Company Registration No: 06352605

PARAGON MORTGAGES (NO.16) PLC

**Report and Financial Statements** 

Year ended 30 September 2014

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# STRATEGIC REPORT

#### BUSINESS REVIEW AND PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

Paragon Mortgages (No.16) PLC ('the Company') is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Paragon Group of Companies PLC ('the Group') and was set up to provide finance for its mortgage loan assets, by issuing mortgage backed floating rate loan notes and using the proceeds to purchase mortgage loans from other group companies.

On 10 November 2012 the Company issued floating rate notes and used the proceeds to purchase mortgage loans from Paragon Mortgages (2010) Limited, a fellow group company. The principal activity of the Company is the provision of first mortgage loans. The directors are not aware, at the date of this report, of any likely major changes in the Company's activities in the next year.

As shown in the Company's profit and loss account on page 6, the Company's net interest income decreased by 10% compared to the prior year (2013: 87% increase). This was principally reflecting the reduction in the Company's loan book during the year. The retained profit has decreased from £260,000 to £109,000 This was mainly due to the fair value gain reported for the preceding year.

The balance sheet on page 7 of the Financial Statements shows the Company's financial position at the year end. Loans to customers have decreased by 100% due to the loans being sold to another group company. As a result the asset backed loan notes have reduced by 26% during the year and cash and investments held by the Company has increased from £17,626,000 to £117,091,000. The outstanding asset backed loan notes were paid in full on 15 October 2014. Details of amounts owed from and to other group companies are shown in notes 12 and 15.

No interim dividend was paid during the year (2013: £nil). No final dividend is proposed (2013: £nil).

The Company has entered into derivative contracts in order to provide an economic hedge against its exposure to fixed rate loans to customers. Although these instruments provide an economic hedge the prescriptive nature of the requirements of FRS 26 means that hedge accounting cannot always be achieved. This has led to the Company recognising a fair value net gain of £4,000 in the year (2013: fair value net gain of £160,000) due to the ineffectiveness of the hedge relationship. This represents a timing difference and cumulative gains and losses recognised will tend to zero over time.

The Group manages its operations on a centralised basis. For this reason, the Company's directors believe that further key performance indicators for the Company are not necessary or appropriate for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business. The performance of the Group's mortgage lending operation, which includes the Company, is discussed in the Group's Annual Report, which does not form part of this Report.

# PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Company is a securitisation company and has been structured so as to avoid, in as far as is possible, all forms of financial risk with its outstanding loan notes match-funded to maturity. An analysis of the Company's exposure to risk, including financial risk, and the steps taken to mitigate these risks are set out in note 3, and a discussion of critical accounting estimates is set out in note 2.

After considering the above, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company will have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. This is further supported by the Group holding sufficient cash resources to support the Company's obligations as they fall due. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the Financial Statements.

# STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED)

#### **ENVIRONMENT**

The Group recognises the importance of its environmental responsibilities, monitors its impact on the environment, and designs and implements policies to reduce any damage that might be caused by the Group's activities. The Company operates in accordance with group policies, which are described in the Group's Annual Report, which does not form part of this Report.

# **EMPLOYEES**

The Company has no employees. All operational services are provided by employees of the Group. The Group's employment policies are described in its Annual Report, which does not form part of this Report.

Approved by the Board of Directors

and signed on behalf of the Board

R J Woodman

Director

23 January 2015

## **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The directors present their Annual Report and the audited Financial Statements of Paragon Mortgages (No.16) PLC, registration no: 06352605, for the year ended 30 September 2014.

#### **DIRECTORS**

The directors throughout the year and subsequently were:

N Keen (resigned 31 May 2014)

R D Shelton

J G Gemmell (resigned 30 June 2014)

R J Woodman (appointed 25 April 2014)

J Fairrie

J A Harvey

D P Stolp

#### **AUDITOR**

The directors have taken all necessary steps to make themselves and the Company's auditor aware of any information needed in preparing the audit of the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year, and, as far as each of the directors is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the auditor are unaware.

A resolution for the re-appointment of Deloitte LLP as the auditor of the Company is to be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

#### INFORMATION PRESENTED IN OTHER SECTIONS

Certain information required to be included in a directors' report by Schedule 7 can be found in the other sections of the Annual Report, as described below. All of the information presented in these sections is incorporated by reference into this Directors' Report and is deemed to form part of this report.

A description of the Company's financial risk management objectives and policies, and its exposure to risks arising from its use of financial instruments are set out in note 3 to the accounts.

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on behalf of the Board

R J Woodman

Director

23 January 2015

# STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES in relation to Financial Statements

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). The financial statements are required by law to 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 judgments and 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 proper accounting records that 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 PARAGON MORTGAGES (NO.16) PLC

We have audited the Financial Statements of Paragon Mortgages (No.16) PLC for the year ended 30 September 2014 which comprise the profit and loss account, the statement of movement in shareholders' funds / (deficit), the balance sheet and the related notes 1 to 18. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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.

## Respective responsibilities of directors and auditor

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. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

### Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the annual report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

# **Opinion on Financial Statements**

In our opinion the Financial Statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 30 September 2014 and of its profit 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.

# Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the Financial Statements are prepared is consistent with the Financial Statements.

# Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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, 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.

Peter Birch (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of Deloitte LLP

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Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor

Birmingham, United Kingdom

23 January 2015

# PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

# YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2014

	Note	2014 £000	2013 £000
Interest receivable			
Mortgages		5,437	7,930
Other		168	87
	**	5,605	8,017
Interest payable and similar charges	4	(4,601)	(6,902)
Net interest income	<del></del>	1,004	1,115
Other operating income		28	31
Total operating income		1,032	1,146
Operating expenses		(927)	(1,046)
		105	100
Fair value net gain	6	4	160
Operating profit, being profit on ordinary activities before taxation	7	109	260
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	8	-	-
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation	14 =	109	260

All activities derive from continuing operations.

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the profit for the current and preceding years, and consequently a separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been presented.

# STATEMENT OF MOVEMENT IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS / (DEFICIT) YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2014

	2014 £000	2013 £000
Profit attributable to shareholders'	109	260
Opening shareholders' deficit	(96)	(356)
Closing shareholders' funds / (deficit)	13	(96)

# **BALANCE SHEET**

# **30 SEPTEMBER 2014**

	Note	2014 £000	2014 £000	2013 £000	2013 £000
ASSETS EMPLOYED	Note	2000	2000	2000	2000
FIXED ASSETS	•				
Financial assets	9		-		140,810
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors falling due within one year	12	867		424	
Short-term investments		116,918		13,914	
Cash at bank		173		3,712	
	_		117,958		18,050
	•		117,958	•	158,860
FINANCED BY				•	
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS / (DEFICIT)					
Called up share capital	13	12		12	
Profit and loss account	14	1 ,	,	(108)	
			13	<del></del>	(96)
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	15	1,059		1,537	
Amounts falling due after more than one year	15	116,886		157,419	
	-		117,945		158,956
			117,958	•	158,860
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These Financial Statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 23 January 2015.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors

R D Shelton

Director

# YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2014

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Financial Statements are prepared in accordance with applicable UK Accounting Standards. The particular accounting policies adopted are described below. They have been applied consistently throughout the current and preceding year. The Financial Statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as described in the Strategic Report.

#### Accounting convention

The Financial Statements are prepared under the historical cost convention, except as required in the valuation of certain financial instruments which are carried at fair value.

#### Loans to customers

Loans to customers are considered to be 'loans and receivables' as defined by Financial Reporting Standard 26 – 'Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement' (FRS 26). They are therefore accounted for on the amortised cost basis.

Such loans are valued at inception as the amount of initial advance, which is the fair value at that time, inclusive of procuration fees paid to brokers or other business providers and less initial fees paid by the customer. Thereafter they are valued at this amount less the cumulative amortisation calculated using the Effective Interest Rate ('EIR') method. The loan balances are then reduced where necessary by a provision for balances which are considered to be impaired.

The EIR method spreads the expected net income arising from a loan over its expected life. The EIR is that rate of interest which, at inception, exactly discounts the expected future cash payments and receipts arising from the loan to the initial carrying amount.

The Company's policy is to hedge against any exposure to fixed rate loan assets (note 3).

#### Impairment of loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are reviewed for indications of possible impairment throughout the year and at each balance sheet date, in accordance with FRS 26. Where loans exhibit objective evidence of impairment, the carrying value of the loans is reduced to the net present value of their expected future cash flows, including the value of the potential realisation of any security, discounted at the original EIR. Loans are assessed collectively, compared by risk characteristics and account is taken of any impairment arising due to events which are believed to have taken place but have not been specifically identified at the balance sheet date.

#### Current assets - short-term investments

Balances shown as current asset investments in the balance sheet comprise short-term deposits with banks with maturities of more than 7 days and not more than 90 days.

#### Related party disclosures

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption granted by Financial Reporting Standard 8 - 'Related Party Disclosures' and does not therefore provide details of transactions with other group companies as it is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Paragon Group of Companies PLC, the accounts of which are publicly available.

#### Current tax

Current tax, including UK corporation tax, is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

#### **Deferred taxation**

Deferred taxation is provided in full on timing differences that result in an obligation at the balance sheet date to pay more tax, at a future date, at rates expected to apply when they crystallise based on current tax rates and law. Timing differences arise from the inclusion of items of income and expenditure in taxation computations in periods different from those in which they are included in the Financial Statements. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is regarded as more likely than not that they will be recovered. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

# YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2014

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

# **Borrowings**

Borrowings are carried in the balance sheet on the amortised cost basis. The initial value recognised includes the principal amount received less any discount on issue or costs of issuance.

Interest and all other costs of the funding are expensed to the profit and loss account as interest payable over the term of the borrowing on an Effective Interest Rate basis.

#### **Derivative financial instruments**

Derivative instruments utilised by the Company comprise currency swaps and interest rate swaps. All such instruments are used for hedging purposes to alter the risk profile of the existing underlying exposure of the Company in line with the Company's risk management policies (note 3).

The Company does not enter into speculative derivative contracts.

All derivatives are carried in the balance sheet at fair value, as assets where the value is positive or as liabilities where the value is negative. Fair value is based on market prices, where a market exists. If there is no active market, fair value is calculated using present value models which incorporate assumptions based on market conditions and are consistent with accepted economic methodologies for pricing financial instruments. Changes in the fair value of derivatives are recognised in the profit and loss account, except where such amounts are permitted to be taken to equity as part of the accounting for a cash flow hedge.

## Hedging

For all hedges, the Company documents, at inception, the relationship between the hedging instruments and the hedged items, as well as its risk management strategy and objectives for undertaking the transaction. The Company also documents its assessment, both at hedge inception and on an ongoing basis, of whether the hedging arrangements put in place are considered to be 'highly effective' as defined by FRS 26.

For a fair value hedge, as long as the hedging relationship is deemed 'highly effective' and meets the hedging requirements of FRS 26, any gain or loss on the hedging instrument recognised in income can be offset against the fair value loss or gain arising from the hedged item for the hedged risk. For macro hedges (hedges of interest rate risk for a portfolio of loan assets) this fair value adjustment is disclosed in the balance sheet alongside the hedged item, for other hedges the adjustment is made to the carrying value of the hedged asset or liability. Only the net ineffectiveness of the hedge is charged or credited to income. Where a fair value hedge relationship is terminated, or deemed ineffective, the fair value adjustment is amortised over the remaining term of the underlying item.

Where a derivative is used to hedge the variability of cash flows of an asset or liability, it may be designated as a cash flow hedge so long as this relationship meets the hedging requirements of FRS 26. For such an instrument the effective portion of the change in the fair value of the derivative is taken initially to equity, with the ineffective part taken to profit or loss. The amount taken to equity is released to the profit and loss account at the same time as the hedged item affects the profit and loss account. Where a cash flow hedge relationship is terminated, or deemed ineffective, the amount taken to equity will remain there until the hedged transaction is recognised, or is no longer highly probable.

#### Revenue

The revenue of the Company comprises interest receivable and other income. The accounting policy for the recognition of each element of revenue is described separately within these accounting policies.

#### Fee and commission income

Other income includes administration fees charged to borrowers, which are credited to the profit and loss account when the related service is performed.

#### FRS 29 disclosure

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption granted by Financial Reporting Standard 29 - 'Financial Instruments: Disclosures' and does not therefore provide the disclosures required by the Standard as it is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Paragon Group of Companies PLC, the accounts of which are publicly available.

# YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2014

# 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### Cash flow statement

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption granted by Financial Reporting Standard 1 - 'Cash Flow Statements' and does not therefore provide a cash flow statement as it is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Paragon Group of Companies PLC, the accounts of which are publicly available.

# 2. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

Certain balances reported in the Financial Statements are based wholly or in part on estimates or assumptions made by the directors. There is, therefore, a potential risk that they may be subject to change in future periods. The most significant of these are:

#### Impairment losses on loans to customers

Impairment losses on loans are calculated based on statistical models. The key assumptions revolve around estimates of future cash flows from customer's accounts, their timing and, for secured accounts, the expected proceeds from the realisation of the property. These key assumptions are based on observed data from historical patterns and are updated regularly based on new data as it becomes available.

In addition the directors consider how appropriate past trends and patterns might be in the current economic situation and make any adjustments they believe are necessary to reflect the current conditions.

The accuracy of the impairment calculations would therefore be affected by unexpected changes to the economic situation, variances between the models used and the actual results or assumptions which differ from the actual outcomes.

In particular, if the impact of economic factors such as employment levels on customers is worse than is implicit in the model then the number of accounts requiring provision might be greater than suggested by the model, while falls in house prices, over and above any assumed by the model might increase the provision required in respect of accounts currently provided.

#### Effective interest rates

In order to determine the effective interest rate applicable to loans an estimate must be made of the expected life of each loan and hence the cash flows relating thereto. These estimates are based on historical data and reviewed regularly. The accuracy of the effective interest rate applied would therefore be compromised by any differences between actual borrower behaviour and that predicted.

#### Fair values

Where financial assets and liabilities are carried at fair value, in the majority of cases this can be derived by reference to quoted market prices. Where such a quoted price is not available the valuation is based on cash flow models, based, where possible on independently sourced parameters. The accuracy of the calculation would therefore be affected by unexpected market movements or other variances in the operation of the models or the assumptions used.

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#### 3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Company's operations are financed principally by floating rate, asset backed loan notes and, to a lesser extent, by a mixture of share capital and loans from other group companies. The Company issues financial instruments to finance the acquisition of its portfolio of loans to customers and uses derivative financial instruments to hedge interest rate risk arising from fixed rate lending. In addition, various financial instruments, for example debtors and accruals, arise directly from the Company's operations.

The principal risks arising from the Company's financial instruments are credit risk, liquidity risk and interest rate risk. The board of the Company's holding company reviews and agrees policies for all companies in the Group managing each of these risks and they are summarised below. These policies have remained unchanged throughout the year and since the year end.

#### Credit risk

The Company's credit risk is primarily attributable to its loans to customers. The maximum credit risk at 30 September 2014 approximates to the carrying value of loans to customers (note 10). There are no significant concentrations of credit risk due to the large number of customers included in the portfolios.

The Company acquired mortgages from Paragon Mortgages (2010) Limited, a fellow group company which place strong emphasis on good credit management at the time of underwriting new loans.

The acquired mortgages are secured by first charges over residential properties in the United Kingdom. Despite this security, in assessing credit risk an applicant's ability to repay the loan remains the overriding factor in the decision to lend by the originating lender. Additionally, each mortgage has the benefit of one or more life assurance policies and certain mortgages have the benefit of a mortgage guarantee indemnity insurance policy.

Moorgate Asset Administration Limited, a fellow group company, continues to administer the mortgages on behalf of Paragon Mortgages (No.16) PLC and the collections process is the same as that utilised for all companies in the group.

In order to control credit risk relating to counterparties to the Company's financial instruments, the board of the Company's holding company determines on a group basis, which counterparties the group of companies will deal with, establishes limits for each counterparty and monitors compliance with those limits.

## Liquidity risk

The Company's assets are principally financed by asset backed loan notes issued through the securitisation process. Details of the Company's borrowings are given in notes 15 and 16. Securitisation effectively eliminates the Company's liquidity risk by matching the maturity profile of the Company's funding to the profile of the assets to be funded.

## Interest rate risk

The Company's policy is to maintain floating rate liabilities and match these with floating rate assets by the use of interest rate swap agreements.

The rates payable on the asset backed loan notes issued by the Company are reset quarterly on the basis of LIBOR. The Company's assets predominantly bear LIBOR linked interest rates or are hedged fixed rate assets. The interest rates charged on the Company's variable rate loan assets are determined by reference to, inter alia, the Company's funding costs and the rates being charged on similar products in the market. Generally this ensures the matching of changes in interest rates on the Company's loan assets and borrowings and any exposure arising on the interest rate resets is relatively short term.

In part, the Company's interest rate hedging objectives are achieved by the controlled mismatching of the dates on which instruments mature, redeem or have their interest rates reset.

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# 3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### Currency risk

The Company has no material exposure to foreign currency risk.

#### Use of derivative financial instruments

The Company uses derivative financial instruments for risk management purposes. Such instruments are used only to limit the exposure of the Company to movements in market interest rates, as described above.

It is, and has been throughout the year under review, the Company's policy that no trading in financial instruments shall be undertaken, and hence all of the Company's derivative financial instruments are for commercial hedging purposes. These are used to protect the Company from exposures principally arising from fixed rate lending. Hedge accounting is applied where appropriate, though it should be noted that some derivatives, while forming part of an economic hedge relationship, do not qualify for this accounting treatment under FRS 26 either because natural accounting offsets are expected, or obtaining hedge accounting would be especially onerous.

The Company has designated a number of derivatives as fair value hedges. In particular this treatment is used for hedging the interest rate risk of groups of fixed rate prepayable loan assets with interest rate derivatives on a portfolio basis. The Company believes this solution is the most appropriate as it is consistent with the economic hedging approach taken by the Company to these assets.

#### Fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities

Fair values have been determined for all derivatives, listed securities and any other financial assets and liabilities for which an active and liquid market exists. The fair values of cash at bank and in hand, bank loans and overdrafts and asset backed loan notes are not materially different from their book values because all the assets mature within three months of the year end and the interest rates charged on financial liabilities reset on a quarterly basis.

Derivative financial instruments are stated at their fair values. The fair values of the interest rate swaps have been determined by reference to prices available from the markets on which these instruments are traded.

The fair value of loans to customers is considered to not be materially different to the amortised cost value at which they are disclosed.

#### 4. INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES

	2014 £000	2013 £000
Asset backed loan notes	4,322	6,171
Interest rate swaps	4	409
Subordinated loan interest	247	255
Interest on fee letter	28	67
	4,601	6,902

Included within the asset backed loan notes balance is an amount of £952,000 (2013: £1,213,000) that was paid to fellow subsidiaries of The Paragon Group of Companies PLC.

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#### 5. DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES

Directors' remuneration from the Company during the year is stated in note 7.

The Company had no employees in the current or preceding year. All administration is performed by employees of the Group. The directors of the Company, with the exception of J Fairrie and D P Stolp, are employed by Paragon Finance PLC, a fellow group company, and their remuneration is disclosed within the financial statements of that company, which do not form part of this Report.

#### 6. FAIR VALUE NET GAIN

The fair value net gain of £4,000 (2013: fair value net gain of £160,000) represents the accounting volatility on derivative instruments which are matching risk exposure on an economic basis. Some accounting volatility arises on these items due to accounting ineffectiveness on designated hedges, or because hedge accounting has not been adopted or is not achievable on certain items. The gain is primarily due to timing differences in income recognition between the derivative instruments and the economically hedged assets and liabilities.

# 7. OPERATING PROFIT, BEING PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION

	2014	2013
	£000	£000
Operating profit is after charging:	•	
Directors' fees	6	6
Auditor remuneration - audit services	8	8

Non audit fees provided to the Group are disclosed in the accounts of the parent company and the exemption from disclosure of fees payable to the Company's auditor in respect to non-audit services in these financial statements has been taken.

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# 8. TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

#### a) Tax charge for the year

	2014 £000	2013 £000
Current tax		
Corporation tax		-
b) Factors affecting the current tax charge	2014 £000	2013 £000
Profit before tax	109	260
UK corporation tax at 22% (2013: 23.5%) based on the profit for the year  Effects of:	24	61
Movement on short term timing differences	-	(61)
Losses not recognised	(24)	-
	-	-

During the year ended 30 September 2012 the Government enacted provisions reducing the rate of corporation tax from 24.0% to 23.0% from 1 April 2014. During the year ended 30 September 2013 the Government enacted provisions further reducing the rate of corporation tax to 21.0% with effect from 1 April 2014 and 20.0% from 1 April 2015. Therefore the standard rate of corporation tax applicable to the Company for the year ended 30 September 2013 was 23.5%, the rate for the year ending 30 September 2014 was 22.0%, the rate for the year ending 30 September 2015 is expected to be 20.5% and the rate in subsequent years is expected to be 20.0%.

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# 9. FINANCIAL ASSETS

	2014 £000	2013 £000
Loans to customers (note 10)	-	140,810
Derivative financial assets (note 11)	-	-
·	-	140,810

# 10. LOANS TO CUSTOMERS

Loans to customers at 30 September 2014 and 30 September 2013, which are all denominated and payable in sterling, are first mortgages which are secured on residential property within the United Kingdom and are categorised as loans and receivables as defined by FRS 26.

Mortgage loans have a contractual term of up to thirty years, the borrower is entitled to settle the loan at any point and in most cases such early settlement does take place. All borrowers are required to make monthly payments, except where an initial deferred period is included in the contractual terms.

All the mortgage loans are pledged as collateral for asset backed loan notes at 30 September 2014 and 30 September 2013.

	2014 £000	2013 £000
Balance at 1 October 2013	140,810	158,750
Additions	228	730
Securitisations and other sales	(110,593)	-
Other debits	5,231	7,989
Repayments and redemptions	(35,676)	(26,659)
Balance at 30 September 2014		140,810

Other debits include primarily interest charged to customers on loans outstanding, impairment movements on these loans and other changes in the amortised cost of the assets caused by the effective interest rate method.

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# 11. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

All of the Company's financial derivatives are held for economic hedging purposes, although not all may be designated for hedge accounting in accordance with the provisions of FRS 26. The analysis below therefore splits derivatives between those accounted for as hedges and those which, while representing an economic hedge do not qualify for this treatment.

		2014	2014	2014	2013	2013	2013
		Notional amount	Assets	Liabilities	Notional amount	Assets	Liabilities
		£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
	Other derivatives						
	Interest rate swaps	<u>-</u>		-	8,100	-	(25)
	Total recognised derivative				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
	assets / (liabilities)	-	-	-	8,100		(25)
12.	DEBTORS						
					2014		2013
					£000		£000
	Amounts falling due within o	ne year:					
	Amounts due from group cor	npanies			842		415
	Prepayments and accrued inc	ome			25		9
					867		424
				-			

The fair value of the above items are not considered to be materially different to their carrying values.

# 13. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	2014 £	2013 £
Allotted:	_	-
49,998 ordinary shares of £1 each (25p called up and paid)	12,500	12,500
2 ordinary shares of £1 each (fully paid)	2	2
	12,502	12,502
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# 14. PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

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		£000
At 1 October 2012		(368)
Profit for the financial year		260
At 30 September 2013		(108)
Profit for the financial year		109
At 30 September 2014		1
CREDITORS	2014 £000	2013 £000
Amounts falling due within one year:	2000	
Amounts due to group companies	-	226
Accruals and deferred income	1,059	1,311
	1,059	1,537

Included with the accruals and deferred income balance is an amount of £462,000 (2013: £457,000) due to fellow subsidiaries of The Paragon Group of Companies PLC.

	2014 £000	2013 £000
Amounts falling due after more than one year:		
Asset backed loan notes	111,716	151,675
Derivative financial liabilities (note 11)	-	25
Intercompany subordinated loan	5,170	5,719
	116,886	, 157,419

Included within the asset backed loan notes balance is an amount of £32,100,000 (2013: £32,100,000) due to fellow subsidiaries of The Paragon Group of Companies PLC.

A maturity analysis and further details of the asset backed loan notes are given in note 16.

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#### 16. BORROWINGS

The mortgage backed floating rate notes are secured over a portfolio comprising variable rate mortgage loans secured by first charges over residential properties in the United Kingdom. The notes are subject to mandatory redemption in part on each interest payment date in an amount equal to the principal received or recovered in respect of the mortgage. As a result of this structure, cash received in respect of loan assets is not immediately available for distribution. At 30 September 2014, the amount of restricted cash and investments held within the Company was £117,091,000 (2013: £17,626,000). The maturity date of the notes matches the maturity date of the underlying assets. It is likely that a substantial proportion of these notes will be repaid within five years.

The Company has the option to repay all of the notes at an earlier date (the 'call date'), or at any interest payment date thereafter, at the outstanding principal amount.

Interest is payable at a fixed margin above:

• the London Interbank Offered Rate ('LIBOR') on notes denominated in sterling;

All payments in respect of the notes are required to be made in the currency in which they are denominated.

Notes in issue at 30 September 2014 and 30 September 2013 were:

Notes	Maturity date	Call date / Turbo date	Principal outstanding		Note margin
			2014	2013	Current
			£m	£m	
'A'	Apr 2039	Oct 2014	79.7	120.5	2.75%
ʻZ'	Apr 2039	Oct 2014	32.1	32.1	3.25%

If the issuer elects not to call and repay the Class A and Z on or after the Call Date / Turbo date, the excess revenue that otherwise would have been paid to the administrator, such as interest on the subordinated loan, is used to repay the Class 'A' Noteholders.

There is a subordinated loan facility under which an amount was drawn down by the Company to establish the first loss fund, which is repayable to Paragon Finance PLC on the earlier of the last interest payment date in April 2039 or the first day on which there are no notes outstanding, except that on any Interest Payment Date sums borrowed will be repaid to the extent of any amount released from the first loss fund. Interest is payable at the rate of 4% above the London Interbank Offered Rate for three month sterling deposits.

There are no amounts of committed but undrawn facilities at 30 September 2014 and September 2013.

## 17. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENT

On 15 October 2014 the Company repaid the outstanding asset backed loan notes.

#### 18. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The smallest and largest group into which the Company is consolidated, and the Company's immediate and ultimate parent company and ultimate controlling party is The Paragon Group of Companies PLC, a company registered in England and Wales.

Copies of the Group's financial statements are available from that company's registered office at 51 Homer Road, Solihull, West Midlands, B91 3QJ.