Landbay Partners Limited

Directors' Report and Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 December 2017

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# **Strategic Report**

For the year ended 31 December 2017

The Directors present their Strategic Report on the Company for the year ended 31 December 2017.

#### Review of the business

Principal Activities and Business Review:

The Company is a specialist mortgage marketplace lender, raising funds from depositors ('Lenders') via an online platform and lending them to borrowers in the form of residential mortgages to purchase or refinance Buy-To-Let (BTL) properties, predominantly by experienced landlords and professional investors. The Company is fully authorised by the FCA to operate an electronic platform.

Lender funds are directly matched to a portfolio of UK residential mortgages that generate stable rental income. Lenders own a share in these mortgages and receive monthly interest. The funds are directly secured by a first legal charge over the property, held in trust by a Security Trustee.

The Company continued to invest heavily in people and systems to support planned growth over the next few years as an innovative and responsive lender in the Buy-To-Let space. This is demonstrated by the significant increase in revenue and growth in Retail funds (see KPIs below). The peer to peer lending market continued to increase in 2017 with overall alternative lending market benefiting from launch of the new Innovative Finance ISA increasing awareness amongst investors.

On the lending side, we expanded our broker distribution channels and diversified our funding channels to underpin lending growth finishing the year with a strong pipeline. Loan credit quality remained strong with no defaults to date

#### Risks and Uncertainties:

The Company is not exposed to direct risk of capital loss across borrower loans. Lenders retain beneficial interest in the loans with the Company acting as agent in facilitating and administering the loans. The Company derives revenue from fees at loan inception and recurring margin throughout the loan term, with all lender funds held in segregated Client Accounts. All loans are subject to stringent credit and affordability criteria, secured against residential properties valued by an external firm of surveyors, who are subject to independent selection and monitoring by a Panel Manager. In the unlikely event of a borrower defaulting on repayments which cannot be recovered as a last resort the property is repossessed to repay the original loan capital plus arrears and costs, though this may still result in a shortfall. In common with the broader market, interest rate, liquidity and economic risks may affect revenue and loan performance. As an additional mitigation measure, a discretionary reserve fund is maintained to mitigate any short term late payments or losses following default.

The following key macro risks that can adversely affect our markets and business include:

- Changes in interest rates;
- Lack of liquidity and tighter lending criteria;
- Slowdown in the residential housing market;
- Slowdown in the private rental market;
- Changes in taxation policies and regulation; and
- Contagion from failure of other P2P platforms

The above list of risks is meant to highlight, in addition to any noted elsewhere in this report, those we consider relevant today and not intended to be an exhaustive list of risks facing the business.

In addition to the regular Board and Executive Management meetings, the Company maintains Corporate Governance through various Governance Committees, including Credit Committee, Risks and Controls Committee and Treasury and Financial Committee. These comprise stakeholders from across the business, chaired by senior management, and accountable to the Board for managing and according to the Company's Risk Policies and Mandates.

# Strategic Report (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2017

#### Funding:

As in previous years, the business continued to raise equity from existing and new investors. The total raised during the year was £2.4m with a further raise of £1.6m in 2018. The business remained adequately capitalised at year end with positive cash and an expanded investor base. The business has no debt or other financial instruments on its balance sheet.

Lending remained strong in 2017, with most of the lending originated in the second half of the year following deployment of new material institutional funding facilities. Investment in the new lender and broker online portals was increased to support efficiency and quality levels as the business scales. A number of initiatives were successfully delivered during the year. Key snapshot indicators are summarised below.

# Key Performance Indicators:

Significant key performance indicators for the Company are:

	2017 Number	2016 Number
Lenders	Number	main 50.
Number of registered users	6,146	2,907
Funded accounts	2,267	1,425
Borrowers		
Flow – Loan completions (value and volume)	£39,485,000 on 155	£43,100,000 on 244
Stock – Loan book (value and volume)	£49,100,000 on 222	£9,400,000 on 56
Gearing - Loan to Value (LTV)	68%	68%

- Service Processing efficiency from application to completion
- Diversification Geographical distribution
- Affordability Rental coverage

The number of Lenders on the platform increased by 59% with average deposits stable. The mortgage loan book grew significantly with new originations and low redemptions. The overall BTL market gross lending reduced slightly down at c£36bn in 2017 (2016: £40bn), however, the specialist lending market within this grew as regulatory and taxation changes played into the hands of specialist lenders driving additional lending from portfolio landlords. The Company continues to closely monitor and analyse the profile of Lenders to grow the base and value of funded accounts, helping to diversification of funding for BTL lending.

Whilst revenue was significantly higher the ongoing investment in operations, technology and headcount (increasing by 50%) to support the Company's growth plans resulted in a net loss for the year.

The quality of the mortgage loan book, based on the key metrics described earlier are monitored and controlled through conservative credit policies and underwriting processes. These are regularly reviewed and updated by the Credit Committee. The loan to value (LTV) and rental coverage of the portfolio remained comfortably within minimum criteria with a fully performing book and no defaults. These metrics indicate the strong credit quality that supports our business model of consistent and sustainable returns for our Lenders over the long term.

# Strategic Report (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2017

# Review of strategy and business model

In common with high growth businesses the loss incurred in the year is driven by the Company's continuing investment in people, infrastructure and processes. As mentioned earlier, the Company anticipates further strong growth with the business gradually moving towards profitability with improving operational cash generation.

This report was approved by the Board on 25 April 2018.

John Goodall Director

Registered no. 08668507

# **Directors' Report**

For the year ended 31 December 2017

The Directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017.

#### **Results and Dividends**

The results for the year are set out in the statement of comprehensive income on page 9. The Directors do not recommend a future payment of a dividend. The loss for the period was £1,854,352.

#### **Future Developments**

The introduction of the new Innovative Finance ISA from April is expected to continue building mainstream awareness of peer to peer (P2P) products and underpin volumes as the profile in the market strengthens. The professional landlord market is expected to continue growing strongly whilst overall market is expected to remain flat or even reduce. Projected growth in the private rental market and ongoing supply side restrictions will continue to underpin lending.

#### **Funding**

As described in the Strategic Report, the Directors raised further equity raise post year end to support the Company's growth. A total of £1.6m will be raised in 2018 through new equity. The Company has no debt borrowings.

#### **Employees**

The Directors recognise the benefits which accrue from keeping employees informed on the progress of the business and involving them in the Company's performance. The Company is committed to providing equality of opportunity to all employees regardless of nationality, ethnic origin, age, sex or sexual orientation and continues to be supportive of the employment and advancement of disabled persons.

New pension scheme introduced and other staff benefits.

#### Health, Safety and the Environment

The Directors consider the health, safety and environmental protection aspects of the business to be of great importance, as the prevention of personal injury, the avoidance of damage to health and the protection of the environment are important business and social responsibilities. Management practices within the Company are designed to ensure so far as is reasonably practicable, the health, safety and welfare at work of employees, contractors and visitors and the implementation of environmentally aware and friendly policies.

#### **Directors**

The Directors who served during the year are detailed below:

J Goodali

G Stern

J Sutton

J Jenkins

A Ward R Burgess

J H Cork

#### Going concern

At the year end the Company had made a total comprehensive loss for the year of £1,852,018. In assessing the Company's going concern status, the Directors have considered the trading results since the year end, the profit and loss forecast, the cash flow forecast, the equity fundraise secured post year end and are confident that the Company has adequate resources to be able to support growth, working capital commitments, regulatory capital requirements and to meet its obligations as they fall due for the foreseeable future.

Accordingly, the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which the Directors consider appropriate in the circumstances.

# **Directors' Report (continued)**

For the year ended 31 December 2017

#### Post balance sheet events

On 18 April 2018 the Company closed a further equity funding round with commitments of £1.6m.

On 21 March 2018 the Company signed a new lease to move to larger premises in May 2018.

#### **Auditor**

The auditor, Nexia Smith & Williamson, shall hold office subject to and in accordance with the provisions of sections 485 to 488 of the Companies Act 2006.

#### Disclosure of information to auditors

Directors of the Company have confirmed that in fulfilling their duties as a director:

- so far as they are each aware, there was no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware; and
- they have taken all reasonable steps that a director ought to have taken to make himself or herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

This information is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provision of s.418 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the Board on 25 April 2018.

John Goodall Director

Registered no. 08668507

# Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

For the year ended 31 December 2017

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic Report, the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period. Under that law the Directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union and as applied in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006. 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;
- state that the financial statements comply with IFRSs as adopted by the European Union; and
- prepare the financial statements on a 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 Members of Landbay Partners Limited

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Landbay Partners Limited (the 'Company') for the year ended 31 December 2017 which comprise the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income, the Statement of Changes in Shareholders' Equity, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Cash Flows and the 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 International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union.

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.

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 December 2017 and of its loss for the year then ended;
- · have been properly prepared in accordance with IFRSs as adopted by the European Union; 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

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 Landbay Partners Limited (continued)

#### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Directors' Report and Financial Statements, other than the financial statements and our Auditor's report thereon. The Directors are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report 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 or 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.

### Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities set out on page 8, 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.



# Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Landbay Partners Limited (continued)

### 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: <a href="https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities">www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities</a>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

**Guy Swarbreck** 

Senior Statutory Auditor, for and on behalf of **Nexia Smith & Williamson**Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants

Nexia Smith & Villiamon

25 Moorgate London EC2R 6AY

Date: 25 April 2018

# Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the year ended 31 December 2017

		Year ended 31 December 2017	Year ended 31 December 2016
	Note	£	£
Revenue	2	994,495	142,984
Cost of sales		(745,430)	(75,613)
Gross Profit		249,065	67,371
Other Income	3	200,000	-
Administrative expenses		(2,523,490)	(2,212,032)
Loss on ordinary activities before tax	8	(2,074,425)	(2,144,661)
Taxation	9	222,407	400,030
Loss for the year after tax		(1,852,018)	(1,744,631)
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive loss for the period	19	(1,852,018)	(1,744,631)

All income relates to continuing operations.

Landbay Partners Limited

# Statement of Changes in Shareholders' Equity As at 31 December 2017

Balance at 1 January 2016	Share capital £ 1,114	Share premium £ 1,875,136	Deferred consideration reserve £ 1,127,908	Retained earnings £ (2,712,841)	Share option Reserve £	Total equity £ 291,317
Total comprehensive loss for the year	-	-	•	(1,744,631)	-	(1,744,631)
Conversion to new ordinary shares	=	1,478,028	(1,478,028)	-	-	-
Issue of new ordinary shares	356	1,331,709	-	-	-	1,331,709
Deposits received	-		1,110,120	-	-	1,110,120
Balance at 31 December 2016	1,470	4,684,873	760,000	(4,457,472)	-	988,871
Total comprehensive loss for the year	-	-	-	(1,852,018)	-	(1,852,018)
Conversion to new ordinary shares	197	1,786,826	(1,786,878)	-	-	145
Issue of new ordinary shares	52	474,982	-	-	<u>:</u>	475,034
Deposits received	-	_	1,861,844	-	-	1,861,844
Share based payment charge	-	-	•	-	59,917	59,917
Balance at 31 December 2017	1,719	6,946,681	834,966	(6,309,490)	59,917	1,533,793

# **Statement of Financial Position**

As at 31 December 2017

As at 31 December 2017	Note	31 December 2017 £	31 December 2016 £
Assets			
Non-current assets			
Intangible assets	11	1,174,034	666,548
Property, plant and equipment	12	25,713	46,010
Investments	13	1,000	1,000
Other receivables	14 _		40,560
	_	1,200,747	754,118
Current assets			
Trade and other receivables	14	464,603	343,858
Cash and cash equivalents	15	299,834	218,733
	_	764,437	562,591
Total assets	-	1,965,184	1,316,709
Equity Capital and reserves attributable to the Company's equity holders			
Share capital	16	1,719	1,470
Share premium	17	6,946,681	4,684,873
Deferred consideration reserve	18	834,966	760,000
Share option reserve		59,917	-
Retained earnings	19	(6,309,490)	(4,457,472)
Total equity	_	1,533,793	988,871
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	20	431,391	327,838
	<del>-</del>	431,391	327,838
Total liabilities	-	431,391	327,838
Total equity and liabilities	_	1,965,184	1,316,709

These financial statements have been approved for issue by the Board of Directors on 25 April 2018 and signed on behalf by:

John Goodall Director

Registered no. 08668507

**Statement of Cash Flows**For the year ended 31 December 2017

	Note	Year ended 31 December 2017 £	Year ended 31 December 2016 £
Cash flow from operating activities			
Net cash used in operating activities	21	(1,723,539)	(2,030,160)
Corporation tax credit received		219,508	180,522
		(1,504,031)	(1,849,638)
Cash flow from investing activities			
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(10,776)	(8,943)
Payments for intangible assets		(741,115)	(548,644)
Net cash used in investing activities		(751,891)	(557,587)
Cash flow from financing activities			
Proceeds from issue of shares		1,787,023	1,682,185
Proceeds received in advance of shares to be issued		550,000	760,000
Net cash generated from financing activities		2,337,023	2,442,185
Net increase in cash		81,101	34,960
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		218,733	183,773
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	14	299,834	218,733

Registered number: 08668507

# **Notes to the Financial Statements**

For year ended 31 December 2017

#### 1. General information

Landbay Partners Limited, a private limited company, limited by shares, incorporated in England and Wales, is a peer to peer ('P2P') platform operator, raising funds from depositors ('Lenders') and lending them out as residential mortgages to borrowers for the purchase or refinance of Buy-To-Let ('BTL') properties, predominantly to experienced landlords and professional investors. The address of its registered office is 3rd Floor, 9-11 Grosvenor Gardens, London, SW1W 0BD.

#### 2. Summary of significant accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below.

#### 2.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements of Landbay Partners Limited have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ('IFRS') as adopted by the European Union and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 as applicable to companies reporting under IFRS. The Company's financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and on a going concern basis.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IFRS issued and effective or issued and early adopted as at the time of preparing these financial statements.

The financial statements present information about the Company and not its group. The Company has taken advantage of the exemption to not produce consolidated financial statements in accordance with s.402 of the Companies Act 2006 as, in accordance with s.405 of the Companies Act 2006, a subsidiary undertaking may be excluded from consolidation if its inclusion is not material for the purpose of giving a true and fair view.

#### New and amended Standards which became effective in the year

The Company has adopted the following new and amended standards:

Annual improvements to IFRSs 2014-2016 cycle (effective 1 January 2017), improvements relate to: IFRS 12 Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities and clarifies the scope of the disclosure requirements in IFRS 12

IAS 7: Statement of Cash Flows Disclosure Initiative (effective 1 January 2017)

IAS 12: Recognition of Deferred Tax Assets for Unrealised Losses

# Standards, interpretations and amendments to published standards that are not yet effective and have not been adopted early by the Company

The Company has not applied the following new and revised IFRSs as they are in issue but not yet effective:

IFRS 2: Classification and measurement of share-based payments

IFRS 9: Financial instruments

IFRS 16: Leases

IFRS 15: Revenue from Contracts with Customers

A number of amendments and improvements have also been issued but are not yet effective. The directors are currently assessing the impact of these new Standards, improvements and amendments on the Company's accounts.

#### 2.2 Going concern

At the year end the Company had made a total comprehensive loss for the year of £1,852,018. In assessing the Company's going concern status, the Directors have considered the trading results since the year end, the profit and loss forecast, the cash flow forecast, the equity fundraise secured post year end and are confident that the Company has adequate resources to be able to support growth, working capital commitments, regulatory capital requirements and to meet its obligations as they fall due for the foreseeable future.

Accordingly, the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which the Directors consider appropriate in the circumstances.

#### 2.3 Revenue recognition

Revenue represents interest and fees receivable from Lenders and borrowers for the arranging of finance.

#### **Application fees**

Fees are due from borrowers upon acceptance of loan offers. They are non-refundable and therefore recognised as revenue irrespective of whether the loan completes.

#### **Product fees**

Fees are due from borrowers at loan completion, which in most cases are added to the loan. They are recognised in full as revenue at loan completion.

#### Platform fees

The Company acts as the administrator of the loans and collects interest on behalf of the Lenders. Interest is receivable from borrowers throughout the term. Part of this interest is payable to the Company as a platform fee and recognised as revenue in the period due. The balance of interest is paid to the Lenders and is not recognised by the Company. The Company has no beneficial interest in or derives any other economic benefit from the loan. It does not bear any risk of loss other than the forgone platform fees.

#### 2.4 Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised in the Statement of Financial Position when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

#### Financial assets

Trade receivables are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost, less any appropriate provision for estimated irrecoverable amounts. A provision is established for irrecoverable amounts when there is objective evidence that amounts due under the original payment terms will not be collected.

Cash and cash equivalents are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are included within borrowings in current liabilities on the Statement of financial position.

#### Financial liabilities and equity

Financial liabilities and equity instruments issued by the Company are classified in accordance with the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into and the definitions of a financial liability and an equity instrument. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the Company after deducting all of its liabilities. Equity instruments issued by the Company are recorded at the proceeds received, net of direct issue costs.

Trade and other payables are initially measured at fair value, and are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

#### 2.5 Intangible Assets

An internally generated asset arising from the Company's development is recognised only if all of the following conditions are met:

- an asset is created that can be identified (such as software and new systems);
- it is probable that the asset created will generate future economic benefits; and
- the development cost of the asset can be measured reliably.

Internally generated assets are amortised on a straight line basis over their expected useful lives as follows:

Software

3 years

The Company undertakes the development of software and, as such, capitalises the work performed in the course of the development projects. Directly attributable costs are capitalised in relation to the development of software and will be amortised over the useful life of the software once fully developed for its intended use.

#### 2.6 Property, plant and equipment

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets to their estimated residual value by equal annual instalments over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Computer equipment

3 years

Fixtures & fittings

3 years

#### 2.7 Investments

The investment in the unlisted subsidiary undertaking is carried at cost less provision for impairment in value.

#### 2.8 Taxation

The tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and any deferred tax. The current tax charge is based on the taxable profit or loss for the year. Taxable profit differs from net profit as reported in Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other year's 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 year end date.

Deferred tax is the tax expected to be payable or recoverable on differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit, and is accounted for using the liability method. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which deductible temporary differences can be utilised. Such assets and liabilities are not recognised if the temporary difference arises from goodwill or from the initial recognition (other than in a business combination) of other assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the taxable profit nor the accounting profit.

Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period when the liability is settled or the asset realised. Deferred tax is charged or credited to Profit or Loss, except when it relates to items charged or credited directly to Other Comprehensive Income, in which case the deferred tax is also dealt with in Other Comprehensive Income.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when they relate to income taxes levied.

# 2.9 Share based payments

The cost of share-based employee compensation arrangements, whereby employees receive remuneration in the form of shares or share options, is recognised as an employee benefit expense in the profit or loss account. The total expense to be apportioned over the vesting period of the benefit is determined by reference to the fair value (excluding the effect of non-market-based vesting conditions) at the date of grant. At the end of each reporting period the assumptions underlying the number of awards expected to vest are adjusted for the effects of non-market-based vesting conditions to reflect the conditions prevailing at that date. The impact of any revisions to the original estimates is recognised in the Profit or Loss account, with a corresponding adjustment to equity.

#### 2.10 Operating leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to income on a straight-line basis over the term of the relevant lease. Benefits received and receivable as an incentive to sign an operating lease are recognised on a straight line basis over the duration of the lease.

#### 2.11 Research and development

Research expenditure is charged to the Profit or Loss account in the period in which it is incurred. Development expenditure is capitalised when the criteria for recognising an asset is met. Other development expenditure is recognised in the Profit or Loss account as it is incurred.

#### 3. Other income

Other income relates to a one off non-refundable fee for granting access rights to the Company's internally developed platform and code, subject to a licensing agreement. There is no defined term or expiry date. The Company retains full rights and ownership to the platform and software with no material restrictions or further obligations

#### 4. Financial risk management

The Company uses a limited number of financial instruments, comprising cash, short-term deposits, bank loans and overdrafts and various items such as trade receivables and payables, which arise directly from operations. The Company does not trade in financial instruments.

#### 4.1 Financial risk factors

The Company's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: credit risk, liquidity risk and cash flow interest rate risk. The Company's overall risk management programme focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the Company's financial performance.

#### a) Credit risk

The Company has no significant concentrations of credit risk and has policies in place to ensure that sales are made to customers with an appropriate credit history.

#### b) Liquidity risk

Prudent liquidity risk management implies maintaining sufficient cash and available funding through an adequate amount of committed credit facilities. The Company ensures it has adequate cover through the availability of bank overdrafts and loan facilities with related parties.

#### c) Cash flow risk

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Total cash and cash equivalents held by the Company at 31 December 2017 was £299,834 (2016: £218,733).

#### 5. Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting practice requires management to make estimates and judgements that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities as well as the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the year-end date and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. In the opinion of the Directors, key judgements include the expected useful life of intangible assets (see note 2.5) and the likelihood that share option vesting conditions will be met (see note 7).

### 6. Employee benefit expenses

2016 £
9,951
7,126
-
7,077

#### 6. Employee benefit expenses (continued)

Average number of people (including executive directors)	2017 Number	2016 Number
employed by the Company during the year was	Number 12	Number
Operational and Risk	· <del>-</del>	7
Technology	8	7
Sales and Marketing	4	3
Administration	3	3
	27	20
6a. Directors' emoluments		
	2017	2016
	£	£
Remuneration and other emoluments	366,353	225,750
	366,353	225,750
6b. Highest paid director		
	2017	2016
Amounts included above:	£	£
Emoluments and other benefits	126,002	82,500
	126,002	82,500

#### 7. Share based payments

The Company has a HMRC approved share option scheme for certain employees. The options are only exercisable in the event of a sale or listing of the Company and will be settled in equity once exercised. Options are forfeited if an individual leaves the Company before the options vest and if the options remain unexercised after a period of 10 years from the date of grant, they will expire. Since no sale or listing of the Company is considered probable, no charge has been recognised for share based payments (2016: £Nil).

On 1 July 2016, warrants were granted to a shareholder at an exercise price of £0.01. The warrants were issued in relation to services provided under certain commercial agreements and are conditional on certain thresholds being achieved of introduced investments onto the Company's platform. The warrants are exercisable at any time on or after the vesting date. Any unexercised warrants will expire on 1 July 2021 or in the event of the commercial agreements being terminated prior to the expiry date, 90 days after the termination date. The Company has no legal or constructive obligation to repurchase or settle the warrants in cash. In the opinion of the Directors the value of the corresponding share based payments charge is immaterial and has not been recognised in the financial statements.

Movements in the number of share options outstanding and their related weighted average exercise prices are as follows:

	201	17	201	6
	Average exercise price per share option	Number of options	Average exercise price per share option	Number of options
	£		£	
At 1 January	16.70	34,000	52.44	9,250
Granted	91.30	4,750	5.47	25,800
Expired	55.90	(5,362)	55.57	(1,050)
Exercised	0.01	(675)	-	-
At 31 December	26.63	32,713	16.70	34,000

# 7. Share based payments (continued)

Out of the 32,713 (2016: 34,000) outstanding options, no options (2016: 697) were exercisable as at 31 December 2017.

Share options outstanding at year end have the following expiry date and exercise prices:

			Share option	ons
Grant date	Expiry date	Exercise price £	2017 Number	2016 Number
23 December 2015	23 December 2025	52.44	8,300	8,300
1 July 2016	1 July 2017	0.01	-	6,037
1 July 2016	1 July 2018	0.01	6,038	6,038
1 July 2016	1 July 2019	0.01	6,037	6,037
1 July 2016	1 July 2020	0.01	6,038	6,038
28 October 2016	28 October 2026	85.32	1,550	1,550
22 December 2017	22 December 2027	91.30	4,750	-
		<del></del>	32,713	34,000

# 8. Loss for the year before tax

The loss for the year has been stated after charging the following:

	Year ended 31 December 2017 £	Year ended 31 December 2016 £
Amortisation of intangible assets	233,629	186,348
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	31,073	29,232
Auditor's remuneration	15,200	11,200
Auditor's remuneration – non audit:	0.500	6.250
- other assurance related services	6,500 2,700	6,250
- accounts preparation	2,700	2,625
- tax compliance	7,150	2,575
Operating leases – land and buildings	99,926 53,334	107,635 35,001
Operating leases – other	19,200	109,915
Research and development expenditure	19,200	109,913
9. Taxation		
	Year ended	Year ended
	31 December	31 December
	2017	2016
	£	£
Current tax	(222.407)	(400.030)
Current tax credit for the year	(222,407)	(400,030)
Total current tax	(222,407)	(400,030)
Deferred tax		
Origination and reversal of timing differences		
Total deferred tax	-	
Tax credit on loss on ordinary activities	(222,407)	(400,030)

# 9. Taxation (continued)

The tax on the Company's loss before tax differs from the theoretical amount that would arise using the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19.25% (2016: 20%) as follows:

### Tax on loss on ordinary activities

	Year ended 31 December 2017	Year ended 31 December 2016
Lass on ordinary activities hefers toy	(2,074,425)	(2,144,661)
Loss on ordinary activities before tax	(2,074,423)	(2,144,001)
Tax on ordinary activities at standard rate of UK corporation tax of 19.25% (2016: 20%)	(399,327)	(428,932)
Effects of:		
- expenses not deductible for tax purposes	13,692	1,429
- surrender of tax losses for R&D tax credit refund	72,805	83,262
- additional deduction for R&D expenditure	(166,859)	(171,131)
- adjustments in respect of previous periods	· •	(180,522)
- adjust closing deferred tax to average rate of 19.25%	(68,858)	(32,351)
- adjust opening deferred tax to average rate of 19.25%	98,889	92,906
- deferred tax not recognised	227,251	235,309
Total tax credit	(222,407)	(400,030)

#### 10. Deferred tax

Deferred tax assets have not been recognised in respect of tax losses and other temporary differences giving rise to deferred tax assets as it is not deemed probable that these assets will meet the recognition criteria of IAS 39, given the uncertainty of profits being made in the foreseeable future against which the tax losses could be utilised.

A deferred tax asset of £1,535,777 (2016: £573,070) would have been recognised at year end based on timing differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit.

# 11. Intangible assets

### Intangible assets at 31 December 2017 comprise:

	Capitalised development £	Software £	Total £
Cost	-		
At 1 January 2017	92,766	608,120	700,886
Additions	741,115	-	741,115
Reclassification	(92,766)	92,766	
At 31 December 2017	741,115	700,886	1,442,001
Amortisation			
At 1 January 2017	-	(34,338)	(34,338)
Amortisation charged in the year		(233,629)	(233,629)
At 31 December 2017	-	(267,967)	(267,967)
Net book amount			
At 31 December 2017	741,115	432,919	1,174,034
At 31 December 2016	92,766	573,782	666,548

During 2016 a new development was initiated for the Company's broker system. This first phase was completed and ready for use on 1 January 2017 and is now being amortised over its estimated useful life.

During 2017 the second phase development of the internal platform and broker systems were initiated. At the balance sheet date, costs of £628,748 and £112,367 had been capitalised but since both systems are still in the development phase, no amortisation has been charged.

### 12. Property, plant and equipment

# Property, plant and equipment at 31 December 2017 comprise:

	Computer	Fixtures &	
	equipment	fittings	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 January 2017	35,864	57,981	93,845
Additions	9,391	1,385	10,776_
At 31 December 2017	45,255	59,366	104,621
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2017	(18,060)	(29,775)	(47,835)
Depreciation charged in the year	(11,650)	(19,423)	(31,073)
At 31 December 2017	(29,710)	(49,198)	(78,908)
Net book amount			
At 31 December 2017	15,545	10,168	25,713
At 31 December 2016	17,804	28,206	46,010

### 13. Investments

	31 December 2017 £	31 December 2016 £
Investments in subsidiary	1,000	1,000

On 12 July 2016 the Company incorporated Landbay Asset Management Limited (formerly Landlock Limited) with 1,000 £1 Ordinary shares.

### Subsidiary undertakings

At 31 December 2017 the Company's subsidiary undertaking was as follows:

Company Landbay Asset Management Limited

Principal place of business and country of incorporation UK

3rd Floor

Registered Address 9 - 11 Grosvenor Gardens London

SW1W 0BD

Ownership 100%

Loss for the 18 month period to 31 December 2017 (£) (5,226)

Total share capital and reserves as at 31 December 2017 (£) (5,226)

# 14. Trade and other receivables

	31 December 2017	31 December 2016
American designation of the second second	£	£
Amounts due in less than one year:		
Other receivables	80,653	211
Prepayments and accrued income	161,543	124,139
Corporation tax repayable	222,407	219,508
	464,603	343,858
Amounts due in more than one year:		
Other receivables	-	40,560

The Directors do not consider any impairment provision is necessary against the above assets and consider that the carrying amount of the Company's receivables is a reasonable approximation of their fair value.

# 15. Cash and cash equivalents

15. Cash and cash equivalents	31 December 2017 £	31 December 2016 £
Cash at bank and on hand	299,834	218,733

The Company holds a reserve fund for the benefit of Lenders. The Company will use the fund to cover missed mortgage interest payments as and when it deems appropriate, and replenish the fund when the Borrower pays.

The Company operates its reserve fund on a discretionary basis and does not guarantee that a claim will be approved, nor that there will be sufficient funds available at any given time. As at the date of this report, the balance of the reserve fund was £72,080 (2016: £59,917). There were no claims outstanding against this fund at the date of this report.

### Client money

The Company holds money on behalf of some clients in accordance with the client money rules of the Financial Conduct Authority. Such monies and the corresponding amounts due to clients are not shown on the face of the Statement of Financial Position as the Company is not beneficially entitled thereto. Money held on behalf of clients at the end of the financial year amounted to £1,270,994 (2016: £2,261,054).

#### 16. Share capital

Ordinary shares of £0.01 each Allotted and fully paid:	2017 Number	2017 £	2016 Number	2016 £
At 31 December	171,921	. 1,719	147,019	1,470
17. Share premium				
Ordinary aboves of CO 04 seeb	2017	2017	2016	2016
Ordinary shares of £0.01 each Share premium:	Number	£	Number	£
At 31 December	171,921	6,946,681	147,019	4,684,873

The share premium account is used to record the aggregate amount or value of premiums paid above nominal value when the Company's shares are issued at a premium.

On 3 April 2017, 3,013 shares were issued for consideration of £278,023. No transaction costs were incurred on the issue of these shares.

On 31 August 2017 15,190 shares were issued for consideration of £1,511,803. Transaction costs, specifically relating to the issue of new shares, of £19,755 were incurred and deducted from equity.

On 22 December 2017 6,699 shares were issued for consideration of £549,998. No transaction costs were incurred on the issue of these shares.

# 18. Deferred consideration reserve

	2017 £	2016 £
At 1 January Shares issued	760,000 (1,786,878)	1,127,908 (1,478,028)
Amounts deposited	1,861,844	1,110,120
At 31 December	834,966	760,000

This deferred consideration reserve is used to record equity funding received in consideration for shares to be issued at a future date. When shares are subsequently issued, a transfer is made to share capital and share premium reserves accordingly.

#### 19. Reserves

	31 December 2017	31 December 2016
Retained earnings	£	£
Balance brought forward	(4,457,472)	(2,712,841)
Total comprehensive loss for the period	(1,852,018)	(1,744,631)
Balance carried forward	(6,309,490)	(4,457,472)

Retained earnings are the accumulated, undistributed profits and losses of the Company that have been recognised through the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

#### 20. Trade and other payables

	31 December 2017 £	31 December 2016 £
Trade payables	213,040	200,962
Other taxes and social security	61,900	39,625
Accruals and other payables	156,451	87,251
	431,391	327,838

All trade and other payables are denominated in UK Sterling.

The Directors consider that the carrying amount of trade and other payables is a reasonable approximation of their fair value.

#### 21. Notes to the cash flow statement

	Year ended 31 December 2017 £	Year ended 31 December 2016 £
Cash used in operations		
Operating loss for the year	(2,074,425)	(2,144,661)
Adjustments for:		
- Depreciation	31,073	29,232
- Amortisation	233,629	186,348
Changes in working capital		
- Increase in trade and other receivables	(77,852)	(42,554)
- Increase/(Decrease) in trade and other payables	103,544	(58,525)
Cash used in operations	(1,723,539)	(2,030,160)

#### 22. Operating lease commitments

At 31 December 2017 the Company has lease agreements in respect of property and licensing agreements.

	31 December 2017 £	31 December 2016 £
Future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating		
leases:		
Within one year	118,891	145,121
Between 2 and 5 years	22,000	303,686
•	140,891	448,807

#### 23. Related parties

#### Transactions with related parties during the year

Key management are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Company. In the opinion of the Board, the Company's key management comprises the Directors and information regarding their emoluments stated in accordance with IFRS is set out in Note 6a.

During the year a shareholder of the Company acted as a loan administrator for the Company. Fees charged for providing these services amounted to £32,572 (2016: £30,474).

Shareholders of the Company also lent money to borrowers via the Company's platform. Interest and other fees earned by these shareholders during 2017 amounted to £5,206 (2016: £74,535). The Company also received service fees of £nil (2016: £35,924) in respect of loan completions from shareholders in the year.

Directors' of the Company who are also members of key management personnel, lent money to borrowers via the Company's platform earning interest of £1,232 (2016: £6,455).

The Company received a payment of £550,000 (2016: £760,000) from a director in consideration for shares to be issued at a future date.

Close family members of the Directors lent money to borrowers via the Company platform earning interest of £18,338 (2016: £18,338).

The Company provided management services totalling £1,518 (2016: £3,749) to Landbay Asset Management Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company. As at 31 December 2016, Landbay Asset Management Limited owed £3,739 to the Company.

### 23. Related parties (continued)

#### Amounts due to related parties at the balance sheet date

	2017 Borrower Ioans £	2017 Other amounts £	2016 Borrower Ioans £	2016 Other amounts £
Shareholders	-	18,479	-	3,175
Directors	21,486	-	13,656	-
Close family members	111,509		132,708	
·	132,995	18,479	146,364	3,175

#### 24. Ultimate controlling party

In the opinion of the Directors there is no ultimate controlling party of Landbay Partners Limited. The day to day management of the Company is controlled by the Board of Directors.

#### 25. Financial instruments

The Company's financial instruments comprise cash and cash equivalents and items such as trade payables and trade receivables which arise directly from its operations. The main purpose of these financial instruments is to provide finance for the Company's operations.

The Company's operations expose it to a variety of financial risks including market, interest rate and liquidity risks. The management of these risks is vested in the Board.

#### Market risk

The most significant areas of market risk to which the Company is exposed are changes in the residential housing market and private rental market.

#### Interest rate risk

The Company is exposed to interest rate risk to the extent that changes to interest rates could offer alternative options for lenders to deposit their funds therefore impacting funding for mortgage lending.

#### Liquidity risk

The Company seeks to manage liquidity risk to ensure that sufficient liquidity is available to meet foreseeable needs. The Company deems there is sufficient liquidity for the foreseeable future.

Trading assets and liabilities have not been analysed by contractual maturity because trading assets and liabilities are typically held for short periods of time.

The Company had cash and cash equivalents at 31 December 2017 as set out on the Statement of financial position.

# Capital risk management

The Company's objectives when managing capital are to safeguard the Company's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide optimal returns for the shareholders. The Company defines capital as being share capital, deferred consideration reserve, share premium and retained earnings. Capital amounts to £1,473,876 at 31 December 2017 (2016: £988,871).

# 25. Financial instruments (continued)

Capital risk management (continued)

The adequacy of the Company's financial resources position is managed and monitored in accordance with the FCA rules. The Company must at all times meet the relevant minimum financial resource requirements. The Company is required to maintain a prescribed excess of total financial resources over its financial resource requirements.

### 26. Post balance sheet event

On 18 April 2018 the Company closed a further equity funding round with commitments of £1,622,756.

On 21 March 2018 the Company signed a new lease to move to larger premises in May 2018.