2020 LEGAL LIMITED ANNUAL REPORT AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2018



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COMPANY INFORMATION

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STRATEGIC REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2018

The directors present the strategic report for the year ended 30 November 2018.

Business review

The business has remained cash generative at an operational level and the directors are satisfied with the performance in the year. Since the year end, however, the directors have decided to realise their investment in the business and as a result the business has entered a period of managed run down following a cessation of all marketing investment from January 2019. This strategy will realise significant cash flows over the next 2 years or so after which point the intention is to cease trading.

Turnover at £13.946m was very similar to prior year (£13.951m). Profit before tax was £0.991m (2017: loss of £3.199m). The current year result is more reflective of underlying business performance whereas the prior year result reflected adjustments to accounting estimates for work in progress recognition and bad debt provisioning and also included a final goodwill amortisation charge of £1.253m.

Net liabilities for the group are £5.215m compared with £5.774m in the prior year. This reflects the underlying result explained above together with the movement in the capital contribution reserve linked to the directors' loan balance. Cash generated from operations remained healthy at £0.628m, albeit down from the prior year (£1.447m).

The company performed a hive up of the trade and net assets of each of the four subsidiary Limited Liability Partnerships ("LLPs") on 30 November 2017 at the end of the prior period.

Principal risks and uncertainties

Case outcomes - although the legacy case types have reasonably predictable average success rates, the profitability of the business may be affected by the success rates of the newer case types.

Regulatory risks - the future trading volumes and profitability of the business may be affected by adverse changes in its regulatory environment.

Legislative risks - the future trading volumes and profitability of the businesses in the personal injury sector are likely to be affected by impending adverse changes in legislation due to come into force in April 2020. The business is, however, unlikely to be affected by such changes due to the decision to enter run off.

Financing risks - the business needs to maintain adequate levels of working capital to allow it to manage the impact on its net cash of variations in its trading performance, including in the timing of fees received.

Going Concern

The company and group have net liabilities and net current liabilities at 30 November 2018. The group is however cash generative and will remain so. There will be no requirement for external funding.

Included within net current liabilities are directors' loans amounting to £4.133m. The directors have signed a letter of support to confirm they will not require the company to make loan repayments unless it has the available cash to do so, albeit sufficient cash is expected to be available in the current year to fully extinguish these loans.

Post year end the business has generated significant cash flows as indicated above. At the time of approving the financial statements the directors have a reasonable expectation that the company and group have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and the directors continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

On behalf of the board

C D Billing Director

2 August 2019

DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2018

The directors present their annual report and consolidated financial statements for the year ended 30 November 2018.

Principal activities

The principal activity of the company and group continued to be that of the provision of legal services.

Directors

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

J Humphreys

Results and dividends

The results for the year are set out on page 8.

No ordinary dividends were paid. The directors do not recommend payment of a final dividend.

Financial instruments

The group uses conventional forms of working capital to finance its day to day activities and as such the figures appearing in the accounts reflect the absolute value of amounts recoverable and payable. The directors receive regular reports on these figures in order to manage the group's requirements.

Auditor

RSM UK Audit LLP have indicated their willingness to be reappointed for another term and appropriate arrangements have been put in place for them to be deemed reappointed as auditors in the absence of an Annual General Meeting.

Statement of directors' responsibilities

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 group and company, and of the profit or loss of the group 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 group and company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the group's and company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the group and 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 group and company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Statement of disclosure to auditor

So far as each person who was a director at the date of approving this report is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the auditor of the company and group is unaware. Additionally, the directors individually have taken all the necessary steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of all relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor of the company and group is aware of that information.

Strategic report

In accordance with section 414C(11) of the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 the group's strategic report information required by schedule 7 of the Large and Medium-sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 is noted in the strategic report on page 4.

On behalf of the board

C D Billing Director

2 August 2019

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF 2020 LEGAL LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of 2020 Legal Limited (the 'parent company') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 30 November 2018 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Consolidated and Company Statements of Financial Position, the Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity, the Company Statement of Changes in Equity, the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows 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 FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and of the parent company's affairs as at 30 November 2018 and
 of the group's profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been 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 Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group and parent 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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the directors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast
 significant doubt about the group's or the parent company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of
 accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for
 issue.

Other information

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

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 or apparent material misstatements, 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.

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the group and the parent company and their environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report and 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 by the parent company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent company 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.

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement set out on page 5, 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 group's and the parent 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 group or the parent 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.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: http://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.

RSM UN AUDIT LLP

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2 August 2019

GROUP PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2018

		2018	2017
	Notes	£	£
Turnover	3	13,946,459	13,950,669
Cost of sales		(9,985,387)	(14,418,939)
Gross profit / (loss)		3,961,072	(468,270)
Administrative expenses		(2,795,883)	(3,051,876)
Other operating income	3	41,060	443,957
Operating profit / (loss)	4	1,206,249	(3,076,189)
Interest receivable and similar income	8	79,813	99,645
Interest payable and similar charges	9	(295,308)	(222,488)
Profit / (loss) before taxation		990,754	(3,199,032)
Taxation	10	(158,519)	301,228
Profit / (loss) for the financial year		832,235	(2,897,804)

Profit for the financial year is all attributable to the owners of the parent company.

The profit and loss account has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

GROUP AND COMPANY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 2018

		201	18	20	17
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Goodwill	11		-		-
Tangible assets	12		12,119		53,648
			12,119		53,648
Current assets					
Work in progress	15	1,367,000		1,249,000	
Debtors: due after more than one year	16	3,628,000		3,907,000	
Debtors: due within one year	17	6,781,220		7,279,355	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,971,329		2,149,066	
		13,747,549		14,584,421	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one	18				
year		(18,974,277)		(18,376,143)	
Net current liabilities			(5,226,728)		(3,791,722)
Total assets less current liabilities			(5,214,609)		(3,738,074)
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	19		-		(2,036,166)
Net liabilities			(5,214,609)		(5,774,240)
Capital and reserves	٠	,			
Called up share capital	23		10,000		10,000
Capital contribution reserve	24		-		553,886
Profit and loss reserves	24		(5,224,609)		(6,338,126)
Total equity			(5,214,609)		(5,774,240)

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 2 August 2019 and are signed on its behalf by:

C D Billing Director

J Humphreys Director

GROUP STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2018

	Share capital	Capital contribution reserve	Profit and loss reserves	Total
	£	£	£	£
Balance at 30 November 2016	10,000	650,121	(3,648,587)	(2,988,466)
Year ended 30 November 2017:				
Loss and total comprehensive income for the year		•	(2,897,804)	(2,897,804)
Transfer relating to amortised cost interest		(208,265)	208,265	-
Movement relating to directors' loan account		112,030	-	112,030
Balance at 30 November 2017	10,000	553,886	(6,338,126)	(5,744,240)
Year ended 30 November 2018:				
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	832,235	832,235
Transfer relating to amortised cost interest	-	(281,282)	281,282	-
Movement relating to directors' loan account		(272,604)	· -	(272,604)
Balance at 30 November 2018	10,000	-	(5,224,609)	(5,214,609)

COMPANY STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2018

	Share capital	Capital contribution reserve	Profit and loss reserves	Total
	£	£	£	£
Balance at 30 November 2016	10,000	650,121	(39,862)	620,259
Year ended 30 November 2017:				
Loss and total comprehensive income for the year (restated)		-	(6,506,529)	(6,506,529)
Transfer relating to amortised cost interest	-	(208,265)	208,265	-
Movement relating to directors' loan accounts		112,030		112,030
Balance at 30 November 2017	10,000	553,886	(6,338,126)	(5,774,240)
Year ended 30 November 2018:				
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	-	,	832,235	832,235
Transfer relating to amortised cost interest	-	(281,282)	281,282	•
Movement relating to directors' loan accounts		(272,604)	·	(272,604)
Balance at 30 November 2018	10,000	-	(5,224,609)	(5,214,609)

GROUP STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2018

	201	18	201	17
Notes	£	£	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities				
Cash generated from operations 29		628,371		1,446,650
Income taxes (paid)/refunded				(80,771)
Net.cash inflow from operating activities		628,371		1,365,879
Investing activities				
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	-		(14,324)	
Interest received	64,813		47,868	
Net cash inflow from investing activities		64,813		33,544
Financing activities				
Repayment of borrowings	(856,895)		(770,724)	
Interest paid	(14,026)		(14,223)	
Net cash used in financing activities		(870,921)		(784,947)
Net (decrease) / increase in cash and cash equivalents		(177,737)		614,476
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		2,149,066		1,534,590
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year		1,971,329		2,149,066
				

Accounting policies

1.1 Company information

2020 Legal Limited and subsidiaries is a private limited company limited by shares domiciled and incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is No 1 Europa House, Conway Street, Birkenhead, Liverpool, Merseyside. CH41 4FT.

The group consists of 2020 Legal Limited and all of its subsidiaries.

1.2 Accounting convention

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") 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 £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

The company is a qualifying entity for the purposes of FRS 102, being a member of a group where the parent of that group prepares publicly available consolidated financial statements, including this company, which are intended to give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the group. The company has therefore taken advantage of exemptions from the following disclosure requirements for parent company information presented within the consolidated financial statements:

- Section 4 'Statement of Financial Position' Reconciliation of the opening and closing number of shares;
- Section 7 'Statement of Cash Flows' Presentation of a statement of cash flow and related notes and disclosures;
- Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instrument Issues' Carrying amounts, interest income/expense and net gains/losses for each category of financial instrument; basis of determining fair values; details of collateral, loan defaults or breaches, details of hedges, hedging fair value changes recognised in profit or loss and in other comprehensive income;
- Section 26 'Share based Payment' Share-based payment expense charged to profit or loss, reconciliation of
 opening and closing number and weighted average exercise price of share options, how the fair value of options
 granted was measured, measurement and carrying amount of liabilities for cash-settled share-based payments,
 explanation of modifications to arrangements;
- Section 33 'Related Party Disclosures' Compensation for key management personnel.

1.3 Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporate those of 2020 Legal Limited and subsidiaries and all of its subsidiaries (i.e. entities that the group controls through its power to govern the financial and operating policies so as to obtain economic benefits).

All financial statements are made up to 30 November 2018. Where necessary, adjustments are made to the financial statements of subsidiaries to bring the accounting policies used into line with those used by other members of the group.

All intra-group transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between group companies are eliminated on consolidation.

1.4 Company statement of comprehensive income

As permitted by Section 408 Companies Act 2006, the company has not presented its own statement of comprehensive income as it prepares group accounts and the company's individual statement of financial position shows the company's profit or loss for the financial year.

1.5 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements the directors have a reasonable expectation that the company and group have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and the directors continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Accounting policies (continued)

1.6 Turnovei

The majority of turnover represents professional fees which comprise amounts invoiced or billable to clients for professional services provided, excluding value added tax. The vast majority of income is contingent on the occurrence of a specified future event, generally the agreement of fees with the defendant or defendant's representatives, and turnover is only recognised where that contingency has been resolved at the year end.

In addition, but only for road traffic accident and employer or public liability claims where the case has been accepted, has been submitted onto and has not exited the Claims Portal for whatever reason, an estimate is made of the likely recoverable amount and included within turnover.

1.7 Intangible fixed assets - goodwill

Goodwill represents the premium paid over and above the net assets acquired on 1 July 2011.

Amortisation is calculated so as to write off the cost of the asset less its estimated residual value over the useful economic life of that asset which is currently estimated to be 6 years. The directors have calculated the pay back time of the goodwill as 6 years. The goodwill was fully written down in the prior year.

1.8 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Property improvements 10% straight line
Fixtures & fittings 15% straight line
Computer equipment 33% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the profit and loss account.

1.9 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting period end date, the group reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any). Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the company estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

The carrying amount of the investments accounted for using the equity method is tested for impairment as a single asset. Any goodwill included in the carrying amount of the investment is not tested separately for impairment.

Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted.

If the recoverable amount of an asset (or cash-generating unit) is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset (or cash-generating unit) is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation decrease.

Recognised impairment losses are reversed if, and only if, the reasons for the impairment loss have ceased to apply. Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (or cash-generating unit) is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset (or cash-generating unit) in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the reversal of the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation increase.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

1.10 Work in progress

Work in progress represents the difference between amounts recognised as turnover in line with the turnover policy (see note 1.6) and amounts already billed to clients.

1.11 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.

1.12 Financial instruments

The group has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the group's statement of financial position when the group becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amounts presented in the financial statements when there is a legally 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.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors, amounts due from group undertakings and related parties and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Other financial assets

Other financial assets are initially measured at fair value, which is normally the transaction price. Such assets are subsequently carried at fair value and the changes in fair value are recognised in profit or loss, except that investments in equity instruments that are not publicly traded and whose fair values cannot be measured reliably are measured at cost less impairment.

Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting end date.

Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected. If an asset is impaired, the impairment loss is the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss.

If there is a decrease in the impairment loss arising from an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the impairment is reversed. The reversal is such that the current carrying amount does not exceed what the carrying amount would have been, had the impairment not previously been recognised. The impairment reversal is recognised in profit or loss.

Derecognition of financial assets

Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or when the group transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity, or if some significant risks and rewards of ownership are retained but control of the asset has transferred to another party that is able to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party.

Accounting policies (continued)

1.12 Financial instruments (continued)

Classification of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the group after deducting all of its liabilities.

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other creditors, and loans from related parties are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the group's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.13 Equity instruments

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

1.14 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 profit and loss account 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 group'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 profit and loss account, 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 if, and only if, there is 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 Accounting policies (continued)

1.15 Employee benefits

The costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense.

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.16 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

1.17 Leases

Rentals payable under operating leases, including any lease incentives received, are charged to income on a straight line basis over the term of the relevant lease except where another more systematic basis is more representative of the time pattern in which economic benefits from the lease asset are consumed.

1.18 Investments

Investments are recognised initially at fair value which is normally the transaction price (but excludes any transaction costs, where the investment is subsequently measured at fair value through profit and loss). Subsequently, they are measured at fair value through profit or loss except for those equity investments that are not publicly traded and whose fair value cannot otherwise be measured reliably, which are recognised at cost less impairment until a reliable measure of fair value becomes available.

If a reliable measure of fair value is no longer available, the equity instrument's fair value on the last date the instrument was reliably measurable is treated as the cost of the instrument.

2 Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the group'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 key estimates for the business are work in progress recognition and debtor provisioning. 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.

3	Turnover and other operating income		
		2018	2017
		£	£
	Turnover		
	Total turnover	13,946,459	13,950,669
	Other operating income		
	Fee share arrangements	5,060	25,957
	Management charges receivable	36,000	418,000
	Total other operating income	41,060	443,957
4	Operating profit		
		2018	2017
		£	£
	Operating profit / loss for the year is stated after charging/(crediting):		•
	Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	41,529	83,051
	Amortisation of intangible assets	•	1,252,532
	Operating lease charges	261,070	310,013
_	And the other constructions		
5	Auditor's remuneration	2018	2017
	Fees payable to the company's auditor and associates:	£	£
	rees payable to the company's addition and associates.	•	-
	For audit services		
	Audit of the financial statements of the group and company	18,000	20,000
			
		18,000	20,000
	For other services		
	Audit-related assurance services	8,000	13,000
	Taxation compliance services	3,000	5,050
	Other taxation services	15,517	250
	All other non-audit services	•	10,000
		26,517	28,300

		2018	2017
	•	Number	Number
	Fee earners	166	187
	Administration	50	53
		216	235
	T I		
	Their aggregate remuneration comprised:	2018	2017
		£	4
	Wages and salaries	5,748,607	5,984,627
	Social security costs	566,485	542,563
	Pension costs	55,101	30,188
		6,370,193	6,557,378
•			,
,	Directors' remuneration,	2018	2017
	·	£	2017
	Remuneration for qualifying services	33,444	32,633
	Company pension contributions to defined contribution schemes	272	162
		33,716	32,795
	Retirement benefits are accruing under defined contribution schemes for 2 (2	017: 2) directors.	
:	Interest receivable and similar income		
		2018	2017
		£	£
			4 2 4 2
	Interest on bank deposits	3,153	1,342
	Interest on bank deposits Interest on cost settlements	3,153 61,660	
			1,342 46,303 52,000

Taxation charge / (credit) for the year

		2018	2017
		£	£
	Bank charges and interest	14,026	14,223
	Other interest on financial liabilities	281,282	208,265
		295,308	222,488
	The other interest on financial liabilities relates to the amortised cost of the director annually through the profit and loss account until the loans are fully repaid.	ors' loan account w	hich is released
10	Taxation	2018 £	2017 £
	Current tax	£.	
	UK corporation tax on profits for the current period	•	-
	Adjustments in respect of prior periods	(8,866)	(44,194
	Total current tax	(8,866)	(44,194)
	Deferred tax		
	Origination and reversal of timing differences	148,782	(291,851
	Deferred tax adjustment in respect of prior periods	18,603	34,81
	Total deferred tax (note 21)	167,385	(257,034
	Total tax charge/{credit}	158,519	(301,228)
	The actual charge for the year can be reconciled to the expected charge based on th rate of tax as follows:	e profit or loss and	the standard
		2018	2017
		2018 £	2017 £
	Profit / (loss) before taxation		
	Profit / (loss) before taxation Expected tax credit based on the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19.00% (2017:19.33 %)	990,754	(3,199,032)
	Expected tax credit based on the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of	£	£
	Expected tax credit based on the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19.00% (2017:19.33 %)	990,754 188,243	(3,199,032) (618,424) 272,793
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158,519

(301,228)

Intangible fixed assets				
Group and Company				Goodwill
Cont				£
				15,030,400
Amortisation				
At 1 December 2017 and 30 November 2018				15,030,400
Carrying amount				
At 30 November 2017 and 30 November 2018				-
Tangible fixed assets				
Group and Company	Property improvements	Fixtures & fittings	Computer equipment	Total
	. £	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 December 2017 and 30 November 2018	23,033	482,400	1,183,201	1,688,634
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 December 2017	23,033	450,917	1,161,036	1,634,986
Depreciation charged in the year	-	23,812	17,717	41,529
At 30 November 2018	23,033	474,729	1,178,753	1,676,515
Carrying amount				
At 30 November 2018	-	7,671	4,448	12,119
		31,483	22,165	53,648
	Cost At 1 December 2017 and 30 November 2018 Amortisation At 1 December 2017 and 30 November 2018 Carrying amount At 30 November 2017 and 30 November 2018 Tangible fixed assets Group and Company Cost At 1 December 2017 and 30 November 2018 Depreciation and impairment At 1 December 2017 Depreciation charged in the year At 30 November 2018 Carrying amount	Group and Company Cost At 1 December 2017 and 30 November 2018 Amortisation At 1 December 2017 and 30 November 2018 Carrying amount At 30 November 2017 and 30 November 2018 Tangible fixed assets Group and Company Property improvements f Cost At 1 December 2017 and 30 November 2018 23,033 Depreciation and impairment At 1 December 2017 Depreciation charged in the year At 30 November 2018 23,033 Carrying amount At 30 November 2018	Cost At 1 December 2017 and 30 November 2018 Amortisation At 1 December 2017 and 30 November 2018 Carrying amount At 30 November 2017 and 30 November 2018 Tangible fixed assets Group and Company Property improvements fittings f f Cost At 1 December 2017 and 30 November 2018 23,033 482,400 Depreciation and impairment At 1 December 2017 Depreciation charged in the year 23,812 At 30 November 2018 Carrying amount At 30 November 2018 - 7,671	Cost

13	Investments		
	Company		Total
			£
	Cost		
	At 1 December 2017 and 30 November 2018		3,331,153
	Impairment		
	At 1 December 2017 and 30 November 2018		3,331,153
	Carrying amount		
	At 30 November 2017 and 30 November 2018		
	As part of the 30 November 2017 hive up of the subsidiary Limited Lia the LLPs to the company were forgiven by means of an increase to the		nces due from
14	Financial instruments		
		Group	and Company
		Group 2018	and Company 2017
		·	• •
	Carrying amount of financial assets	2018 £	2017 £
	Carrying amount of financial assets Debt instruments measured at amortised cost	2018	2017
	Debt instruments measured at amortised cost	2018 £	2017 £
	· -	2018 £	2017 £ 10,535,800
	Debt instruments measured at amortised cost Carrying amount of financial liabilities	2018 £ 11,235,454	2017 £ 10,535,800
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16 Debtors: due after more than one year

.	Group and Compa	
	2018	2017
	£	£
Undiscounted trade debtors falling due after one year	3,846,000	4,140,000
Discounting under effective interest rate method	(218,000)	(233,000)
Discounted trade debtors falling due after one year	3,628,000	3,907,000
Movements in discounting during the year:		
Discounting at 1 December	233,000	285,000
(Credit)/debit to profit or loss	(15,000)	(52,000)
Discounting at 30 November	218,000	233,000

Discounting has been applied using the effective interest method and a discount rate of 4% (2017: 4%).

17 Debtors: due within one year

	Group and Company	
	2018	2017
	£	£
Trade Debtors	6,227,454	6,627,700 .
Corporation tax recoverable	169,616	160,750
Amounts due from related parties	13,000	1,100
Prepayments and accrued income	246,500	197,770
Deferred tax asset (note 21)	124,650	292,035
	6,781,220	7,279,355

Trade debtors and debtors due after more than one year are stated net of a provision of £2,633,000 (2017: £2,760,000).

Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Group and Company	
	2018	2017
	£	£
Trade Creditors	5,807,866	6,123,468
Amounts due to related parties	7,119,584	7,570,674
Other taxation and social security	660,770	605,089
Directors' loan account	4,133,157	2,400,000
Other creditors	•	22,773
Accruals and deferred income	1,252,900	1,654,139
	18,974,277	18,376,143
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Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		
	Gro	up and Company

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Other loans

•		Group	and Company
		2018	2017
	Note	£	£
Other borrowings	20	**************************************	2,036,166
Loans and overdrafts			
		Group	and Company
		2018	2017

4,133,157 4,436,166

Each director's loan account is repayable at £100,000 per month, subject to variations agreed by the directors from time to time. The directors anticipate, however, that the loan will be fully repaid by 30 November 2019.

The current portion of the loan of £4,133,157 (2017: £2,400,000) is disclosed within note 18 as other creditors. The amount falling due after more than one year of £Nil (2017: £2,036,166) is disclosed as other borrowings within note 19. The undiscounted balance of the loan at 30 November 2017 was £4,990,052.

21 Deferred taxation

The following are the major deferred tax liabilities and assets recognised by the group and company, and movements thereon:

	2018	2017
	£	£
Accelerated capital allowances	35,720	36,953
Short term timing differences	(85,715)	(97,959)
Tax losses carried forward	174,645	353,041
Total deferred tax	124,650	292,035
Movements in the year:		
Asset at 1 December	292,035	35,000
(Debit) / credit to profit or loss	(167,385)	257,035
Asset at 30 November	124,650	292,035

The company has recognised the deferred tax asset relating to losses of £174,645 (2017: £353,041) as it is expecting to make sufficient profits to utilise this asset in the next 12 months.

22 Retirement benefit schemes

	Group and Company	
	2018	2015
Defined contribution schemes	£	£
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	55,101	30,188

A defined contribution pension scheme is operated for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group in an independently administered fund.

23 Share capital

		Group and company	
		2018	2017
Ordinary share capital		£	, £
Issued and fully paid			
10,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	•	10,000	10,000
•			

24 Reserves

Capital contribution reserve

This reserve holds the cumulative effect of the discounting of the directors loan, recorded as a capital contribution to the company. This reserve will unwind as the directors' loan is paid off.

Profit and loss reserves

This reserve has the cumulative profits and losses of the company/group.

25 Operating lease commitments

At the reporting end date the group had outstanding lessee commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	Group	Group and company	
	2018	2017 £	
	£		
Within one year	179,698	181,861	
Between two and five years	304,530	372,399	
In over five years -	134,821	186,103	
Total deferred tax	619,049	740,363	

26 Related party transactions

(i) Companies related to key management personnel

C D Billing and J Humphreys, directors of this company, are also directors of several other companies which therefore meet the definition of related parties associated with key management personnel as defined by FRS 102. The following aggregated transactions occurred with related parties of this nature:

·	2018	2017
,	£	£
Brought forward net creditor	(7,569,574)	(7,401,976)
Invoices received from related party (gross of VAT)	(281,118)	(4,454,197)
Payments made to related party (gross of VAT)	278,352	4,340,313
Monies loaned to/(received from) related parties	429,756	(454,900)
Management charges (accrued net of VAT)	36,000	418,000
VAT on management charges (credited)/invoiced in the year	•	(14,000)
Hived up balances from subsidiaries	-	(2,814)
	•	
Carried forward net creditor	(7,106,584)	(7,569,574)

(ii) Limited Liability Partnerships under the control of 2020 Legal Limited

The company has interests in four Limited Liability Partnerships, which are consolidated into these accounts. The company performed a hive up of the trade and net assets of each of the four subsidiary Limited Liability Partnerships ("LLPs") on 30 November 2017 at the end of the prior period. These Limited Liability Partnerships meet the definition of a related party as defined by FRS 102 due to the company exerting control over them. The following aggregated transactions occurred with related parties of this nature:

÷	2018	2017
	£	£
Brought forward debtor		4,840,741
Monies received from related parties	•	(2,674,377
Management charges (accrued net of VAT)	-	1,164,789
Balances netted during hive up transaction	•	(3,331,153)
		
Carried forward debtor		-

27 Ultimate controlling party

The company is under the control of C D Billing and J Humphreys, who are the directors and shareholders of the company.

28 Minority interest

The company has the following interests in four Limited Liability Partnerships:

AACH Legal Services LLP, incorporated in England and Wales, company number OC378654 - 100%*

Accidentally Injured Legal Services LLP, incorporated in England and Wales, company number OC382131 - 100%*

M&R Legal Services LLP, incorporated in England and Wales, company number OC378655 - 100%*

Perfect North Legal Services LLP, incorporated in England and Wales, company number OC380149 - 100%*

The accounts of each of the Limited Liability Partnerships have been consolidated as group undertakings recognising all of the results of those entities. Each was entitled to exemption from audit under section 479A of the Companies Act 2006 - Audit Exemption of a Subsidiary Undertaking.

The LLP agreement limits the liability of each member to that of the capital provided. The profit or loss for the year from each of the Limited Liability Partnerships has therefore been allocated as to 100% to 2020 Legal Limited. A member of each Limited Liability Partnership is only liable for the amount of subscribed capital and therefore a debtor for the minority interest is not included.

*As part of the restructure of the group on 30 November 2017 the minority stakeholder in each case resigned or has been removed as a member on the dates given below, increasing the interest the company has from 80% to 100%:

AACH Legal Services LLP	4 May 2018
Accidentally Injured Legal Services LLP	24 November 2017
M&R Legal Services LLP	24 November 2017
Perfect North Legal Services LLP	22 June 2018

29 Cash generated from group operations

	2018 £	2017 £
Profit / (loss) for the year after tax	832,235	(2,897,804)
Adjustments for:		
Taxation charged / (credited)	158,519	(301,228)
Finance costs	295,308	222,488
Investment income	(64,813)	(47,868)
Amortisation and impairment of intangible assets	•	1,252,532
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	41,529	83,051
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease/(Increase) in work in progress	(118,000)	1,009,052
Decrease in debtors	618,616	2,236,534
Decrease in creditors	(1,135,023)	(110,107)
Cash generated from operations	628,371	1,446,650
