

Company Registration No. SC161678 (Scotland)

brightsolid online technology limited

Annual report and financial statements

for the year ended 31 March 2021

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Company information

Directors	MF Thomson C Jagusz E Maddison	(Appointed 9 November 2020) (Appointed 27 November 2020)
Secretary	S Evans	
Company number	SC161678	
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Auditor	Henderson Loggie LLP The Vision Building 20 Greenmarket Dundee DD1 4QB	

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Strategic report

for the year ended 31 March 2021

The directors present the strategic report for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Fair review of the business

Revenue for the year to 31 March 2021 was £10m, a reduction of 3% on the £10.2m achieved in FY20.

The conditions created by the COVID-19 pandemic impacted sales performance in FY21 with fewer, large scale opportunities coming to the market in Scotland. In turn, this drove increased competition and pricing pressure.

Costs increased in FY21 as the company continued to invest in developing its AWS practice which is a critical part of the company's Hybrid cloud growth strategy.

The Board continue to see significant growth opportunities in the Cloud Services market with clear signs that Covid will accelerate cloud adoption.

Principal risks and uncertainties

An inability to deliver market leading products and services would materially impact potential growth. The company continues to invest in product and service development to align the business proposition with customer needs.

Digital skills are in high demand. Talent acquisition, management and retention are one of the key risks to delivering our growth strategy and is a key focus area for management.

Key performance indicators

Key financial performance indicators include the monitoring and management of annual contracted revenue, profitability, sales pipeline growth to three times sales target and working capital.

On behalf of the board

E Maddison

Director

1 November 2021

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Directors' report

for the year ended 31 March 2021

The directors present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Principal activities

The principal activity of the company is to provide secure business services online through the provision of private, hybrid and public clouds. The company undertakes projects for customers that exploit secure technical assets to deliver IT solutions that offer the customer greater agility and reduced risk in terms of delivery, cost and quality.

Directors

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

AF Thomson	(Resigned 26 November 2020)
DHE Thomson	(Resigned 26 November 2020)
MF Thomson	
EAN Watson	(Resigned 30 November 2020)
C Jagusz	(Appointed 9 November 2020)
E Maddison	(Appointed 27 November 2020)
JRK Glen	(Appointed 27 November 2020 and resigned 28 April 2021)

Results and dividends

The results for the year are set out on page 7.

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

No preference dividends were paid.

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 company's auditor 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 company's auditor is aware of that information.

On behalf of the board

E Maddison
Director

1 November 2021

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Directors' responsibilities statement

for the year ended 31 March 2021

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 company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 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.

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Independent auditor's report

to the Members of brightsolid online technology limited

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of brightsolid online technology limited (the 'company') for the year ended 31 March 2021 which comprise the statement of comprehensive income, the balance sheet, the statement of changes in equity and notes to the financial statements, including 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 company's affairs as at 31 March 2021 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

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 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

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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 contained within the annual report. 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. 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 course of 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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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.

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Independent auditor's report (continued)

to the Members of brightsolid online technology limited

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our 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 have 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 material misstatements in the strategic report and 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 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, 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 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 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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The specific procedures for this engagement and the extent to which these are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, are detailed below.

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Independent auditor's report (continued)

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- Enquiries with management about any known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud;
- Reviewing feedback from recent third party compliance visits;
- Reviewing senior leadership team meeting minutes;
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in their significant accounting estimates, in particular in relation to the carrying value of tangible fixed assets; and
- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including through testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness.

Because of the field in which the company operates, we identified the following areas as those most likely to have a material impact on the financial statements: The Data Protection Act 2018 and Privacy Electronic Communications Regulations 2011; Health and Safety; employment law (including the Working Time Directive); and compliance with the UK Companies Act.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements in the financial statements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with the ISAs (UK). For instance, the further removed non-compliance is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the auditor is to become aware of it or to recognise the non-compliance.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's 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.

Gavin Black (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Henderson Loggie LLP

1 November 2021

Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

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Statement of comprehensive income

for the year ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Turnover	3	9,972,478	10,252,744
Cost of sales		(5,596,800)	(5,224,070)
Gross profit		4,375,678	5,028,674
Administrative expenses		(3,868,546)	(3,880,209)
Other operating income		9,571	4,374
Operating profit	4	516,703	1,152,839
Interest receivable and similar income	6	702	4,408
Interest payable and similar expenses	7	(21,312)	(77,200)
Profit before taxation		496,093	1,080,047
Tax on profit	8	(131,290)	15,503
Profit for the financial year		364,803	1,095,550

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

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Balance Sheet

as at 31 March 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	9	5,127,058		4,810,259	
Current assets					
Debtors	10	3,309,388		2,658,033	
Cash at bank and in hand		45,442		60,087	
		<u>3,354,830</u>		<u>2,718,120</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(3,264,463)</u>		<u>(1,321,382)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>90,367</u>		<u>1,396,738</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>5,217,425</u>		<u>6,206,997</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	12		<u>(2,708)</u>		<u>(1,357,083)</u>
Net assets			<u><u>5,214,717</u></u>		<u><u>4,849,914</u></u>
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	15	19,040,000		19,040,000	
Profit and loss reserves	16	(13,825,283)		(14,190,086)	
Total equity			<u><u>5,214,717</u></u>		<u><u>4,849,914</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 1 November 2021 and are signed on its behalf by:

E Maddison
Director

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Statement of changes in equity

for the year ended 31 March 2021

	Share capital	Profit and loss reserves	Total
	£	£	£
Balance at 1 April 2019	19,040,000	(15,285,636)	3,754,364
Year ended 31 March 2020:			
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	-	1,095,550	1,095,550
Balance at 31 March 2020	19,040,000	(14,190,086)	4,849,914
Year ended 31 March 2021:			
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	-	364,803	364,803
Balance at 31 March 2021	19,040,000	(13,825,283)	5,214,717

1 Accounting policies

Company information

brightsolid online technology limited is a private company limited by shares incorporated in Scotland. The registered office is Gateway House, Luna Place, Technology Park, Dundee, DD2 1TP.

1.1 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.

On the basis that the consolidated financial statements of the parent provide disclosures which are equivalent to FRS 102, the financial statements of Brightsolid Online Technology Limited have adopted the following disclosure exemptions:

- the requirement to disclose the remuneration of key management personnel;
- the requirement to present a statement of cash flows and related notes; and
- related party transaction disclosures for transactions entered into between one or two members of the group on the basis that all parties are wholly owned within the group.

1.2 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The directors have considered relevant information, including the annual budget, forecast future cash flows and the impact of subsequent events in making their assessment. The directors have performed a robust analysis of forecast future cash flows taking into account the potential impact on the business of possible future scenarios arising from the impact of COVID-19. This analysis also considers the effectiveness of available measures to assist in mitigating the impact.

Based on these assessments and having regard to the resources available to the company, including the ongoing financial support of its parent company D.C. Thomson & Company Limited, the directors have concluded that there is no material uncertainty and that they can continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and financial statements.

1.3 Turnover

Turnover consists entirely of sales made in the United Kingdom, being the provision of online business services, managed hosting and associated technical services.

Revenue is recognised as the services are provided. Revenue receivable is accrued and revenue received in advance is deferred and released over the period of the contract.

1.4 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.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Fixed assets are stated at cost. Depreciation and amortisation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset less its estimated residual value over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Land and buildings Freehold	10-15 years
Plant & machinery	10 years
Furniture, fixtures & fittings	5 years
Computer equipment & office equipment	3-10 years

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 credited or charged to profit or loss.

1.5 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting period end date, the company reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible 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.

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.

1.6 Cash at bank and in hand

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. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.7 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 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the company's balance sheet when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with 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.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors 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.

Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through profit and loss, 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 company 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.

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 company after deducting all of its liabilities.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors, bank loans, loans from fellow group companies and preference shares that are classified as debt, 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 company's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

1.8 Equity instruments

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

Changes in the fair value of derivatives that are designated and qualify as fair value hedges are recognised in profit or loss immediately, together with any changes in the fair value of the hedged asset or liability that are attributable to the hedged risk.

1.9 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 company's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting end date.

Deferred tax

The tax expense represents the sum of the corporation tax and deferred tax charge/(credit) for the year.

The tax currently payable/(repayable) is based on taxable profit/(loss) for the year. The company's liability/asset for current tax is calculated using the tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax is measured on differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the accounts and the corresponding tax bases, as used in the computation of taxable profit. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable timing differences and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available in the future. 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 accounts, except when it relates to items charged or credited directly to equity, in which case the deferred tax is also dealt with in equity.

1.10 Employee benefits

The costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense, unless those costs are required to be recognised as part of the cost of stock or fixed assets.

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.

1.11 Retirement benefits

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

1 Accounting policies (continued)

1.12 Leases

Rentals payable under operating leases, including any lease incentives received, are charged to profit or loss 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 leases asset are consumed.

1.13 Government grants

Government grants receivable on capital expenditure are credited to a deferral account and are released over the expected useful life of the relevant asset in line with the depreciation charge.

Government grants receivable in compensation for operating costs are released on a basis that matches the costs incurred.

1.14 Foreign exchange

Transactions in currencies other than pounds sterling are recorded at the rates of exchange prevailing at the dates of the transactions. At each reporting end date, monetary assets and liabilities that are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing on the reporting end date. Gains and losses arising on translation in the period are included in profit or loss.

2 Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the company'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 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.

Critical judgements

The following judgements (apart from those involving estimates) have had the most significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements.

Carrying value of tangible assets

Directors and key management assess the useful lives of tangible assets, primarily data centres, using known information regarding key contracts and revenue generation. However, tangible assets can potentially generate revenue over a longer period.

3 Turnover and other revenue

An analysis of the company's turnover is as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Turnover analysed by class of business		
Principal activity	9,972,478	10,252,744

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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3 Turnover and other revenue (continued)

	2021	2020
	£	£
Other significant revenue		
Interest income	702	4,408
Grants received	9,571	4,374

	2021	2020
	£	£
Turnover analysed by geographical market		
UK	9,972,478	10,252,744

4 Operating profit

	2021	2020
	£	£
Operating profit for the year is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Exchange differences apart from those arising on financial instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss	14,114	303
Government grants	(9,571)	(4,374)
Fees payable to the company's auditor for the audit of the company's financial statements	18,670	17,160
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	1,431,658	1,423,529
Operating lease charges	190,827	263,712

5 Employees

	2021	2020
	Number	Number
	54	47

Their aggregate remuneration comprised:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	2,815,048	2,459,071
Social security costs	276,727	239,759
Pension costs	-	70,583

Redundancy payments made or committed	36,253	-
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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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5 Employees (continued)

Two directors were remunerated through the company totalling £123,101 (2020 - £Nil). The other directors are remunerated through D.C. Thomson & Company Limited.

6 Interest receivable and similar income

	2021	2020
	£	£
Interest income		
Interest on bank deposits	702	4,408
	<u>702</u>	<u>4,408</u>

7 Interest payable and similar expenses

	2021	2020
	£	£
Other interest	21,312	77,200
	<u>21,312</u>	<u>77,200</u>

8 Taxation

	2021	2020
	£	£
Current tax		
UK corporation tax on profits for the current period	219,258	121,651
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	(6,318)	(26,376)
	<u>212,940</u>	<u>95,275</u>
Deferred tax		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	(88,150)	(93,053)
Changes in tax rates	-	(28,108)
Adjustment in respect of prior periods	6,500	10,383
	<u>(81,650)</u>	<u>(110,778)</u>
Total deferred tax	<u>(81,650)</u>	<u>(110,778)</u>
Total tax charge/(credit)	<u>131,290</u>	<u>(15,503)</u>

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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8 Taxation (continued)

The actual charge/(credit) for the year can be reconciled to the expected charge for the year based on the profit or loss and the standard rate of tax as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Profit before taxation	496,093	1,080,047
Expected tax charge based on the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2020: 19%)	94,258	205,209
Tax effect of expenses that are not deductible in determining taxable profit	36,850	7,839
Tax effect of utilisation of tax losses not previously recognised	-	(184,450)
Adjustments in respect of prior years	(6,318)	(89)
Effect of change in corporation tax rate	-	(28,108)
Research and development tax credit	-	(26,287)
Deferred tax adjustments in respect of prior years	6,500	10,383
Taxation charge/(credit) for the year	131,290	(15,503)

The standard rate of UK corporation tax changed from 20% to 19% with effect from April 2017. The corporation tax rate will increase from 19% up to 25% with effect from 1 April 2023 but this increase was not substantively enacted at the year end and so the 19% rate has continued to be used to calculate the year end deferred tax position. The impact of the change in tax rate from 19% to 25% on the year end deferred tax position would be an increase in the asset of £139k.

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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9 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings Freehold	Assets under construction	Plant & machinery	Furniture, fixtures & fittings	Computer equipment & office equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cost						
At 1 April 2020	9,825,074	85,691	51,850	752,836	7,150,802	17,866,253
Additions	1,666,998	-	-	35,348	46,065	1,748,411
Disposals	(885)	46	-	(5,784)	(171,746)	(178,369)
Transfers	8,750	(85,737)	-	10,878	66,109	-
At 31 March 2021	11,499,937	-	51,850	793,278	7,091,230	19,436,295
Depreciation and impairment						
At 1 April 2020	6,374,834	-	44,767	478,782	6,157,611	13,055,994
Depreciation charged in the year	747,301	-	4,375	144,987	534,995	1,431,658
Eliminated in respect of disposals	(885)	-	-	(5,784)	(171,746)	(178,415)
At 31 March 2021	7,121,250	-	49,142	617,985	6,520,860	14,309,237
Carrying amount						
At 31 March 2021	4,378,687	-	2,708	175,293	570,370	5,127,058
At 31 March 2020	3,450,240	85,691	7,083	274,054	993,191	4,810,259

10 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	1,919,160	1,179,144
Amounts due from fellow group undertakings	-	162,142
Prepayments and accrued income	948,499	956,688
	2,867,659	2,297,954
Deferred tax asset (note 13)	441,729	360,079
	3,309,388	2,658,033

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11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	69,959	202,804
Amounts owed to group undertakings	1,181,554	-
Corporation tax	334,593	96,601
Other taxation and social security	9,338	14,784
Accruals and deferred income	1,669,019	1,007,193
	<u>3,264,463</u>	<u>1,321,382</u>

Amounts due to group undertakings have no fixed repayment terms and no interest applies.

12 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2021	2020
Notes	£	£
Amounts due to group undertakings	-	1,350,000
Government grants	2,708	7,083
	<u>2,708</u>	<u>1,357,083</u>

Last year, the intercompany loan was unsecured and interest was applied at 2% above base rate per annum.

13 Deferred taxation

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset where the company has a legally enforceable right to do so. The following is the analysis of the deferred tax balances (after offset) for financial reporting purposes:

	Assets	Assets
	2021	2020
	£	£
Balances:		
ACAs	441,729	360,079
	<u>441,729</u>	<u>360,079</u>
Movements in the year:		2021
		£
Asset at 1 April 2020		(360,079)
Credit to profit or loss		(81,650)
Asset at 31 March 2021		<u>(441,729)</u>

14 Retirement benefit schemes

	2021	2020
Defined contribution schemes	£	£
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	-	70,583

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.

15 Share capital

	2021 Number	2020 Number	2021 £	2020 £
Ordinary share capital Issued and fully paid				
Ordinary shares of £1 each	13,154,000	13,154,000	13,154,000	13,154,000
	2021 Number	2020 Number	2021 £	2020 £
Preference share capital Issued and fully paid				
Preference shares of £1 each	5,886,000	5,886,000	5,886,000	5,886,000
Preference shares classified as equity			5,886,000	5,886,000
Total equity share capital			19,040,000	19,040,000

Each ordinary share carries one vote and is entitled to participate pari passu with other ordinary shares in any dividend or capital distribution.

The preference shareholders are not entitled to receive any dividend. The company alone has the right at any time to redeem the whole or any number of the preference shares on giving to the holders of the preference shares to be redeemed not less than one month's notice in writing. On this basis they are treated as equity.

On a return of capital on liquidation or otherwise, the surplus assets of the company remaining after payment of its liabilities shall be applied first in repaying to the preference shareholders the paid up amount on each preference share held.

Preference shareholders are entitled to receive notice of and attend all general or other meetings of the company, they shall not be entitled to vote at such meetings.

16 Profit and loss reserves

Profit and loss reserves include all current and prior period retained profits and losses.

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17 Financial commitments, guarantees and contingent liabilities

The company's ultimate parent undertaking D.C. Thomson & Company Limited holds a bond and floating charge and a cross guarantee with brightsolid online innovation limited over all the assets of the company and its subsidiaries. The amount secured at 31 March 2021 was £Nil (2020 - £Nil).

The bank holds a floating charge over all the property or undertaking of the company.

18 Operating lease commitments

Lessee

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

	2021 £	2020 £
Within one year	-	197,054
Between two and five years	-	680,000
In over five years	-	42,500
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	-	919,554
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19 Ultimate controlling party

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of brightsolid online innovation limited, a company incorporated in Great Britain and registered in Scotland.

The ultimate parent company is D.C. Thomson & Company Limited, a company incorporated in Great Britain and registered in Scotland.

There is no individual controlling party of D.C. Thomson & Company Limited.

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