paid in the period	-	-	(273,486)	(273,486)
Balance at 31 December 2022	72	1,988	271,518	273,578

## Notes

*(forming part of the financial statements)*

### 1 Accounting policies

#### *Basis of accounting*

DBE Services Limited (the "Company") is a company limited by shares and incorporated and domiciled in the UK.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention unless otherwise specified within these accounting policies and in accordance with Section 1A of Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2006.

The accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis. The profits of the company are distributed to the charity shareholders who will ensure there are sufficient funds in the company for it to continue on the going concern basis.

#### *Fixed assets and depreciation*

Depreciation is provided by the company to write off the cost less the estimated residual value of tangible fixed assets by equal instalments over their estimated useful economic lives as follows:

Computers and office equipment	-	25% per annum
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#### *Cash flow statement*

The company has taken advantage of the exemption from preparing a cash flow statement conferred by FRS102 on the grounds that it is entitled to the exemptions available in sections 415A of the Companies Act 2006 for small companies.

#### *Related party transactions*

The major shareholders of the company each exercising control over 16.67% of the voting rights of the reporting entity are the Blackburn Diocesan Board of Education (charity No 557954), Carlisle Diocesan Board of Finance (charity No 251977), Chester Diocesan Board of Education (charity No 525790), Liverpool Diocesan Board of Finance (charity No 249740), Manchester Diocesan Board of Education (charity No 530002) and York Diocesan Board of Finance (charity No 244976). Details of the transactions are disclosed in note No 7

#### *Employee benefits*

The company contributes either to the employees' personal pension plan or into a group defined contribution plan. The company pays fixed contributions into a separate entity and will have no legal or constructive obligation to pay further amounts. Obligations for contributions to defined contribution pension plans are recognised as an expense in the profit and loss account in the periods during which services are rendered by employees.

#### *Turnover*

Turnover represents the income from services provided during the year exclusive of any applicable Value Added Tax. All turnover arises in the United Kingdom.

Turnover in relation to long-term service contract and contracts falling into different accounting periods is recognised according to the stage of completion of the contract or in proportion of the costs incurred, where this provides evidence of the extent to which a right of consideration has been obtained.

## Notes (continued)

### Taxation

There is no charge for taxation in the year as taxable profits are disbursed by means of gift aid distribution to the major shareholders. There is no deferred taxation.

## 2 Operating profit

Operating profit is stated after charging:

	2022 £	2021 £
Depreciation	3,907	2,917

## 3 Turnover

	2022 £	2021 £
Rendering of services	2,812,941	2,622,339
	2022 £	2021 £
Property Management	1,676,985	1,679,411
Consultancy	255,029	252,884
Christian Leadership	30,350	29,350
School Improvement	451,696	371,911
Decarbonisation Income	398,881	288,783
	2,812,941	2,622,339

## 4 Staff costs

The average number of employees employed by the company during the year, analysed by category, is listed below. Further staff time is invoiced from the majority shareholders. Remuneration paid to directors amounted to £nil (2021: £nil).

	Number of employees 2022	2021
Chief Executive	1	1
Total Property Management	4	4
School Improvement	2	2
Capital Buildings	1	-
	8	7

None of the above employees received emoluments exceeding £60,000 in the year (2021: none).

## Notes (continued)

### 5 Pension schemes

DBE Services Ltd contributed to personal pension schemes and a defined contribution scheme of the employees. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions by DBE Services Ltd and amounted to £113,225 (2021: £64,408)

### 6 Tangible fixed assets

	Office equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>		
At beginning of year	61,828	61,828
Additions	13,373	13,373
Disposals	-	-
At end of year	<u>75,201</u>	<u>75,201</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
At beginning of year	53,606	53,606
Charge for year	3,901	3,901
Disposals	-	-
At end of year	<u>57,507</u>	<u>57,507</u>
<b>Net book value</b>		
At 31 December 2022	<u>17,694</u>	<u>17,694</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>8,222</u>	<u>8,222</u>

### 7 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade Debtors	757,782	315,868
Prepayments and accrued income	45,650	13,817
Amounts due from HM Revenue and Customs	-	19,679
Amounts due from related parties	-	117,788
	<u>803,432</u>	<u>467,152</u>

All debtors are due within 1 year.

## Notes (continued)

### 8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	216,952	192,095
Amounts owed to related parties	-	1,087
Accruals and deferred income	897,198	708,195
Amounts due to HM Revenue and Customs	124,022	5,666
	<u>1,238,172</u>	<u>907,043</u>

### 9 Related Party Transactions

The major shareholders of the company each exercising control of 16.67% of the voting rights of the reporting entity are the Blackburn Diocesan Board of Education, Carlisle Diocesan Board of Finance, Chester Diocesan Board of Education, Liverpool Diocesan Board of Finance, Manchester Diocesan Board of Education and York Diocesan Board of Finance.

At 31 December 2022 an amount of £nil (2021: £1,087 due from) was due to Blackburn Diocesan Board of Education and £nil (2021: £117,788) was due from Liverpool Diocesan Board of Finance.

Major Shareholders	No of Shares	Committed Gift Aid Distribution 2021	Gift Aid Distributions 2022	Cost of Services (ex VAT)
Blackburn Diocesan Board of Education	12	80,898	63,423	2,000
Carlisle Diocesan Board of Finance	12	4,482	5,810	-
Chester Diocesan Board of Education	12	8,757	24,741	2,000
Liverpool Diocesan Board of Finance	12	7,470	24,319	2,000
Manchester Diocesan Board of Education	12	9,275	24,582	-
York Diocesan Board of Finance	12	5,109	14,620	-
	<u>72</u>	<u>115,991</u>	<u>157,495</u>	<u>6,000</u>

The directors are committed to making gift aid distributions of all distributable profits. At 31 December 2022 £277,030 was still available for distribution and will be paid to the shareholders within nine months of the year end.

### 10 Called up share capital

	2022		2021	
	Number of shares	£	Number of shares	£
<b>Authorised share capital</b>				
Equity shares				
Ordinary shares of £1 each	100	100	100	100
	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
<b>Allotted, called and fully paid</b>				
Equity shares				
Ordinary shares of £1 each	72	72	72	72
	<u>72</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>72</u>