# ADVANCED PROPULSION CENTRE UK LIMITED REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

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#### **COMPANY INFORMATION**

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#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

The directors present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2017. The comparative figures cover the period from 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016.

#### **Principal activities**

The company's principal activity is to support the UK automotive industry through funding innovation in low carbon propulsion systems. It is doing this by running twice yearly themed competitions over a ten year lifecycle. The overall funding is based on £1 billion over ten years, provided jointly by government and the automotive industry. The government funding for the main competitions is currently administered, as grants to successful applicants, by Innovate UK.

This financial year has seen a strengthening of the project portfolio which has or is now supporting 31 core competition projects, engaging more than 120 organisations and committing circa £520m of funding to projects. A number of projects awarded in APC1 have successfully completed in the 2016-17 financial year and subsequent projects resulting from the APC2 to APC6 competitions will complete in the following years. These projects should realise approximately 28 million tonnes of CO2 savings and safeguard/secure in excess of 19,000 jobs.

Following completion of the pilot in 2016, the first wave of the Technology Developer Accelerator Programme was launched in early 2017 which is designed to help fast track low carbon propulsion technology towards commercialisation. Through mentoring of technology developers and SME's, the APC aims to aid the development of both their product and organisational capability through better understanding of the Automotive Industry requirements and visibility to a range of industry players.

Following release of the UK wide capability study in the summer of 2016, a refresh programme of the UK's Automotive Roadmaps is in progress, with workshops having been held and data now being processed with spoke leads and steering groups. Product roadmap strawman refreshes will be developed following discussion with Industry.

The APC continues to co-ordinate an automotive international events programme, positioning the UK as a centre of excellence of low carbon propulsion technologies and promoting the UK's capability in key strategic markets for UK companies and Government. A number of thought leadership events were also held at the Royal Institution on the "Future of Technologies".

The National propulsion showcase, established at the hub on the University of Warwick campus, had in excess of 1,300 visitors in the year, which ranged from Government officials, industry personnel, students and school children, and hosted a number of events. The smaller showcase at the APC London office on the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in Stratford was opened in 2016 and has held a number of meetings, workshops and events.

The APC outreach continues to develop, with six spokes covering a range of strategic and enabling technologies all aimed at developing communities of expertise that can focus on the acceleration of their core themes, in order to drive the development and adoption of improved Low Carbon Propulsion Technologies into the Automotive Systems of tomorrow. In 2017 a new project was launched to develop a distributed vehicle environment that will provide means of coordinating the approach to whole vehicle virtualisation and analysis-led development through the use of models with open access.

The APC and EPSRC have been working together for the last nine months to engage the UK's world class academic community in the key challenges of the auto sector, through Feasibility Study programmes such as 'Preparing for the Grand Challenge'. A number of activities were also launched around electrification of the supply chain and air quality.

#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

The APC's CEO also sits on the joint industry and Ministerial Automotive council and presents the progress the APC is making in this high level forum.

At the request of the Automotive Council the APC has been working closely with the Government's Centre for Connected and Autonomous Vehicles (CAV) to establish a separately branded hub that will act as the focal point for UK wide testing and development infrastructure for CAV's. This activity was piloted in early 2017 and is expected to be fully operational as an APC subsidiary later in the year.

The company earns revenue based on the level of funding obtained by successful grant applicants and the accounts should be read in the context of a 10 year period where the excess expenditure in any one year will be subject to grant applications and related income that will be received in subsequent years.

#### Going concern

The directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future and for this reason, the going concern basis continues to be an appropriate basis on which to prepare the financial statements.

In reaching this conclusion the directors have considered the financial position of the company and its funding for a period of at least 12 months from the date of approval of the financial statements. The directors have undertaken a detailed review of the company's forecasts and associated risks.

#### Third party indemnity provision for directors

Qualifying third party indemnity provision is in place for the benefit of all directors and key management personnel of the company.

#### **Directors**

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

Mr Geoffrey Bicknell
Mr Robert Evans
Professor Colin Garner
Doctor Thomas Pixton
Mr Simon Edmonds
Mr Ian Constance
Professor Robert Dover (appointed 6 April 2016)
Ms Sabine Mosner (appointed 5 July 2016)

#### Results

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

#### **Auditor**

The auditor, RSM UK Audit LLP, Chartered Accountants, has expressed its willingness to continue in office.

#### Statement of disclosure to auditor

So far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware. Additionally, the directors 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 company's auditor is aware of that information.

# **DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

On behalf of the board

Mr lan Constance

**Director** 

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#### **DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT**

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

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 those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- · make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBER OF ADVANCED PROPULSION CENTRE UK LIMITED

#### **Opinion on financial statements**

We have audited the financial statements on pages 8 to 23. 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), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 March 2017 and of its loss 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.

#### Scope of the audit of the financial statements

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the Financial Reporting Council's website at http://www.frc.org.uk/auditscopeukprivate

#### Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements and, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit, the Directors' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

#### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified any material misstatements in the Directors' report.

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; or
- the directors were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a strategic report or in preparing the directors' report

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBER OF ADVANCED PROPULSION CENTRE UK LIMITED

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditor

As more fully explained 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. 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 (APB's) Ethical Standards for Auditors.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Peter Howard BA ACA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of RSM UK Audit LLP, Statutory Auditor
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# STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

	Notes	2017 £	2016 £
Turnover	3	1,462,961	832,016
Administrative expenses Operating expenses Other operating income	4	(2,933,982) (1,065,595) 2,533,308	(3,017,061) (264,189) 1,738,228
Operating loss		(3,308)	(711,006)
Interest receivable and similar income Interest payable and similar charges	5 6	948 (475)	556 (1,741)
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	7	(2,835)	(712,191)
Taxation	10	(162)	-
Loss for the financial period		(2,997)	(712,191)
Total comprehensive income for the period		(2,997)	(712,191)

The statement of comprehensive income has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

# ADVANCED PROPULSION CENTRE UK LIMITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

# **AS AT 31 MARCH 2017**

Company number: 08791933

		20	017		2016
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	11	•	4,549	•	7,627
Tangible assets	12		700,602		429,017
			705,151		436,644
Current assets					
Debtors due within one year	13	3,755,316		1,765,547	
Cash at bank and in hand		780,854		473,672	
		4,536,170		2,239,219	
Creditors: amounts falling due		(			
within one year	14	(6,772,120)		(4,203,665)	
Net current liabilities			(2,235,950)		(1,964,446)
Net liabilities			(1,530,799)		(1,527,802)
Reserves					
Profit and loss account			(1,530,799)		(1,527,802)

The financial statements on pages 8 to 23 were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on .4.7./1.7 and are signed on its behalf by:

Mr Geoffrey Bicknell

Director

Mr Ian Constance

Director

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

	Profit and loss account £
Balance at 1 April 2015	(815,611)
Year ended 31 March 2016: Loss and total comprehensive income for the period	(712,191)
Balance at 31 March 2016	(1,527,802)
Year ended 31 March 2017	
Loss and total comprehensive income for the year	(2,997)
Balance at 31 March 2017	$(\overline{1,530,799})$

# **STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

Notes	2017 £	2016 £
. 18	852,995	(38,973)
	(475)	(1,741)
	852,520	(40,714)
	(5,446)	-
	(535,412)	(76,811)
	948	556
	(539,910)	(76,255)
	(5,428)	(6,129)
	(5,428)	(6,129)
	307,182	(123,098)
	473,672	596,770
	18	(475)  852,520  (5,446) (535,412) 948  (539,910)  (5,428)

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

#### 1 Accounting policies

#### **General information**

Advanced Propulsion Centre UK Limited ("the company") is a company limited by guarantee domiciled and incorporated in England and Wales. As a company limited by guarantee it does not have share capital and in the event of a winding up or dissolution of the company each member's liability towards the debts of the company is restricted to a sum not exceeding £1.

The address of the company's registered office is 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, 60 Gracechurch Street, London, EC3V 0HR. The principal place of business is University Road, Coventry, CV4 7HP.

The company's principal activities are disclosed in the Directors' Report.

#### **Basis of accounting**

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, and under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements are presented in sterling, which is also the functional currency of the company.

#### Going concern

The directors feel it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis, as they have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The directors also believe that there are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt over the ability of the company to continue as a going concern. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Although the company has net liabilities of £1,530,799 the APC has support from the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) in the form of a 10 year grant to 31st March 2023 for £17.464m to contribute towards the running costs of the APC. The progress of APC is reviewed annually to confirm continued support from BEIS and the grant for the next year is agreed in advance. The contribution from BEIS has been front-loaded to recognise the set-up period of the APC and the ramp up of project activity on which APC earns commercial income. Hence there is a deferred income balance of £3.406m that will be released over the coming years, recognising increasing commercial income that will match public funding over the life of the APC.

#### Turnover

Turnover represents amounts receivable in relation to the administration of grant funding applications, net of VAT. Turnover is recognised at the point the company becomes entitled to the income, which is when the grant claim is submitted.

It also includes income from management of events and PR activity, net of VAT.

#### Other income

Interest income

Interest income is accrued on a time-apportioned basis, by reference to the principal outstanding at the effective interest rate.

#### Government grants

Income from government grants is recognised when the associated performance conditions are met and is presented within operating income.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

#### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

#### Intangible fixed assets

Intangible assets purchased are recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost of the asset can be measured reliably.

Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost and are subsequently measured at cost less accummulated amortisation and impairment losses. Intangible assets are amortised to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over their useful lives, as follows:

Computer software

3 years

Amortisation is revised for any significant change in useful life or residual value.

On disposal, the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the intangible asset is recognised in profit or loss.

#### Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost, net of depreciation and any impairment losses. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset to its estimated residual value on a straight line basis over its expected useful life, as follows:

Plant and machinery 3 years
Fixtures, fittings and equipment 5 years
Motor vehicles 3 years

Residual value is calculated on prices prevailing at the reporting date, after estimated costs of disposal, for the asset as if it were at the age and in the condition expected at the end of its useful life.

#### Impairments of fixed assets

An assessment is made at each reporting date of whether there are indications that a fixed asset may be impaired or that an impairment loss previously recognised has fully or partially reversed. If such indications exist, the company estimates the recoverable amount of the asset.

Shortfalls between the carrying value of fixed assets and their recoverable amounts, being the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value-in-use, are recognised as impairment losses and recognised in profit or loss.

Recognised impairment losses are reversed if, and only if, the reasons for the impairment loss have ceased to apply. Reversals of impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss. On reversal of an impairment loss, the depreciation or amortisation is adjusted to allocate the asset's revised carrying amount (less any residual value) over its remaining useful life.

#### **Grants awarded**

Grants awarded include claims made under the Technology Developer Accelerator Programme, the Grand Challenge project and the Multi-Spoke distributed vehicle environment from project participants and are credited to profit or loss when claims fall due and are included within other income.

#### **Borrowing costs**

All borrowing costs are expensed as incurred.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

#### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

#### **Taxation**

The tax expense represents the sum of the current tax expense and deferred tax expense. Current tax assets are recognised when tax paid exceeds the tax payable.

Current tax is based on taxable profit or loss for the period. Taxable profit or loss differs from total comprehensive income because it excludes items which are not taxable or allowable for tax purposes and items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other periods. Current tax assets and liabilities are measured using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date.

Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the period when the asset is realised or the liability is settled based on tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date. Deferred tax is not discounted.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognised in respect of all timing differences that exist at the reporting date. Timing differences are differences between taxable profits or losses and total comprehensive income that arise from the inclusion of income and expenses in tax assessments in different periods from their recognition in the financial statements. Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered by the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits.

Current and deferred tax is charged or credited in profit or loss, except when it relates to items charged or credited to other comprehensive income or equity, when the tax follows the transaction or event it relates to and is also charged or credited to other comprehensive income, or equity.

Current tax assets and current tax liabilities, and deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities are offset, if and only if, there is a legally enforceable right to set off the amounts and the entity intends either to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

#### Leases

#### Finance leases

An asset and corresponding liability are recognised for leasing and hire purchase agreements that transfer to the company substantially all of the risks and rewards incidental to ownership ("finance leases"). The amount capitalised is the fair value of the leased asset or, if lower, the present value of the minimum lease payments payable during the lease term, both determined at inception of the lease. Lease and hire purchase payments are treated as consisting of capital and interest elements. The interest is charged to profit or loss so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability.

#### Operating leases

All other leases are operating leases and the annual rentals are charged to profit or loss on a straight line basis over the lease term.

#### **Employee benefits**

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

Employees are entitled to carry forward any unused holiday entitlement at the reporting date. The cost of any unused entitlement has not been recognised in financial statements.

The best estimate of the expenditure required to settle an obligation for termination benefits is recognised immediately as an expense when the company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

#### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

#### Retirement benefits

Defined contribution plans

For defined contribution schemes the amount charged to profit or loss is the contributions payable in the period. Differences between contributions payable in the period and contributions actually paid are shown as either accruals or prepayments.

#### **Financial instruments**

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

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument, and are offset only when the company currently has a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

#### Financial assets:

Trade debtors

Trade debtors which are receivable within one year and which do not constitute a financing transaction are initially measured at the transaction price. Trade debtors are subsequently measured at amortised cost, being the transaction price less any amounts settled and any impairment losses.

A provision for impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the amounts due will not be collected according to the original terms of the contract. Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss for the excess of the carrying value of the trade debtor over the present value of the future cash flows discounted using the original effective interest rate. Subsequent reversals of an impairment loss that objectively relate to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised, are recognised immediately in profit or loss.

#### Financial liabilities and equity:

Trade creditors

Trade creditors payable within one year are initially measured at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost, being the transaction price less any amounts settled.

#### **Borrowings**

Borrowings are initially recognised at the transaction price, including transaction costs, and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and other similar charges.

#### Derecognition of financial assets and liabilities

A financial asset is derecognised only when the contractual rights to cash flows expire or are settled, or substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are transferred to another party, 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. A financial liability (or part thereof) is derecognised when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

#### 2 Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

#### 2 Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement (continued)

#### Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

The company makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

#### Depreciation charges:

Depreciation charges to recognise consumption of economic benefits of tangible fixed assets by the company are calculated based on rates of depreciation. Depreciation rates are determined by estimation of the diminution in the recoverable amounts in respect of tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful economic lives.

#### Accruals and deferred income:

Accruals and deferred income are present obligations arising from past events that result in the outflow of resources embodying economic benefits. Accruals are determined by estimating the present obligation of the future outflow of resources embodying economic benefits.

#### Prepayments and accrued income:

Prepayments and accrued income are resources controlled by the company from which future economic benefits are expected to flow. Prepayments and accrued income are determined by estimating the cost or value of the resource from which the flow of future economic benefits is expected to be derived.

#### Critical areas of judgement

#### Recognition of deferred tax assets:

In order to determine the value of deferred tax assets, judgements are required regarding the extent of which the flow of future economic benefits is sufficiently probable to meet the deferred tax asset recognition criteria.

#### Grant income recognition:

In order to determine the value of grant income, judgements are required regarding whether grants will be received and whether conditions attached to the grants have been met.

#### 3 Turnover

The company's turnover is all derived from the provision of professional services relating to grant funding applications and PR support within the United Kingdom.

4 Other operating	; Income	2017 £	2016 £
Government gra Grants awarded		4,847,688 (2,314,380)	2,506,375 (768,147)
		2,533,308	1,738,228

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

5	Interest receivable and similar income	2017 £	2016 £
	Interest on bank deposits	948	556
6	Interest payable and similar charges	2017 £	2016 £
	Interest on finance leases and hire purchase contracts	475	1,741
7	Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	2017 £	2016 £
	Loss on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging	or crediting:	
	Depreciation of tangible fixed assets - owned - held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts (Profit)/Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets Amortisation of intangible assets Operating lease rentals Finance lease rentals	259,112 13,362 (20,581) 8,524 240,268 5,903	152,168 13,097 375 7,476 240,114 7,870
	Fees payable to RSM UK Audit LLP and its associates in respect	or audit services are as 2017 £	2016 £
	Audit services – statutory audit of the company Tax compliance Grant accountants' reports Tax advisory services Other services	7,500 750 11,400 9,795 1,200	7,500 750 4,450 2,342 3,050
8	Employees	2017	2016
	The average monthly number of persons (including directors) emp Company during the year was:	<b>No.</b> loyed by the	No.
	Management & Administration	14	13
	Business Development Technology & Projects	6 9	5 7

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

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8	Employees (continued)		2012
		2017 £	2016 £
	Staff costs for the above persons:	-	_
	Wages and salaries	1,404,088	1,205,715
	Social security costs	162,271	139,905
	Defined contribution pension cost	200,143	158,839
		1,766,502	1,504,459
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9	Directors' remuneration	2017 £	2016 £
		_	
	Remuneration	317,650	383,977
10	Taxation	2017 £	2016 £
	Current tax	£	£
	UK corporation tax	162	-
	Total tax on loss of ordinary activities	162	
	Factors affecting the tax charge for the period:		
	The tax assessed for the period is different to that calculated at th (20%). The differences are explained below:	e standard rate of o	corporation tax
		2017 · £	2016 £
	Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	(2,835)	(712,191)
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	Loss on ordinary activities multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 20% (2016: 20%)	(567)	(142,438)
	Effects of:		
	Expenses not deductible in determining taxable loss	2,697	3,510
	Unrelieved tax losses	(11,869)	116,721
	Other short term timing differences	9,785	22,762
	Movement in provisions	116	(555)
	Tax expense	162	

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

#### 10 Taxation (continued)

As at the year end the company had tax losses of £1,599,432 (2016 - £1,642,218), which could provide future tax relief of £271,904 (2016 - £295,599) at current tax rates, for use against future taxable trading profits. The deferred tax asset in respect of these losses has not been recognised on the basis that there is uncertainty over when these losses will be utilised.

#### 11 Intangible assets

	Computer software £
Cost 1 April 2016 Additions	22,654 5,446
31 March 2017	28,100
Amortisation 1 April 2016 Amortisation charged in the year	15,027 8,524
31 March 2017	23,551
Carrying amount 31 March 2017	4,549
31 March 2016	7,627

The amortisation charge for the year is recognised within administrative expenses.

#### 12 Tangible fixed assets

· angle in a constant	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost	•			
1 April 2016	219,523	459,633	39,687	718,843
Additions	49,995	494,064	-	544,059
Disposals	-	-	(39,687)	(39,687)
31 March 2017	269,518	953,697	-	1,223,215
Depreciation				
1 April 2016	131,818	131,683	26,325	289,826
Depreciation charged in the year	86,232	172,880	13,362	272,474
Eliminated in respect of disposals	-	-	(39,687)	(39,687)
31 March 2017	218,050	304,563		522,613
Carrying amount				
31 March 2017	51,468	649,134	-	700,602
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31 March 2016	87,705	327,950	13,362	429,017

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

#### 12 Tangible fixed assets (continued)

The net book value of motor vehicles includes £nil (2015: £13,362) in respect of assets held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts.

13 Debtors	13	D	et	oto	rs
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			2017 £	2016 £
	Amounts falling due within one year:			
	Trade debtors		382,787	396,052
	Other debtors		57,464	84,058
	Prepayments and accrued income		690,176	644,751
	Grant claims due		2,624,889	640,686
			3,755,316	1,765,547
14	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
			2017	2016
		Notes	£	£
	Obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts	16	-	26,009
	Trade creditors		320,494	528,226
	Corporation tax		162	-
	Other taxes and social security		56,742	56,805
	Other creditors		17,278	16,697
	Accruals and deferred income		4,078,158	3,535,989
	Grant claims payable		2,299,286	39,939
			6,772,120	4,203,665

Obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts are secured by the related assets and bear finance charges at 6.65% per annum (2015: 6.65% annum).

	2017	2016
The total future minimum lease payments are payable:	£	£
Less than one year	-	26,493
	-	26,493
Less future finance charges	-	(484)
	-	26,009
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Finance lease and hire purchase payments represent rentals payable by the company in respect of assets included within motor vehicles. Leases include purchase options at the end of the lease period, and no restrictions are placed on the use of the assets. The leases are for a term of 3 years, are on a fixed repayment basis, and have no arrangement for contingent rental payments.

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15	Financial instruments	2017 £	2016 £
	Financial assets		
	Debt instruments measured at amortised cost	3,305,348	1,125,707
	Financial liabilities		
	Measured at amortised cost	2,846,230	676,632
	•		
16	Borrowings		
	•	2017 £	2016 £
	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year:	2	-
	Finance lease and hire purchase liabilities	<u>-</u>	26,009
	Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year:		
	Finance lease and hire purchase liabilities	-	-
	Total	-	26,009

#### 17 Government grants

The company recognised income of £4,847,688 (2016: £2,506,375) in respect of capital and expenditure grants from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) to cover part of the cost of grant fund applications and specific projects. The grants are conditional upon sufficient relevant expenditure being incurred. Typically grant funding is available at 50% of relevant expenditure. The grants recognised in the year were to cover the costs of running the APC (£1.468m), but also including delivery of the following projects:

- To develop a multi-spoke environment distributed vehicle environment that will provide means
  of coordinating the approach to whole vehicle virtualisation and analysis-led development
  through the use of models with open access. Grants were awarded to the 5 APC spokes to
  deliver this project (£1.628m);
- 'Preparing for the Grand Challenge' feasibility studies looking at the key challenges facing the auto sector. Grants were awarded to a number of consortia (£0.687m);
- Delivery of a co-ordinated international events programme, including attendance at autotech shows and conferences with a "UK Pavilion", and overseas technology missions (£0.618m);

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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#### 18 Reconciliation of loss after tax to net cash (used in)/generated from operations

	2017 £	2016 £
Loss after tax	(2,997)	(712,191)
Adjustments for: Depreciation of tangible fixed assets Amortisation of intangible assets (Profit)/Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets Interest receivable Interest payable	272,474 8,524 (20,581) (948) 475	7,476 375 (556)
Operating cash flows before movements in working capital	256,947	(537,890)
Increase in trade and other debtors Increase in trade and other creditors	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	(1,373,237) 1,872,154
Cash generated from/(used in) operations	852,995 	(38,973)

#### 19 Retirement benefits

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The contributions payable by the company charged to profit or loss amounted to £200,143 (2016: £158,839). Contributions totalling £17,278 (2016: £16,697) were payable to the fund at the year end and are included in creditors.

#### 20 Remuneration of key management personnel

The total remuneration of the directors and the executive team which are considered to be key management personnel of the company (including employers NI) was £790,592 (2016: £841,665).

#### 21 Contingent liabilities

A contingent liability exists in respect of grant income recognised in excess of matched industry funding received to date. Any excess may become repayable in the future if a matched level of industry funding is not received. As at 31 March 2017 the maximum potential liability is £1,722,897 (2016: £1,690,390).

#### 22 Other financial commitments

In 2015, the company entered into a 5 year agreement with Prolinx, for the provision of IT services. As at the year end the company had a total commitment under the remaining terms of the agreement of £205,713 (2016: £276,243)

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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#### 23 Commitments under operating leases

The total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases for property were as follows:

	2017	2016 £
Amounts due:	2	
Within one year	240,932	240,208
Between one and five years	421,631	660,572
	662,563	900,780

The annual rent increases by CPI on 1 May each year.

#### 24 Reserves

Reserves of the company represent cumulative profit and loss.

#### 25 Company limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and does not have share capital. In the event of the winding up or dissolution of the company each member's liability towards the debts and liabilities of the company is restricted to a sum not exceeding £1.

#### 26 Capital commitments and other contractual obligations

	2017 £	2016 £
Capital expenditure contracted for but not provided for in the financial statements	-	365,913

#### 27 Related party transactions

During the year, the Company entered into the following transactions with related parties:

	Other related parties	
	2017	2016
	£	£
Income from project services	2,144	
Purchases of goods/services in year	96,434	123,384
Amounts owed by related parties at year end	217	-
Amounts owed to related parties at year end	-	90,994

These are related parties of the Company because the CEO of Cenex, Robert Evans, has been a Non-Executive director of APC since 1st October 2015, and sole member since its incorporation.