Registered number: 07355659

COUNTY BUSINESS FINANCE LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018



COMPANY INFORMATION

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D Shaw

D Tingay

J Farha (appointed 24 July 2018) C Malthouse (resigned 12 July 2018)

Company secretary

D Tingay

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DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

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

Directors

The directors who served during the year were:

- D Shaw
- D Tingay
- J Farha (appointed 24 July 2018)
- C Malthouse (resigned 12 July 2018)

Directors' responsibilities statement

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, including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'). 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 and 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.

Disclosure of information to auditor

The directors confirm that:

- so far as each director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware; and
- the directors have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

Auditor

Under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006, Grant Thornton UK LLP will be deemed to have been reappointed as auditor 28 days after these financial statements were sent to members or 28 days after the latest date prescribed for filing the accounts with the registrar, whichever is earlier.

Small companies note

In preparing this report, the directors have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the board on 1 February 2019 and signed on its behalf.

D Tingay Director



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF COUNTY BUSINESS FINANCE LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of County Business Finance Limited (the 'Company') for the year ended 31 August 2018, which comprise the Statement of Income and Retained Earnings, the Balance Sheet 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 Company's affairs as at 31 August 2018 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 United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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.

Who we are reporting to

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.

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 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.



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF COUNTY BUSINESS FINANCE LIMITED (CONTINUED)

Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Directors' Report, but does not include the financial statements and our Auditor's Report thereon. 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 Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Directors' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matter on which we are required to report under the Companies Act 2006

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 Directors' Report.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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, 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 prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies
 regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Directors' Report and
 from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF COUNTY BUSINESS FINANCE LIMITED (CONTINUED)

Responsibilities of directors for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement on page 1, 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.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditor's Report.

Thomas Copson Senior Statutory Auditor

for and on behalf of Grant Thornton UK LLP Statutory Auditor, Chartered Accountants

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East Midlands

1 February 2019

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

	Note	2018 £	2017 £
Turnover		207,806	214,868
Administrative expenses		(13,722)	(25,812)
Operating profit	-	194,084	189,056
Interest payable and expenses		(61,283)	(81,312)
Profit before tax	-	132,801	107,744
Tax on profit	4	(26,025)	(31,817)
Profit after tax		106,776	75,927
Retained earnings at the beginning of the year		466,407	390,480
	-	466,407	390,480
Profit for the year		106,776	75,927
Retained earnings at the end of the year	-	573,183	466,407

The notes on pages 8 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2018

	Note		2018 £		2017 £
Current assets				,	
Debtors: amounts falling due after more than					
one year	6	202,300		520,748	
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	6	594,252		448,281	
Bank & cash balances	8	390,220		319,066	
		1,186,772	•	1,288,095	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(113,232)		(241,233)	
Net current assets			1,073,540		1,046,862
Total assets less current liabilities			1,073,540	-	1,046,862
Creditors : amounts falling due after more han one year					
_oans	10		-	~	(80,098)
Shares capital shown as debt	11		(500,000)		(500,000)
Net assets			573,540	- -	466,764
Capital and reserves		·		-	
Called up share capital	11		307		307
Capital redemption reserve			50	•	50
Profit and loss account		•	573,183		466,407
·		•	573,540	-	466,764

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A - small entities.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf on 1 February 2019.

D Tingay Director

The notes on pages 8 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

1. Company information

County Business Finance Limited is a private company limited by shares and is registered in England and Wales. Registered number 07355659. Its registered head office is located at Unit 11 Midland Court, Central Park, Leicester Road, Lutterworth, Leicestershire, LE17 4PN.

The principal activity of the company is the provision of asset finance for plant, equipment and vehicles.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention unless otherwise specified within these accounting policies and in accordance with Section 1A of Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2006.

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

2.2 Going concern

No material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the ability of the company to continue as a going concern have been identified by the directors.

2.3 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets under the cost model are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Fixtures & fittings

20% straight line

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised in the Statement of Income and Retained Earnings.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Taxation

Tax is recognised in the Statement of Income and Retained Earnings, except that a charge attributable to an item of income and expense recognised as other comprehensive income or to an item recognised directly in equity is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity respectively.

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date in the countries where the Company operates and generates income.

Deferred tax balances are recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed by the Balance Sheet date, except that:

- The recognition of deferred tax assets is limited to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits; and
- Any deferred tax balances are reversed if and when all conditions for retaining associated tax allowances have been met.

Deferred tax balances are not recognised in respect of permanent differences except in respect of business combinations, when deferred tax is recognised on the differences between the fair values of assets acquired and the future tax deductions available for them and the differences between the fair values of liabilities acquired and the amount that will be assessed for tax. Deferred tax is determined using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

2.5 Net investments in finance leases and hire purchase contracts

Net investments in finance leases and hire purchase contracts comprise the total of the minimum lease payment or hire purchase installments receivable less finance charges allocated to future periods and are stated net of provisions for rental collections.

2.6 Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment.

2.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value.

2.8 Financial instruments

The Company only enters into basic financial instrument transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like loan receivable and other debtors and creditors, loans from banks and other third parties, loans to related parties and investments in non-puttable ordinary shares.

Debt instruments (other than those wholly repayable or receivable within one year), including loans and other accounts receivable and payable, are initially measured at present value of the future cash flows and subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Debt instruments that are payable or receivable within one year, typically trade debtors and creditors, are measured, initially and subsequently, at the undiscounted amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be paid

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.8 Financial instruments (continued)

or received.

Financial assets that are measured at cost and amortised cost are assessed at the end of each reporting period for objective evidence of impairment. If objective evidence of impairment is found, an impairment loss is recognised in the Statement of Income and Retained Earnings. For amounts recoverable under finance leases, hire purchase contracts and other loans those amounts in arrears or with other objective evidence of impairment are considered on a case by case basis by reference to the customers' financial position.

For financial assets measured at amortised cost, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate.

2.9 Creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.10 Interest income

Interest income is recognised in the Statement of Income and Retained Earnings at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset and allocating the interest income over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash flows considering all contractual terms of the financial instruments, such as early settlement options, but does not include an exception for future credit losses. The calculation includes all material fees charged to customers such as acceptance or similar fees, and direct and incremental transaction costs. Where there is objective evidence of impairment of interest income, an impairment loss is recognised in the Statement of Income and Retained Earnings.

3. Employees

The only employees in the year were the directors who received no remuneration in either year.

4. Taxation

	2018 £	2017 £
Corporation tax	~	~
Current tax on profits for the year	26,047	32,200
Adjustments in respect of previous periods	(22)	(383)
Taxation on profit on ordinary activities	26,025	31,817
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

4. Taxation (continued)

Factors affecting tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is higher than (2017: higher than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2017: 19.58%). The differences are explained below:

	2018 £	2017 £
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	132,801 =	107,744
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2017: 19.58%) Effects of:	25,232	21,096
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	9,500	9,790
Adjustments to tax charge in respect of prior periods	(22)	(383)
Deferred tax not recognised	(8,685)	1,314
Total tax charge for the year	26,025	31,817

Deferred tax assets of £18,200 (2017: £26,600) have not been recognised.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

5. Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures & fittings £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 September 2017	4,600
At 31 August 2018	4,600
Depreciation	
At 1 September 2017	4,600
At 31 August 2018	4,600
Net book value	
At 31 August 2018	
At 31 August 2017	<u>-</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

		Debtors	6.
2017 £	2018 £		
٨	2	Due after more than one year	
520,748	202,300	Amounts recoverable under finance leases and hire purchase agreements	
2017 £	2018 £		
~	~	Due within one year	
80,000	35,000	Other debtors	
368,281	559,252	Amounts recoverable under finance leases and hire purchase agreements	
448,281	594,252		
		Net investments in finance leases and hire purchase contracts	7.
2017 £	2018 £		
2	2	Finance Leases	
418,841	99,086	Total minimum lease payments receivable	
(67,249)	(25,655)	Less: Finance charges allocated to future periods	
351,592	73,431		
		Hire purchase contracts	
608,897	336,822	Total minimum payments receivable	
(112,853)	(49,380)	Less: Hire purchase charges allocated to future periods	
496,044	287,442		
		Loans	
46,534	434,807	Total minimum payments receivable	
(5,141)	(34,128)	Less finance charges allocated to future periods	
41,393	400,679		
889,029	761,552	Total	

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

7. Net investments in finance leases and hire purchase contracts (continued)

	2018 £	2017 £
Due within one year	~	~
Finance leases	14,686	125,477
Hire purchase contracts	143,887	216,290
Loans	400,679	26,514
	559,252	368,281
Due after more than one year		·
Finance leases	58,745	226,115
Hire purchase contracts	143,555	279,753
Loans	-	14,880
	202,300	520,748
Total	761,552	889,029

Amounts due under finance leases and hire purchase contracts are secured on the relevant assets, certain loans are secured on other assets of the borrower.

At the year end there were provisions of £82,433 (2017: £77,685) against amounts recoverable under finance leases, hire purchase and loans. The charge to profit in the year was £8,000 (2017: £17,508) and provisions utilised/released in the year were £3,252 (2017: £80,831).

8. Cash and cash equivalents

	2018 £	2017 £
Cash at bank and in hand	390,220	319,066

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

9. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2018 £	2017 £
Bank loans	80,098	186,355
Corporation tax	26,047	31,825
Other taxation and social security	2,827	18,915
Other creditors	4,260	4,138
	113,232	241,233
		

There is a floating charge in favour of the company's bankers over debts and assets purchased under Block Discounting Agreements in their name.

10. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2018 £	2017 £
Bank loans	•	80,098
Share capital treated as debt	500,000	500,000
	500,000	580,098

Creditors include amounts not wholly repayable within 5 years of £500,000 (2017: £500,000).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

11.

Share capital		
	2018	2017
Shares classified as equity	£	£
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
181 A Ordinary shares of £1.00 each	181	181
19 B Ordinary shares of £1.00 each	19	19
96 C Ordinary shares of £1.00 each	96	96
11 D Ordinary shares of £1.00 each	11	11
	307	307
	2018	2017
	£	£
Shares classified as debt		
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
500,000 Preference shares of £1.00 each	500,000	500,000

The A, B, C and D ordinary shares rank pari passu for voting rights and participating in a distribution arising from a winding up of the company. Each share is entitled pari passu to dividend payments or other distribution subject to the ability of the directors or shareholders to approve a dividend for each individual class of shares at different times and amounts at their absolute discretion.

The preference shares have no voting rights attached to them. The shares have a right to payment of a fixed cumulative preference dividend of 10% per annum in priority to dividends to other members. The shares have priority on capital distribution over the ordinary shares in the case of winding up of the company. A put and call option agreement exists and the shares are therefore classed as debt.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

12. Financial instruments

The Company's principal financial instruments are financial assets comprising cash and debt instrument receivables and financial liabilities comprising interest-bearing loans and borrowings, and short term creditors.

Credit risk

The Company is at risk to the extent that a customer may be unable to pay the debt on a specified due date. The exposure is mitigated by the assessment of the customers' creditworthiness, collateral value of assets financed and, where it is deemed appropriate, other additional sources of security. Once funds are lent the Company carries out a programme of strong on-going customer relationship and monitoring.

Liquidity risk

The Company's objective in managing liquidity risk is to ensure that it can meet its financial obligations as and when they fall due. The Company expects to meet its financial obligations through operating cash flows.

Current rate risk

The Company borrows from its funders on a fixed rate basis and lends on a fixed rate basis to manage interest rate risk.

13. Related party transactions

The ultimate controlling related party of the Company is C Malthouse as a result of his shareholding in the company.