

PARAGON MORTGAGES (No.23) PLC

Report and Financial Statements

Year ended 30 September 2021

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT

Sections of this Annual Report, including but not limited to the Directors' Report and the Strategic Report may contain forward-looking statements with respect to certain of the plans and current goals and expectations relating to the future financial condition, business performance and results of Paragon Mortgages (No.23) PLC. These statements can be identified by the fact that they do not relate strictly to historical or current facts. They use words such as 'anticipate', 'estimate', 'expect', 'intend', 'will', 'project', 'plan', 'believe', 'target' and other words and terms of similar meaning in connection with any discussion of future operating or financial performance. These have been made by the directors in good faith using information available up to the date on which they approved this report and the Company undertakes no obligation to update these forward-looking statements other than in accordance with its legal or regulatory obligations (including under the Market Abuse Regulation, UK Listing Rules and the Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules of the Financial Conduct Authority).

By their nature, all forward-looking statements involve risk and uncertainty because they relate to future events and circumstances that are beyond the control of the Company and depend upon circumstances that may or may not occur in the future that could cause actual results or events to differ materially from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. There are a number of factors that could cause actual future financial conditions, business performance, results or developments to differ materially from the plans, goals and expectations expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements and forecasts. As a result, you are cautioned not to place reliance on such forward-looking statements as a prediction of actual results or otherwise.

These factors include, but are not limited to: material impacts related to foreign exchange fluctuations; macro-economic activity; the impact of outbreaks, epidemics or pandemics, such as the Novel Coronavirus 19 ('Covid') pandemic and ongoing challenges and uncertainties posed by the Covid pandemic for businesses and governments around the world, including the duration, spread and any recurrence of the Covid pandemic and the extent of the impact of the Covid pandemic on overall demand for the Company's services and products; potential changes in dividend policy; changes in government policy and regulation (including the monetary, interest rate and other policies of central banks and other regulatory authorities in the principal markets in which the Group operates) and the consequences thereof (including, without limitation, actions taken as a result of the Covid pandemic); actions by the Company's competitors or counterparties; third party, fraud and reputational risks inherent in its operations; the UK's exit from the European Union ('EU'); unstable economic conditions and market volatility, including currency fluctuations; the risk of a global economic downturn; technological changes and risks to the security of IT and operational infrastructure, systems, data and information resulting from increased threat of cyber and other attacks; general changes in government policy that may significantly influence investor decisions (including, without limitation, actions taken in support of managing and mitigating climate change and in supporting the global transition to net zero carbon emissions); societal shifts in customer financing and investment needs; and other risks inherent to the industries in which the Company operates.

Nothing in this Annual Report should be construed as a profit forecast.

STRATEGIC REPORT

BUSINESS REVIEW AND PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

Paragon Mortgages (No.23) PLC ('the Company') is a special purpose company established to act as a funding vehicle within Paragon Banking Group PLC ('the Group') and was set up to provide finance for its mortgage loan assets, by issuing mortgage backed floating rate loan notes and using the proceeds to purchase mortgage loans from other group companies of the Group.

On 23 July 2015 the Company issued floating rate notes and used the proceeds to purchase mortgage loans from Paragon Mortgages 2010 Limited, fellow Group company. During the year the Company operated in the United Kingdom, the principal activity of the Company is the provision of first mortgage loans.

On 15 October 2019 the Company sold its mortgage loans to a fellow Group company and used the proceeds to repay its outstanding asset backed loan notes. Since that date the company has been managed with a view to the orderly settlement of its remaining assets and liabilities and its eventual closure.

As shown in the Company's profit and loss account on page 12, the Company's net expense has decreased from £86,000 to £nil. The result after tax has stayed consistent at £nil.

The balance sheet on page 13 of the Financial Statements shows the Company's financial position at year end. Net assets have remained the same as the previous year.

No interim dividend was paid during the year (2020: £nil). No final dividend is proposed (2020: £nil).

The Company had entered into derivative contracts in order to provide an economic hedge against its exposure to fixed rate loans to customers. Although these instruments provide an economic hedge the prescriptive nature of the requirements of International Accounting Standard 39 – 'Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement' ('IAS 39') means that hedge accounting cannot always be achieved. This has led to the Company recognising a fair value net gain of £343,000 in the preceding year due to the effectiveness of the hedge relationship. This represents a timing difference and cumulative gains and losses recognised will tend to zero over time.

The Group manages its operations on a centralised basis. For this reason, the Company's directors believe that further key performance indicators for the Company are not necessary or appropriate for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business. The performance of the Group's mortgage lending operation, which includes the Company, is discussed in the PBG's Annual Report, which does not form part of this Report.

PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The remaining assets and liabilities of the Company are minor monetary assets and liabilities, principally owed to or by fellow Group companies. There are therefore no significant risks or uncertainties relating to the financial position of the Company at the balance sheet date.

An analysis of the Company's exposure to risk in the year, including financial risk, and the steps taken to mitigate these risks are set out in note 12.

FUTURE PROSPECTS

The directors' intention is that the Company will be wound up once its existing assets and liabilities are settled. The accounts have therefore been prepared on the basis that the Company is not a going concern. This is further discussed in note 14.

STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED)

BOARD AND STAKEHOLDERS

The Board is mindful of its duty to act in good faith and to promote the success of the Group for the benefit of its shareholders and with regard to the interests of all of its stakeholders. The Board confirms that, for the year ended 30 September 2021, it has acted to promote the success of the Company for the benefit of its members as a whole and continues to have due regard to the following matters (as per section 172 of the Companies Act 2006):

- a. The likely consequences of any decision in the long-term
- b. The interests of the Group's employees
- c. The need to foster the Company's business relationships with suppliers, customers and others
- d. The impact of the Company's operations on the community and the environment
- e. The desirability of the Company maintaining a reputation for high standards of business conduct
- f. The need to act fairly as between members of the Company

The principal activity of the Company is to support the business objectives of the Group and therefore, there is substantial common identity between the external non-shareholder stakeholders of the Company and those of the Group.

As a consequence, engagement with external stakeholders takes place at a Group level. The Company looks to Group initiatives for guidance and takes them into account in its decision making. The Company follows Group policies and procedures as mentioned above, including those relating to standards of business conduct, the environment, the community and other stakeholders. More detail may be found in the Paragon Banking Group PLC 2021 Annual Report and Accounts.

However, in considering items of business directors of the Company make autonomous decisions on each decision's own merits, after due consideration of the long-term success of the Company, those factors set out in section 172 of the Companies Act 2006, where relevant, and the stakeholders impacted. Board meetings are held periodically where the directors consider Company business, such as Company results, funding arrangements and dividend payments.

The Board considers and discusses information from across the organisation to help it understand the Group's business and its impact on the Company. It also reviews strategy, financial, and operational performance, as well as information covering areas such as key risks and legal and regulatory compliance.

SHAREHOLDERS

The Company has a single shareholder, Paragon Mortgages (No. 23) Holdings Limited. However, the transaction documents limit this entity to a nominal interest in the risks and rewards of the business of the Company. Those risks and rewards attach to non-equity securities and fall to their holders which are companies within the Group.

ENVIRONMENT

The Group recognises the importance of its environmental responsibilities, monitors its impact on the environment, and designs and implements policies to reduce any damage that might be caused by the Group's activities. The Company operates in accordance with group policies, which are described in the Paragon Banking Group PLC Annual Report, which does not form part of this Report. Further information can also be found in the Group's inaugural Responsible Business Report (published on the Paragon Banking Group PLC website).

STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED)

EMPLOYEES

The Company has no employees. All operational services are provided by employees of the Group. The Group's employment policies are described in the Paragon Banking Group PLC Annual Report, which does not form part of this Report.

Approved by the Board of Directors
and signed on behalf of the Board



P H Whitaker
per pro Intertrust Directors 1 Limited
Director
21 January 2022

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their Annual Report prepared in accordance with Schedule 7 to the Large and Medium-sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the audited Financial Statements of Paragon Mortgages (No.23) PLC, a company registered in England and Wales with registration no: 09386326, for the year ended 30 September 2021.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The directors have been charged with governance in accordance with the transactional documentation detailing the mechanism and structure of the transaction. The structure of the Group is such that the key policies have been predetermined at the time of issuance and the operational roles have been assigned to third parties with their roles strictly governed by the transaction documents.

DIRECTORS

The directors during the year and subsequently were:

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Intertrust Directors 1 Limited

J P Giles (resigned 5 November 2021)

P H Whitaker

DIRECTORS' INDEMNITIES

The company has made qualifying third party indemnity provisions for the benefit of its directors which were made during the year and remain in force at the date of this report.

AUDITOR

The directors have taken all necessary steps to make themselves and the Company's auditor, KPMG LLP, aware of any information needed in preparing the audit of the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year, and, as far as each of the directors is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the auditor are unaware.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of Section 418 (2) of the Companies Act 2006.

A resolution for the re-appointment of KPMG LLP as the auditor of the Company is to be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

INFORMATION PRESENTED IN OTHER SECTIONS

Certain information required to be included in a directors' report by Schedule 7 can be found in the other sections of the Annual Report, as described below. All of the information presented in these sections is incorporated by reference into this Directors' Report and is deemed to form part of this report.

- Commentary on the likely future developments in the business of the Company is included in the Strategic Report
- A description of the Company's financial risk management objectives and policies, and its exposure to risks arising from its use of financial instruments are set out in note 12 to the accounts
- Disclosure on any dividends paid during the year is included in the Strategic Report

Approved by the Board of Directors
and signed on behalf of the Board



P H Whitaker

per pro Intertrust Directors 1 Limited

Director

21 January 2022

Registered Office: 51 Homer Road, Solihull, West Midlands, B91 3QJ

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE ANNUAL REPORT, THE DIRECTORS' REPORT AND THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report 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 they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law) in conformity with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 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 estimates that are reasonable, relevant and reliable
- state whether they have been prepared in accordance with international accounting standards in conformity with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006
- assess the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern
- use the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so

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 responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on behalf of the Board.



P H Whitaker
per pro Intertrust Directors 1 Limited
21 January 2022

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF PARAGON MORTGAGES (No.23) PLC**

Opinion

We have audited the Financial Statements of Paragon Mortgages (No.23) PLC for the year ended 30 September 2021 which comprise the profit and loss account, statement of comprehensive income, the balance sheet, the statement of movements in equity and the related notes 1 to 15, including the accounting policies in note 14.

In our opinion, the Financial Statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 30 September 2021 and of its result for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK accounting standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 101 – 'Reduced Disclosure Framework'; 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 are described below. We have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities under, and are independent of the Company in accordance with, UK ethical requirements including the FRC Ethical Standard. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is a sufficient and appropriate basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of matter - non-going concern basis of preparation

We draw attention to the disclosure made in note 14 to the financial statements which explains that the financial statements have not been prepared on the going concern basis for the reasons set out in that note. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Fraud and breaches of laws and regulations – ability to detect

Identifying and responding to risks of material misstatement due to fraud

To identify risks of material misstatement due to fraud ('fraud risks') we assessed events or conditions that could indicate an incentive or pressure to commit fraud or provide an opportunity to commit fraud.

Our risk assessment procedures included:

- Enquiring of directors, Internal Audit and inspection of policy documentation as to the high-level policies and procedures of the Paragon Group (of which this company is a part) to prevent and detect fraud, including the Internal Audit function, and the Company's channel for 'whistleblowing', as well as whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud.
- Inspecting Board, Audit Committee and Risk Committee minutes.
- Considering remuneration incentive schemes and performance targets for management and directors.
- Using analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PARAGON MORTGAGES (No.23) PLC (CONTINUED)

We communicated identified fraud risks throughout the audit team and remained alert to any indications of fraud throughout the audit.

As required by auditing standards and taking into account possible pressures to meet profit targets and our overall knowledge of the control environment, we perform procedures to address the risk of management override of controls, in particular the risk that Company management may be in a position to make inappropriate accounting entries and the risk of bias in accounting estimates and judgements such as loan loss provisioning.

We also performed procedures including:

- Identifying journal entries to test based on risk criteria and comparing the identified entries to supporting documentation. These included those posted by senior finance management and those posted and approved by the same user.
- Assessing significant accounting estimates for bias.

We discussed with the Audit Committee matters related to actual or suspected fraud, for which disclosure is not necessary, and considered any implications for our audit.

Identifying and responding to risks of material misstatement due to non-compliance with laws and regulations

We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our general commercial and sector experience, through discussion with the directors and other management (as required by auditing standards), and from inspection of the Company's regulatory and legal correspondence and discussed with the directors and other management the policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations.

We communicated identified laws and regulations throughout our team and remained alert to any indications of noncompliance throughout the audit.

The potential effect of these laws and regulations on the financial statements varies considerably.

Firstly, the Company is subject to laws and regulations that directly affect the financial statements including financial reporting legislation (including related companies' legislation), distributable profits legislation and taxation legislation and we assessed the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statement items.

Secondly, the Company is subject to many other laws and regulations where the consequences of non-compliance could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements, for instance through the imposition of fines or litigation or the loss of the Company's licence to operate. We identified the following areas as those most likely to have such an effect: conduct, money laundering and financial crime and certain aspects of company legislation recognising the financial and regulated nature of the Group's activities. Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. Therefore, if a breach of operational regulations is not disclosed to us or evident from relevant correspondence, an audit will not detect that breach.

We discussed with the Directors matters related to actual or suspected breaches of laws or regulations, for which disclosure is not necessary, and considered any implications for our audit.

Context of the ability of the audit to detect fraud or breaches of law or regulation

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PARAGON MORTGAGES (No.23) PLC (CONTINUED)

In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of fraud, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. Our audit procedures are designed to detect material misstatement. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance or fraud and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

Strategic report and directors' report

The directors are responsible for the strategic report and the directors' report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover those reports and we do not express an audit opinion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the strategic report and the directors' report and, in doing so, consider whether, based on our financial statements audit work, the information therein is materially misstated or inconsistent with the financial statements or our audit knowledge. Based solely on that work:

- we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report and the directors' report;
- in our opinion the information given in those reports for the financial year is consistent with the financial statements; and
- in our opinion those reports have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required 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.

We have nothing to report in these respects.

Directors' responsibilities

As explained more fully in their statement set out on page 7 the directors are responsible for: the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view; such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; 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 they either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities

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 our opinion in an auditor's report. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but does not 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 aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

A fuller description of our responsibilities is provided on the FRC's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF PARAGON MORTGAGES (No.23) PLC (CONTINUED)**

The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

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.



**Michael Davidson (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor**

Chartered Accountants

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21 January 2022

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

	Note	2021 £000	2020 £000
Interest receivable			
Loans to customers		-	75
Other		-	9
		-	84
Interest payable and similar charges	2	-	(170)
Net interest expense		-	(86)
Operating expenses		-	(257)
		-	(343)
Fair value net gain	4	-	343
Operating profit, being profit on ordinary activities before taxation	5	-	-
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	6	-	-
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation		-	-

Interest receivable arises from financial assets held at amortised cost.

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

	2021 £000	2020 £000
Result for the year	-	-
Other comprehensive income		
<i>Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss</i>		
Cash flow hedge profit taken to equity	-	-
Tax on items taken directly to equity	-	2
Other comprehensive income for the year net of tax	-	2
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	2

BALANCE SHEET

30 SEPTEMBER 2021

	Note	2021 £000	2021 £000	2020 £000	2020 £000
ASSETS EMPLOYED					
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors falling due within one year	7		12		19
			<u>12</u>		<u>19</u>
FINANCED BY					
EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' DEFICIT					
Called up share capital	8	12		12	
Cash flow hedge reserve		-		-	
Profit and loss account		-		-	
		<u>12</u>		<u>12</u>	
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES	9		-		-
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	10		-		7
			<u>12</u>		<u>19</u>

These Financial Statements of the Company (registered number 09386326) were approved by the Board of Directors on 21 January 2022.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors



P H Whitaker
per pro Intertrust Directors 1 Limited
Director

STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

	Share capital £000	Cash flow hedging reserve £000	Profit and loss account £000	Total equity £000
<i>Total comprehensive income for the year</i>				
Result for the year	-	-	-	-
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-
Opening equity	12	-	-	12
Closing equity	12	-	-	12

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

	Share capital £000	Cash flow hedging reserve £000	Profit and loss account £000	Total equity £000
<i>Total comprehensive income for the year</i>				
Result for the year	-	-	-	-
Other comprehensive income	-	2	-	2
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	2	-	2
Opening equity	12	(2)	-	10
Closing equity	12	-	-	12

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Paragon Mortgages (No.23) PLC ('the Company') is a company domiciled in the United Kingdom and incorporated in England and Wales under the Companies Act 2006 with company number 09386326. The address of the registered office is 51 Homer Road, Solihull, West Midlands, B91 3QJ. The nature of the Company's operations and its principal activities are set out in the Strategic Report.

These financial statements are presented in pounds sterling, which is the currency of the economic environment in which the Company operates.

The remaining notes to the accounts are organised into three sections:

- Analysis – providing further analysis and information on the amounts shown in the primary financial statements
- Financial Risk – providing information on the Company's management of its principal financial risks
- Basis of preparation – providing details of the Company's accounting policies and of how they have been applied in the preparation of the financial statements

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - ANALYSIS

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

The notes set out below give more detailed analysis of the balances shown in the primary financial statements and further information on how they relate to the operations, results and financial position of the Company.

2. INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES

	2021	2020
	£000	£000
Asset backed loan notes	-	152
Interest rate swaps	-	4
Subordinated loan interest	-	14
	<u>-</u>	<u>170</u>

All interest payable on financial liabilities relates to financial liabilities held at amortised cost.

3. DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES

Directors' fees from the Company during the year is stated in note 5.

The Company had no employees in the current year or preceding period. All administration is performed by employees of the related companies under the servicing agreement described in note 11. One director (2020: one director) of the Company is employed by Paragon Finance PLC, a related party, and their remuneration is disclosed within the financial statements of that company, which do not form part of this Report.

4. FAIR VALUE NET GAIN

The fair value net gain of £nil (2020: fair value net gain of £343,000) represents the accounting volatility on derivative instruments which are matching risk exposure on an economic basis. Some accounting volatility arises on these items due to accounting ineffectiveness on designated hedges, or because hedge accounting has not been adopted or is not achievable on certain items. The gain is primarily due to timing differences in income recognition between the derivative instruments and the economically hedged assets and liabilities.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - ANALYSIS

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

5. OPERATING PROFIT, BEING PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION

	2021 £000	2020 £000
Operating profit is after charging / (receiving):		
Directors' fees	-	8
Auditor remuneration - audit services	-	7
Deferred purchase consideration	-	(203)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The Company's audit fee for the current year of £3,000 was paid by the ultimate parent company, Paragon Banking Group PLC. Non audit fees provided to the Group are disclosed in the accounts of the parent company and the exemption from disclosure of fees payable to the Company's auditor in respect to non-audit services in these financial statements has been taken.

6. TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

a) Tax charge for the year

	2021 £000	2020 £000
Current tax		
Corporation tax	-	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

b) Factors affecting the tax charge for the year

	2021 £000	2020 £000
Profit before tax	-	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
UK corporation tax at 19% (2020: 19%) based on the profit for the year	-	-
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The standard rate of corporation tax in the UK applicable to the Company in the period was 19.0% (2020: 19.0%), based on currently enacted legislation. During the previous period, legislation was substantively enacted, reversing the reduction in the tax rate to 17.0% which had been due to come into effect from April 2020. In the current period legislation was substantially enacted that will increase the rate to 25% with effect from 1 April 2023. Consequently, temporary differences which had been expected to reverse at a tax rate of 19% in the current year or in subsequent years, have either reversed or are expected to reverse at 19% in the year ended 30 September 2022, 22% in the year ended 30 September 2023 or 25% in subsequent years. The impact of this change has been accounted for in the year.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - ANALYSIS

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

7. DEBTORS

	2021 £000	2020 £000
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Amounts owed by group companies	12	12
Other debtors (note 11)	-	7
	<u>12</u>	<u>19</u>

8. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	2021 £	2020 £
Allotted:		
49,999 ordinary shares of £1 each (25p called up and paid)	12,500	12,500
1 ordinary shares of £1 each (fully paid)	1	1
	<u>12,501</u>	<u>12,501</u>

9. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES

Deferred tax

The movements in the net liability for deferred tax are as follows:

	2021 £000	2020 £000
Balance at 1 October 2020	-	2
Charge to equity	-	(2)
Balance at 30 September 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

The net deferred tax liability for which provision has been made is analysed as follows:

Other timing differences	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - ANALYSIS

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

10. CREDITORS

	2021 £000	2020 £000
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Accruals and deferred income	-	7
	<u>-</u>	<u>7</u>

11. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Group has identified the following transactions which are required to be disclosed under the terms of IAS 24 - 'Related Party Disclosures' ('IAS 24').

Transactions with Paragon Mortgages (2010) Limited (PM2010)

The Company was owed £nil (2020: £7,000) by PM2010, a company under common control as defined by IAS 24, at the balance sheet date in relation to monies paid to the which is included in other debtors.

Transactions with Paragon Finance PLC (PF)

During the preceding year PF, a company under common control as defined by IAS 24, acted as servicer of the mortgages for the Company and earned £nil (2020: £nil) in servicing fees.

In the preceding year, PF held the subordinated loan and Class E notes issued by the Company. During the preceding year PF earned £14,000 in subordinated loan interest and £10,000 in Class E note interest.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS – FINANCIAL RISK

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

The note below describes the processes and measurements which the Company use to manage their exposure to financial risks including credit, liquidity, interest rate and foreign exchange risk.

12. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

Until the sale of its loans and the repayment of the asset backed loan notes, the Company's operations were financed principally by floating rate, asset backed loan notes and, to a lesser extent, by a mixture of share capital and loans from other group companies of the Group. The Company issued financial instruments to finance the acquisition of its portfolio of loans to customers and used derivative financial instruments to hedge interest rate risk arising from fixed rate lending. In addition, various financial instruments, for example debtors and accruals, arose directly from the Company's operations.

The principal risks arising from the Company's financial instruments were credit risk, liquidity risk and interest rate risk. The board of the Company's holding company reviewed and agreed policies for all companies in the Group managing each of these risks and they are summarised below. These policies have remained unchanged throughout the year and since the year end.

Credit risk

The Company's credit risk was primarily attributable to its loans to customers. The maximum credit risk at 30 September 2019 approximated to the carrying value of loans to customers. There were no significant concentrations of credit risk due to the large number of customers included in the portfolios.

The Company acquired mortgages from Paragon Mortgages (2010) Limited, a fellow group company of the Group which placed strong emphasis on good credit management at the time of underwriting new loans.

The acquired mortgages were secured by first charges over residential properties in the United Kingdom. Despite this security, in assessing credit risk an applicant's ability to repay the loan remained the overriding factor in the decision to lend by the originating lender. Additionally, each mortgage had the benefit of one or more life assurance policies and certain mortgages had the benefit of a mortgage guarantee indemnity insurance policy.

Paragon Mortgages (2010) Limited, a fellow group company of the Group, continued to administer the mortgages on behalf of Paragon Mortgages (No.23) PLC and the collections process was the same as that utilised for all companies in the group.

In order to control credit risk relating to counterparties to the Company's financial instruments, the board of the Company's holding company determined on a group basis, which counterparties the group of companies would deal with, established limits for each counterparty and monitored compliance with those limits.

The terms of the debt issue required that the companies cash balances were held at institutions with a credit rating greater than P-1 by Moody's and/or A-1 by Standard and Poors and/or F1 by Fitch Ratings.

Liquidity risk

The Company's assets were principally financed by asset backed loan notes issued through the securitisation process. Securitisation effectively eliminated the Company's liquidity risk by matching the maturity profile of the Company's funding to the profile of the assets to be funded.

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The Company's policy was to maintain floating rate liabilities and match these with floating rate assets by the use of interest rate swap agreements.

The rates payable on the asset backed loan notes issued by the Company were reset quarterly on the basis of LIBOR or EURIBOR. The Company's assets predominantly bore LIBOR linked interest rates or were hedged fixed rate assets. The interest rates charged on the Company's variable rate loan assets were determined by reference to, inter alia, the Company's funding costs and the rates being charged on similar products in the market. Generally this ensured the matching of changes in interest rates on the Company's loan assets and borrowings and any exposure arising on the interest rate resets was relatively short term.

In part, the Company's interest rate hedging objectives was achieved by the controlled mismatching of the dates on which instruments matured, redeemed or had their interest rates reset.

Currency risk

All of the Company's assets and liabilities were denominated in sterling with the exception of the asset backed loan notes denominated in euros. Although IAS 39 requires that they be accounted for as currency liabilities and valued at their spot rates, it was a condition of the issue of these notes that the interest rate and currency swaps were put in place for the duration of the borrowing, having the effect of converting the liability to a LIBOR linked floating rate sterling borrowing. As a result the Company has no material exposure to foreign currency risk.

The equivalent sterling principal amounts of notes in issue under these arrangements, and their carrying values at 30 September 2021 and 30 September 2020 were £nil.

Use of derivative financial instruments

The Company used derivative financial instruments for risk management purposes. Such instruments are used only to limit the exposure of the Company to movements in market interest rates, as described above.

It was, and had been throughout the year under review, the Company's policy that no trading in financial instruments should be undertaken, and hence all of the Company's derivative financial instruments were for commercial hedging purposes. These were used to protect the Company from exposures principally arising from fixed rate lending. Hedge accounting is applied where appropriate, though it should be noted that some derivatives, while forming part of an economic hedge relationship, do not qualify for this accounting treatment under IAS 39 either because natural accounting offsets are expected, or obtaining hedge accounting would be especially onerous.

The Company had designated a number of derivatives as fair value hedges. In particular this treatment was used for hedging the interest rate risk of groups of fixed rate prepayable loan assets with interest rate derivatives on a portfolio basis. The Company believed this solution was the most appropriate as it was consistent with the economic hedging approach taken by the Company to these assets.

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12. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)**Fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities**

Derivative financial instruments were stated at their fair values in the accounts. The Group used a number of techniques to determine the fair values of its derivative assets and liabilities, for which observable prices in active markets were not available. These were principally present value calculations based on estimated future cash flows arising from the instruments, discounted using a risk adjusted interest rate. The principal inputs to these valuation models were LIBOR benchmark interest rates for the currencies in which the instruments were denominated, sterling and euros. The cross currency basis swaps had a notional principal related to the outstanding currency borrowings and therefore the estimated rate of repayment of these notes also affected the valuation of the swaps. In order to determine the fair values the management applied valuation adjustments to observed data where that data would not fully reflect the attributes of the instrument being valued, such as particular contractual features or the identity of the counterparty. The management reviewed the models used on an ongoing basis to ensure that the valuations produced were reasonable and reflected all relevant factors.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS – BASIS OF PREPARATION**YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

The notes set out below describe the accounting basis on which the Company prepare their accounts, the particular accounting policies adopted by the Company and the principal judgements and estimates which were required in the preparation of the financial statements.

They also include other information describing how the accounts have been prepared required by legislation and accounting standards.

13. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable UK accounting standards. Disclosures have been made in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 101 – ‘Reduced Disclosure Framework’ (‘FRS 101’).

As permitted by FRS 100 – ‘Application of Financial Reporting Requirements’ (‘FRS 100’) the Company has applied the measurement and recognition requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards (‘IFRS’) as adopted by the EU, but makes amendments where necessary in order to comply with the Companies Act 2006 and has set out below where advantage of disclosure exemptions provided by FRS 101 has been taken.

The “requirements of the Companies Act 2006” here means accounts being prepared in accordance with “international accounting standards” as defined in section 474(1) of that Act, as it applied immediately before IP Completion Day (the end of the UK’s transition period) (‘IPCD’), including where the Company also makes use of standards which have been adopted for use within the United Kingdom in accordance with regulation 1(5) of the International Accounting Standards and European Public Limited Liability Company (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, subsequent to the IPCD.

Under the Listing Rules of the FCA, despite the UK’s exit from the EU on 31 January 2020, the EU endorsed IFRS regime remains applicable to the Company until its first financial year commencing after the IPCD on 31 December 2020.

Therefore, while EU endorsed IFRS applies to these financial statements, those for the year ending 30 September 2022 will instead be prepared under ‘UK-adopted international accounting standards’.

The changes in the way that the basis of preparation is described, as a result of the UK’s exit from the EU, including the move to UK-adopted international accounting standards from the Company’s financial year commencing 1 October 2021, do not represent a change in the basis of accounting which would necessitate a prior year restatement.

In the preparation of these financial statements, there are no new accounting standards being applied for the first time.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS – BASIS OF PREPARATION**YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021****14. ACCOUNTING POLICIES****Accounting convention**

The Financial Statements are prepared under the historical cost convention, except as required in the valuation of certain financial instruments which are carried at fair value.

Going concern

In accordance with IAS 1 – ‘Presentation of Financial Statements’ a company may only present its financial statements on a going concern basis if management do not intend to liquidate the company or cease trading.

Following the disposal of its loan assets and the repayment of its external borrowings on 15 October 2019, the Company has effectively ceased to trade, and the intention of the directors is to settle its remaining assets and liabilities in an orderly fashion and, in due course, dissolve the Company. The directors have considered the available resources of the Company and concluded that all liabilities will be settled in full.

Due to the effective cessation of trade, these financial statements have not been prepared on a going concern basis, but due to the nature of the remaining assets and liabilities, the amounts presented do not differ from the values which would have been presented had the going concern basis been adopted.

Loans to customers

Loans to customers includes assets accounted for as financial assets. The Company assesses the classification and measurement of a financial asset based on the contractual cash flow characteristics of the asset and its business model for managing the asset. The Company has concluded that its business model for its customer loan assets is of the type defined as ‘Hold to collect’ by IFRS 9 and the contractual terms of the asset should give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest (‘SPPI’). Such loans are therefore accounted for on the amortised cost basis.

Loans advanced are valued at inception at the initial advance amount, which is the fair value at that time, inclusive of procurement fees paid to brokers or other business providers and less initial fees paid by the customer. Loans acquired from third parties are initially valued at the purchase consideration paid or payable. Thereafter, all loans to customers are valued at this initial amount less the cumulative amortisation calculated using the Effective Interest Rate (‘EIR’) method. The loan balances are then reduced where necessary by a provision impairment.

The EIR method spreads the expected net income arising from a loan over its expected life. The EIR is that rate of interest which, at inception, exactly discounts the future cash payments and receipts arising from the loan to the initial carrying amount.

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14. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Impairment of loans and receivables

The carrying values of all loans to customers, whether accounted for under IFRS 9 or IAS 17, are reduced by an impairment provision based on their expected credit loss ('ECL'), determined in accordance with IFRS 9. These estimates are reviewed throughout the year and at each balance sheet date.

All assets are assessed to determine whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk ('SICR') since the point of first recognition (origination or acquisition). Assets are also reviewed to identify any which are 'Credit Impaired'. SICR and credit impairment are identified on the basis of pre-determined metrics including qualitative and quantitative factors relevant to each portfolio, with a management review to ensure appropriate allocation.

Assets which have not experienced an SICR are referred to as 'Stage 1' accounts, assets which have experienced an SICR but are not credit impaired are referred to as 'Stage 2' accounts, while credit impaired assets are referred to as 'Stage 3' accounts.

An impairment allowance is provided on an account by account basis:

- For Stage 1, at an amount equal to 12-month ECL, i.e. the total expected ECL that results from those default events that are possible within 12 months of the reporting date, weighted by the probability of those events occurring
- For Stage 2 and 3 accounts, at an amount equal to lifetime ECL, i.e. the total expected ECL that results from any future default events, weighted by the probability of those events occurring

In establishing an ECL allowance, the Company assesses its probability of default, loss given default and exposure at default for each reporting period, discounted to give a net present value. The estimates used in these assessments must be unbiased and take into account reasonable and supportable information including forward-looking economic inputs.

Within its buy-to-let portfolio the Company utilises a receiver of rent process, whereby the receiver stands between the landlord and tenant and will determine an appropriate strategy for dealing with any delinquency. This strategy may involve the immediate sale of any underlying security or the short or long term letting of the property to cover arrears and principal shortfalls. Such cases are automatically considered to have an SICR, but where a letting strategy is adopted by the receiver, a tenant is in place and arrears are reduced or cleared, the account will not necessarily be considered to be credit impaired. Properties in receivership are eventually either returned to their landlord owners or sold.

For financial accounting purposes, provisions for impairments of loans to customers are held in an impairment allowance account from the point at which they are first recognised. These balances are released to offset against the gross value of the loan when it is written off for accounting purposes. This occurs when standard enforcement processes have been completed, subject to any amount retained in respect of expected salvage receipts. Any further gains from post-write off salvage activity are reported as impairment gains.

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14. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**Cash at bank**

Balances shown as cash at bank in the balance sheet comprise demand deposits and short-term deposits with banks with initial maturities of not more than 90 days.

Current tax

Current tax, including UK corporation tax, is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided in full on temporary differences that result in an obligation at the balance sheet date to pay more tax, or a right to pay less tax, at a future date, at rates expected to apply when they crystallise based on current tax rates and law. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is regarded as probable that they will be recovered. As required by IAS 12 – ‘Income Taxes’, deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted to take account of the expected timing of realisation.

Borrowings

Borrowings are carried in the balance sheet on the amortised cost basis. The initial value recognised includes the principal amount received less any discount on issue or costs of issuance.

Interest and all other costs of the funding are expensed to the profit and loss account as interest payable over the term of the borrowing on an Effective Interest Rate basis.

Derivative financial instruments

Derivative instruments utilised by the Company comprise currency swaps and interest rate swaps. All such instruments are used for hedging purposes to alter the risk profile of the existing underlying exposure of the Company in line with the Company’s risk management policies.

The Company does not enter into speculative derivative contracts.

All derivatives are carried in the balance sheet at fair value, as assets where the value is positive or as liabilities where the value is negative. Fair value is based on market prices, where a market exists. If there is no active market, fair value is calculated using present value models which incorporate assumptions based on market conditions and are consistent with accepted economic methodologies for pricing financial instruments. Changes in the fair value of derivatives are recognised in the profit and loss account, except where such amounts are permitted to be taken to equity as part of the accounting for a cash flow hedge.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS – BASIS OF PREPARATION**YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021****14. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)****Hedging**

IFRS 9 paragraph 7.2.21 permits an entity to elect, as a matter of accounting policy, to continue to apply the hedge accounting requirements of IAS 39 in place of those set out in Chapter 6 of IFRS 9. The Company has made this election and the accounting policy below has been determined in accordance with IAS 39.

For all hedges, the Company documents, at inception, the relationship between the hedging instruments and the hedged items, as well as its risk management strategy and objectives for undertaking the transaction. The Company also documents its assessment, both at hedge inception and on an ongoing basis, of whether the hedging arrangements put in place are considered to be 'highly effective' as defined by IAS 39.

For a fair value hedge, as long as the hedging relationship is deemed 'highly effective' and meets the hedging requirements of IAS 39, any gain or loss on the hedging instrument recognised in income can be offset against the fair value loss or gain arising from the hedged item for the hedged risk. For macro hedges (hedges of interest rate risk for a portfolio of loan assets) this fair value adjustment is disclosed in the balance sheet alongside the hedged item, for other hedges the adjustment is made to the carrying value of the hedged asset or liability. Only the net ineffectiveness of the hedge is charged or credited to income. Where a fair value hedge relationship is terminated, or deemed ineffective, the fair value adjustment is amortised over the remaining term of the underlying item.

Where a derivative is used to hedge the variability of cash flows of an asset or liability, it may be designated as a cash flow hedge so long as this relationship meets the hedging requirements of IAS 39. For such an instrument the effective portion of the change in the fair value of the derivative is taken initially to equity, with the ineffective part taken to profit or loss. The amount taken to equity is released to the profit and loss account at the same time as the hedged item affects the profit and loss account. Where a cash flow hedge relationship is terminated, or deemed ineffective, the amount taken to equity will remain there until the hedged transaction is recognised, or is no longer highly probable.

Amounts owed by or to group companies

The balances owed by or to other group companies are carried at the current amount outstanding less any provision.

Revenue

The revenue of the Company comprises interest receivable and other income. The accounting policy for the recognition of each element of revenue is described separately within these accounting policies.

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14. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Fee and commission income

Other income includes administration fees charged to borrowers, which are credited to the profit and loss account when the related service is performed.

Foreign currency

Foreign currency transactions, assets and liabilities are accounted for in accordance with International Accounting Standard 21 – ‘The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates’. The functional currency of the Company is pound sterling. Transactions which are not denominated in sterling are translated into sterling at the spot rate of exchange on the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities which are not denominated in sterling are translated at the closing rate on the balance sheet date.

Gains and losses on retranslation are included in interest payable or interest receivable depending on whether the underlying instrument is an asset or a liability, except where deferred in equity in accordance with cash flow hedging provisions of IAS 39.

Deferred purchase consideration

Under the Mortgage sale agreement profits from the company are paid up to the companies which originated the loans by way of deferred purchase consideration. Deferred purchase consideration is recognised in the period in which it becomes payable and is paid when sufficient cash resources allow. Paragon Mortgages (2010) Limited, to whom deferred purchase consideration is paid, is a fellow group company.

Disclosures

In preparing these financial statements the Company has taken advantage of the exemptions from disclosure provided by FRS 101 in respect of:

- The requirement to produce a cash flow statement and related notes
- Disclosures in respect of transactions with wholly owned subsidiaries
- Disclosures in respect of capital management
- The effects of new, but not yet effective IFRSs
- Disclosures in respect of key management personnel
- Disclosures of transactions with a management entity which provides key management personnel services to the Company

As the consolidated financial statements of Paragon Banking Group PLC, the ultimate parent undertaking of the Company, include equivalent disclosures the Company has also taken advantage of these further exemptions provided by FRS 101:

- Certain disclosures required by IFRS 13 – ‘Fair Value Measurement’
- Certain disclosures required by IFRS 7 – ‘Financial Instruments Disclosures’

The Company presently intends to continue to apply these exemptions in future periods.

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15. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The ultimate parent undertaking is Intertrust Corporate Services Limited who holds the entire share capital of the Company on a discretionary trust basis for the benefit of certain charities. The directors regard Paragon Banking Group PLC as the ultimate controlling party.

The smallest and largest group into which the Company is consolidated is that of Paragon Banking Group PLC, registered in England and Wales.

Copies of the Group's financial statements are available from that company's registered office at 51 Homer Road, Solihull, West Midlands, B91 3QJ.