

PARAGON FOURTH FUNDING LIMITED

Report and Financial Statements

Year ended 30 September 2020

STRATEGIC REPORT

BUSINESS REVIEW AND PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

Paragon Fourth Funding Limited ('the Company') is a wholly owned subsidiary of Paragon Banking Group PLC ('the Group'). The Company entered into a sterling credit facility of £200 million, was increased to £300 million on 8 May 2015. The facility was used to provide funding of mortgage loans acquired or underwritten by the Group. Subsequently, the mortgage loans were sold to fellow group companies. During the year the Company operated in the United Kingdom. On 12 December 2016 the Company did not renew its sterling credit facility and subsequently it is working out its two year period.

As shown in the Company's profit and loss account on page 8, the net interest expense has decreased from £323,000 to £314,000. This was due to interest payable to group companies decreasing due to the decrease in LIBOR over the current year. The loss after tax has decreased from £264,000 to £257,000. This is mainly due to the decrease in the net interest expense as stated above.

The balance sheet on page 9 of the Financial Statements shows the Company's financial position at the year end. Net liabilities have increased due to the loss for the year. Details of amounts owed to other group companies are shown in note 11.

No interim dividend was paid during the year (2019: £nil). No final dividend is proposed (2019: £nil).

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.

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, including financial risk, and the steps taken to mitigate these risks are set out in note 4.

GOING CONCERN

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 3.

STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED)

BOARD AND STAKEHOLDERS

The Board of the Company is mindful of its duty to act in good faith and to promote the success of the Paragon Banking Group PLC group of companies (the 'Group') for the benefit of its shareholders and with regard to the interests of all of its stakeholders and, in particular, the interests of the Company's noteholders. The Board confirms that, for the year ended 30 September 2020, 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 Company'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; and
- f. The need to act fairly as between members of the Company.

As part of the Group, stakeholder engagement, for stakeholder groups where there is substantial common identity between the non-shareholder stakeholders of the Company and of the Group, takes place at a group level and 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 the fair treatment of customers, standards of business conduct, the environment, the community and other stakeholders. More detail may be found in the Group's 2020 Annual Report and Accounts.

In its decision making the Board of Directors will also have regard to the rights and interests of the holders of the Mortgage Backed Floating Rate Notes, while these were outstanding, in accordance with the transaction documents under which they were issued.

As a securitisation entity the decision-making powers of the Board of Directors were limited so long as the notes remain outstanding. 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. The principal decision made by the directors in the year was that to sell the Company's mortgage book, pay off the Notes and eventually close the Company. In considering this and other items of business the Board makes autonomous decisions on their 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, including its results and performance. As a special purpose funding vehicle for the Group, the Board also reviews strategy, financial, and operational performance, as well as information covering areas such as key risks and legal and regulatory compliance. This information is presented to the Board through reports sent in advance of each Board meeting and through in person presentations.

More information on the Company's impact on individual stakeholder groups is set out below.

SHAREHOLDERS

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Paragon Banking Group PLC, the ultimate parent company of the Group. However, the transaction documents limit this entity to a nominal interest in the risks and rewards of the business of the Company. The interests of the Company's shareholders thus coincide with those of the shareholders of the Group (s172 (1)(f)).

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 Group's Annual Report, which does not form part of this Report.

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 its Annual Report, which does not form part of this Report.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K G Allen', written in a cursive style.

K G Allen

Director

28 January 2021

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 Fourth Funding Limited, a company registered in England and Wales with registration no: 05390155, for the year ended 30 September 2020.

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 throughout the year and subsequently were:

R D Shelton

R J Woodman

K G Allen

AUDITOR

The directors have taken all reasonable 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 is unaware.

No notice from members under section 488 of the Companies Act 2006 having been received, the directors intend that the auditor, KPMG LLP, shall be deemed to be reappointed in accordance with section 487(2) of the Act.

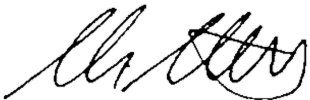
INFORMATION PRESENTED IN OTHER SECTIONS

Certain information required to be included in a directors' report by the Companies Act 2006 and regulations made there under 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 4 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



K G Allen

Director

28 January 2021

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

**STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES
in relation to Financial Statements**

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to 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 judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- 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 (as explained in note 3, the directors do not believe that it is appropriate to prepare these financial statements on a going concern basis).

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 their profit or loss for that period.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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, for the Company's systems of internal control and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities and for the preparation of a strategic report and directors' report which comply with the applicable requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

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



K G Allen

Director

28 January 2021

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PARAGON FOURTH FUNDING LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the Financial Statements of Paragon Fourth Funding Limited for the year ended 30 September 2020 which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet, the statement of movements in equity and the related notes 1 to 12, including the accounting policies in note 3.

In our opinion the Financial Statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 30 September 2020 and of its loss 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 3 to the financial statements which explains that the financial statements are now not prepared on the going concern basis for the reason set out in that note. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PARAGON FOURTH FUNDING LIMITED (CONTINUED)

Directors' responsibilities

As explained more fully in their statement set out on page 5, the directors are responsible for: the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view; 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.

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

1 Sovereign Square, Sovereign Street, Leeds, LS1 4DA

28 January 2021

PARAGON FOURTH FUNDING LIMITED

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

	Note	2020 £000	2019 £000
Interest receivable		-	-
Interest payable and similar charges	5	(314)	(323)
Net interest expense		<u>(314)</u>	<u>(323)</u>
Operating expenses		(3)	(3)
Operating loss on ordinary activities before taxation	7	<u>(317)</u>	<u>(326)</u>
Tax on loss on ordinary activities	8	60	62
Loss on ordinary activities after taxation	10	<u><u>(257)</u></u>	<u><u>(264)</u></u>

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the loss for the current and preceding years, and consequently a separate statement of comprehensive income has not been presented.

PARAGON FOURTH FUNDING LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET

30 SEPTEMBER 2020

	Note	2020 £000	2020 £000	2019 £000	2019 £000
ASSETS EMPLOYED					
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank			5		6
FINANCED BY					
EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' DEFICIT					
Called up share capital	9	13		13	
Profit and loss account	10	(12,618)		(12,361)	
			(12,605)		(12,348)
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	11		12,610		12,354
			5		6

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 28 January 2021.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors



K G Allen

Director

PARAGON FOURTH FUNDING LIMITED

STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

	Share capital	Profit and loss	Total
	£000	account	equity
		£000	£000
<i>Total comprehensive income for the year</i>			
Loss for the year	-	(257)	(257)
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	(257)	(257)
Opening equity	13	(12,361)	(12,348)
Closing equity	13	(12,618)	(12,605)

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

	Share capital	Profit and loss	Total
	£000	account	equity
		£000	£000
<i>Total comprehensive income for the year</i>			
Loss for the year	-	(264)	(264)
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	(264)	(264)
Opening equity	13	(12,097)	(12,084)
Closing equity	13	(12,361)	(12,348)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Paragon Fourth Funding Limited ('the Company') is a company domiciled in the United Kingdom and incorporated in England and Wales under the Companies Act 2006 with company number 05390155. 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.

2. 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.

In the preparation of these financial statements, the following accounting standards are being applied for the first time.

- IFRS 16 – 'Leases'

This has had no impact upon the balance sheet or the profit and loss account.

3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The particular accounting policies applied are described below.

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 in May 2017, 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.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

3. 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.

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.

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.

4. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Company’s primary financial assets and liabilities are with other group companies; therefore the directors do not consider that the Company is exposed to any significant cash flow, credit or liquidity risks.

5. INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES

	2020	2019
	£000	£000
Interest payable to group companies	314	323
	314	323

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

6. DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES

Directors received no remuneration for the services provided to the Company during either the current or the preceding year.

The Company had no employees in the current or preceding year. All administration is performed by employees of the Group. The directors of the Company are employed by Paragon Finance PLC, a fellow group company, and their remuneration is disclosed within the financial statements of that company, which do not form part of this Report.

7. OPERATING LOSS, BEING LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION

	2020 £000	2019 £000
Operating loss is after charging:		
Auditor remuneration - audit services	3	3

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.

8. TAX ON LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

a) Tax credit for the year

	2020 £000	2019 £000
Current tax		
Corporation tax	-	-
Group relief	(60)	(62)
Tax credit on loss on ordinary activities	(60)	(62)

b) Factors affecting the tax credit for the year

	2020 £000	2019 £000
Loss before tax	(317)	(326)
UK corporation tax at 19.0% (2019: 19.0%) based on the loss for the year	(60)	(62)
Effects of:		
Change in rate of taxation on deferred tax balances	-	-
Tax credit for the year	(60)	(62)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

8. TAX ON LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

The standard rate of corporation tax in the UK applicable to the Company in the period was 19.0% (2019: 19.0%), based on currently enacted legislation. During the 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. Consequently, temporary differences which had been expected to reverse at a tax rate of 18% in the current year, or 17% in subsequent years, have either reversed or are expected to reverse at a rate of 19%. The impact of this change has been accounted for in the year.

9. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	2020 £	2019 £
Allotted:		
49,998 ordinary shares of £1 each (25p called up and paid)	12,500	12,500
2 ordinary shares of £1 (fully paid)	2	2
	12,502	12,502
	12,502	12,502

10. PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

	£000
At 1 October 2018	(12,097)
Loss for the financial year	(264)
At 30 September 2019	(12,361)
Loss for the financial year	(257)
At 30 September 2020	(12,618)

An interim dividend of £nil per share was paid during the year (2019: £nil per share). No final dividend is proposed (2019: £nil).

11. CREDITORS

	2020 £000	2019 £000
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Amounts due to group companies	12,607	12,351
Accruals and deferred income	3	3
	12,610	12,354
	12,610	12,354

12. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The smallest and largest group into which the Company is consolidated, and the Company's immediate and ultimate parent company and ultimate controlling party is Paragon Banking Group PLC, a company 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.