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**BIG BROTHER WATCH LIMITED DIRECTORS' REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

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# Big Brother Watch Limited Unaudited Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 December 2018

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## Big Brother Watch Limited Company Information For The Year Ended 31 December 2018

Directors

Mr Mark Littlewood

Lord Paul Strasburger

**Company Number** 

06982557

**Registered Office** 

China Works

Black Prince Road

London SE1 7SJ

**Accountants** 

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## **Big Brother Watch Limited Chair's Report** For The Year Ended 31 December 2018

## **CHAIR'S REPORT**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

Big Brother Watch exposes and challenges threats to our privacy, our freedoms and our civil liberties at a time of enormous technological change in the UK.

We work to roll back the surveillance state and protect the rights of everyone in the UK to be free from unjustified

We campaign to protect freedoms in Parliament and through the courts. We produce unique research and investigations, and seek to educate and empower the public.

Big Brother Watch is a cross-party, non-party, independent non-profit organisation leading the protection of privacy and civil libertles in the UK.

In our pursuit for change, we use advocacy and campaigns; parliamentary lobbying; public interest litigation; research and investigations that inform policy and public debate; and public education and empowerment.

### Organisational updates in 2018:

We were pleased to welcome Silkie Carlo as Chief Executive of Big Brother Watch. She has made a quick and successful impact and has overseen many of the successful campaigns described later in this report.

This year has been a positive and successful year for Big Brother Watch.

With a new organisational strategy for 2018-2020, we had a renewed focus for our mission and goals, and an ambitious view of the role we play in protecting civil liberties in the UK.

Our highlights in 2018 include:

- Producing leading research, investigations, and litigation on police use of facial recognition surveillance including our groundbreaking report, Face Off; and leading a national campaign of 15 rights groups to stop live police facial recognition
- Winning our legal challenge against UK Government on mass interception (Big Brother Watch & Ors v UK)
- Discovering HMRC's unlawful collection of 5.1m Voice IDs and campaigning for change
- Revealing Durham Police's use of AI and marketing data in custody decisions, and campaigning for change
- Raising public consciousness of modern data, rights and democracy issues through extensive media coverage following the Facebook/Cambridge Analytica scandal
- A national Freedom of Information investigation on AI and automation in the public service, in which we submitted 1,000+ FOI requests, leading to our submission to the UN on welfare and automation in the UK.
- The launch of our campaign, #VictimsNotSuspects, against digital strip searches of victims of crime
- The publication of two reports: Cyber-attacks in local authorities detailing new and acute risks; and the State of Surveillance 2018, which explores the impact of surveillance and 'dataveillance' on diverse groups in the UK, from journalists and campaigners, to migrants and school-children
- Lobbying parliament for positive changes to the Data Protection Bill
- Holding free, monthly digital privacy events and talks for members of the public

I would like to thank our supporters and funders for enabling Big Brother Watch to do the vital work we do. We enter 2019 with great ambition for organisational growth and success in our campaigns.

Lord Paul Strasburger

Chair

29/05/2019

# - Big Brother Watch Limited Company No. 06982557 Directors' Report For The Year Ended 31 December 2018

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018.

## Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

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 (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 the financial statements the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- · make judgments 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.

### Directors

The directors who held office during the year were as follows:
Mr Mark Littlewood
Lord Paul Strasburger
Ms Heather Brooke
Mr Ian Moore

APPOINTED 28/02/2018

## **Small Company Rules**

This report has 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.

On behalf of the board

Lord Paul Strasburger

29/05/2019

## Big Brother Watch Limited Accountant's Report For The Year Ended 31 December 2018

In accordance with the engagement letter dated and in order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, we have compiled the financial statements of the company from the accounting records and information and explanations you have given to us.

This report is made to the directors in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work has been undertaken to prepare for approval by the directors the financial statements that we have been engaged to compile, to report to the directors that we have done so, and to state those matters that we have agreed to state to them in this 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 for our work or for this report.

We have carried out this engagement in accordance with technical guidance issued by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and have complied with the ethical guidance laid down by the Association relating to members undertaking the compilation of financial statements.

You have acknowledged on the balance sheet as at year ended 31 December 2018 your duty to ensure that the company has kept proper accounting records and to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view under the Companies Act 2006. You consider that the company is exempt from the statutory requirement for an audit for the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit of the financial statements. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial statements.

**Boxwood Accountants & Tax Advisers Ltd** 

29/05/2019

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## Big Brother Watch Limited Profit and Loss Account For The Year Ended 31 December 2018

	2018	2017
	£	£
TURNOVER	110,492	173,946
Staff costs	(97,135)	(96,439)
Depreciation and other amounts written off assets	(1,220)	(921)
Other charges	(28,537)	(32,076)
NET PROFIT/(LOSS)	(16,400)	44,510

## Big Brother Watch Limited Balance Sheet As at 31 December 2018

	2018	2017
	£	£
Fixed assets	2,077	2,274
Current assets	31,324	51,317
Prepayments and accrued income	4,241	2,950
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	(1,601)	(4,104)
NET CURRENT ASSETS	33,964	50,163
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	36,041	52,437
Accruals and deferred income	(1,215)	(1,211)
NET ASSETS	34,826	51,226
CAPITAL AND RESERVES	34,826	51,226

## Notes

## 1. Average Number of Employees

Average number of employees, including directors, during the year was as follows: 7

## 2. General Information

Big Brother Watch Limited Registered number 06982557 is a limited by shares company incorporated in England & Wales. The Registered Office is China Works, Black Prince Road, London, SE1 7SJ.

## Big Brother Watch Limited Balance Sheet (continued) As at 31 December 2018

For the year ending 31 December 2018 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

## Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.
- These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the micro-entity provisions in the Companies Act 2006, Pt. 15 and FRS 105 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the Micro-entities Regime.

On behalf of the board

**Lord Paul Strasburger** 

29/05/2019