
MIDLAND METRO LIMITED

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

MIDLAND METRO LIMITED

COMPANY INFORMATION

Directors	L M Shoaf S A McAleavy (resigned 15 April 2022) L K Horne
Company secretary	S G Allison
Registered number	10932342
Registered office	16 Summer Lane Birmingham B19 3SD
Independent auditor	Williamson & Croft Audit Limited York House 20 York Street Manchester M2 3BB

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STRATEGIC REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The Directors present their strategic report for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Business review

The company completed its third full year of operations. The company has endured a challenging year as a result of the cracks that were identified on the trams. As a consequence Midland Metro Limited made the difficult decision to suspend tram services at periods during the year.

Permanent repairs were required with all the 2GT fleet taken out of service. The safety of our customers and colleagues is our priority and this will never be compromised.

The easing of restrictions from the Government in April and May 2021 saw passenger revenues rebound to 60%-65% business as usual. During October 2021 passenger revenues recovered to 90% business as usual. Midland Metro Limited has been supported by light rail support grant provided by the Department of Transport.

Within the next financial year, Midland Metro Limited will see the opening of two new extensions as part of the wider network expansion plans.

Key performance indicators

Operational performance is measured through a number of KPIs for the year since the company took over operations including punctuality and reliability.

During the period to 31 March 2022, the company aimed to achieve a target of 98% of the scheduled kilometres according to the operational timetable. During the period the company achieved an average of 85.61%. Performance improved over the course of the period and continues to improve post year-end.

Total revenue from fare income and other revenues (e.g. advertising) came to £10.3m (2021 - £7.6m), which in management's view equated to 20% below the expected trading level in a normal year. The 2021 revenue was a result of Covid-19 disruption to trade.

The operating loss before other operating income for the period amounted to £9.3m (2021 - £8.17m) which is covered by a subsidy received from the parent company and grant subsidies from the Department of Transport.

The company's operating cash has remained strong throughout the period. The balance sheet on page 11 of the financial statements shows the company's financial position at the period-end.

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STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Principal risks and uncertainties

The key risks and uncertainties to the company are:

Management of Revenues – this is the company’s major risk as it derives its income from passenger fares and other third party revenue e.g. advertising. The company closely monitors passenger numbers, fare income, and the public transport market in the region in order to implement strategies to maximise its income.

Controlling costs – the major cost risks for the company are around traction power and staff costs. A purchasing strategy is in place to mitigate against any unforeseen increases in traction power costs, and staff costs are closely monitored.

Other Risks

The company has exposure to a number of financial risks which are managed with the purpose of minimising any potential adverse effects on the company’s performance. The Board has the following policies for managing these risks:

Price risk

The company is able to adjust its fares as required to match any potential increases in costs.

Credit risk

Credit risk is low as revenue is mainly earned from sales on tram, with other counterparties being low risk entities. Cash investments are with institutions of a suitable credit quality.

Liquidity and cash flow risk

The company has entered into a short term borrowing facility agreement in order to manage its short term cash requirements.

Future developments

Over the coming years the company is anticipated to grow substantially with the opening of extensions to Centenary Square, Edgbaston, Birmingham Eastside and Wednesbury to Brierley Hill, with a further extension being planned to Solihull.

Going concern

Management has produced forecasts that reflect likely downside scenarios as a result of the suspension to service. The company is optimistic that when services resume, recovery will rebound strongly to pre-pandemic levels. In addition the company has received indicative grants from the Department of Transport through to 5th October 2022.

In addition, the company has obtained a letter of comfort from its parent undertaking, West Midlands Combined Authority stating for a period of at least 12 months from the date of the signing of these financial statements they will continue to provide the financial support to the company. This letter reiterates the terms and conditions of the Public Service Contract between West Midlands Combined Authority and the company. As such, the directors are satisfied that the company has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing these financial statements.

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**STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

Post Balance Sheet Events

As at the balance sheet date, Midland Metro Limited were aware that a grant from the Department for Transport covering the period 6th April 2022 to 5th October 2022 was likely, this has now been received for a sum of £2.7 million.

The overall financial impact is being established but the arrangement noted within note 2.2 is still in place and has no impact on going concern.

This report was approved by the Board and signed on its behalf.

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L K Horne
Director

Date: 7 December 2022

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DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Directors' responsibilities statement

The directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic 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 the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'. Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs 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 for the Company's financial statements and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting 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
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and to 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.

Principal activity

The principal activity of the company is the operation and maintenance of the Midland Metro line 1 light rail system between Birmingham and Wolverhampton in accordance with the public service obligation and other terms of the Public Service Contract (PSC) with West Midlands Combined Authority.

Results and dividends

The loss for the year, after taxation, amounted to £13 thousand (2021 - loss £14 thousand).

Interim dividends of £Nil have been paid during the year. The directors do not recommend the payment of a final dividend.

Directors

The directors who served during the year were:

L M Shoaf
S A McAleavy (resigned 15 April 2022)
L K Horne

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**DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

Disclosure of information to the auditor

Each of the persons who are directors at the time when this Directors' Report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware; and
- the director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

Post balance sheet events

As at the balance sheet date, Midland Metro Limited were aware that a grant from the Department for Transport covering the period 6th April 2022 to 5th October 2022 was likely, this has now been received for a sum of £2.7 million.

The overall financial impact is being established but the arrangement noted within note 2.2 is still in place and has no impact on going concern.

Auditor

In accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006, a resolution proposing that Williamson and Croft Audit Limited be appointed as auditor of the company for the year ended 31 March 2022 was passed at a General Board Meeting on 23 March 2022.

A resolution for the re-appointment of Williamson and Croft Audit Limited as auditors of the company for the year ended 31 March 2023 is to be proposed at a forthcoming General Board meeting.

This report was approved by the Board and signed on its behalf.

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L K Horne
Director

Date: 7 December 2022

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MIDLAND METRO LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Midland Metro Limited (the 'company') for the year ended 31 March 2022, which comprise the Income Statement, Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Changes in Equity, Statement of Cash Flows, and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 March 2022 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practices).
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and 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.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MIDLAND METRO LIMITED

Opinion on other matter 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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Directors

The directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we have given consideration to the control environment (including management's own process for identifying and assessing risks) as well as the nature of the entity, the industry in which it operates and the underlying performance. Consideration was also given to the attitudes and incentives of management to commit fraud. We determined that the greatest potential for fraud existed in the following areas: timing of recognition of income; value of investment properties; and posting of unusual journals and complex transactions. In line with all audits performed under International Standards on Auditing (UK), we planned and performed specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override of controls.

We also obtained an understanding of the applicable laws and regulations that the company has to abide by, through discussions with management and those charged with governance, as well as commercial knowledge of the sector and statutory legislation. We paid particular focus to those laws and regulations that had the potential to materially impact the amounts and disclosures within the financial statements. The key laws and regulations

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we identified were the UK Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), health and safety legislation, tax legislation, employment law and General Data Protection Regulation. The company also falls under the regulatory body UK Tram which regulates the light rail sector in the UK.

After our initial risk assessment, we performed the following procedures to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities arising due to fraud or error:

- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including through testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, and evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing these against supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Assessing key accounting estimates within the financial statements in order to assess their reasonableness and determine whether there were any indications of management bias in the estimates;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Making enquiries of management as to whether they are aware of any alleged, suspected or actual fraud during the year;

We also performed procedures to satisfy ourselves regarding compliance with applicable laws and regulations, including:

- Making enquiries of management and those charged with governance if there were any actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Reviewing legal and professional fees incurred in the year for indicators of any litigation or claims against the company;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance; and
- Reviewing correspondence with relevant legal authorities.

All audit team members were made aware of the applicable laws and regulations, as well as potential fraud risks during the planning stage of the audit and this was discussed at the audit team planning meeting. It was therefore determined that team members all had the relevant awareness and competence to identify any instances of non-compliance with relevant laws and regulations or fraud.

There are, however, inherent limitations to our above audit procedures. Auditing standards only require us to enquire of the Directors and management regarding non-compliance with laws and regulations, as well as review regulatory and legal correspondence (if there is any). It is therefore possible that instances of non-compliance could be missed, particularly where the law in itself is far removed from any financial transactions.

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

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 as applied to micro-entities. 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.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MIDLAND METRO LIMITED

Tor Stringfellow (Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of

Williamson & Croft Audit Limited

York House
20 York Street
Manchester
M2 3BB
7 December 2022

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	2022 £000	2021 £000
Turnover	4	10,312	7,592
Cost of sales		(15,882)	(12,525)
Gross loss		(5,570)	(4,933)
Administrative expenses		(3,639)	(3,207)
Other operating income	5	9,250	8,177
Operating profit	6	41	37
Interest payable and expenses	9	(41)	(37)
Profit before tax		-	-
Tax on profit	10	(13)	(14)
Loss for the financial year		(13)	(14)
Other comprehensive income for the year			
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Other comprehensive income for the year		-	-
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year		(13)	(14)

There were no recognised gains and losses for 2022 or 2021 other than those included in the statement of comprehensive income.

The notes on pages 14 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

All amounts relate to continuing activities.

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 10932342

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	2022 £000	2021 £000
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	380	253
		<u>380</u>	<u>253</u>
Current assets			
Stocks	12	951	822
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	13	1,575	1,505
Cash at bank and in hand	14	834	1,146
		<u>3,360</u>	<u>3,473</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(3,754)	(3,740)
		<u>(394)</u>	<u>(267)</u>
Net current liabilities		(394)	(267)
Total assets less current liabilities		(14)	(14)
Provisions for liabilities			
Deferred tax	17	(15)	(2)
		<u>(15)</u>	<u>(2)</u>
Net liabilities		(29)	(16)
Capital and reserves			
Profit and loss account		(29)	(16)
		<u>(29)</u>	<u>(16)</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf by:

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L K Horne
 Director

Date: 7 December 2022

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Profit and loss account £000	Total equity £000
At 1 April 2021	(16)	(16)
Comprehensive income for the year		
Loss for the year	(13)	(13)
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-
Total comprehensive loss for the year	(13)	(13)
Total transactions with owners	-	-
At 31 March 2022	(29)	(29)

The notes on pages 14 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Profit and loss account £000	Total equity £000
At 1 April 2020	(2)	(2)
Comprehensive income for the year		
Loss for the year	(14)	(14)
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	(14)	(14)
Total transactions with owners	-	-
At 31 March 2021	(16)	(16)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1. General information

Midland Metro Limited is a private company limited by shares incorporated in the United Kingdom under the Companies Act 2006 and is registered in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is 16 Summer Lane, Birmingham, B19 3SD. The nature of the company's operations are set out in the business review on page 1.

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of West Midlands Combined Authority. Copies of the Authorities financial statements, the only entity preparing group financial statements which include Midland Metro Limited, are available to the public on the Authorities website www.wmca.org.uk.

The company was incorporated on 24 August 2017 and was dormant until it commenced trading on 24 June 2018.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

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

The company is a qualifying entity for the purposes of FRS 102, being a member of a group where the parent of that group prepares publicly available consolidated financial statements, including this company, which are intended to give a true and fair view (of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss) and the company is included in the consolidation. The company has therefore taken advantage of the exemption in Section 7 Statement of cash flows of presenting of a statement of cash flows and related notes.

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgement in applying the Company's accounting policies (see note 3).

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

2.2 Going Concern

Management has produced forecasts that reflect likely downside scenarios as a result of the suspension to service. The company is optimistic that when services resume, recovery will rebound strongly to pre-pandemic levels. In addition the company has received indicative grants from the Department of Transport through to 5th October 2022.

In addition, the company has obtained a letter of comfort from its parent undertaking, West Midlands Combined Authority stating for a period of at least 12 months from the date of the signing of these financial statements they will continue to provide the financial support to the company. This letter reiterates the terms and conditions of the Public Service Contract between West Midlands Combined Authority and the company. As such, the directors are satisfied that the company has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.3 Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognised by reference to the stage of completion of the customer's travel or service provided under contractual arrangement as a proportion of total services to be provided. Advertising revenue is recognised when the service is provided.

2.4 Operating leases: the Company as lessee

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to profit or loss on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Benefits received and receivable as an incentive to sign an operating lease are recognised on a straight line basis over the lease term, unless another systematic basis is representative of the time pattern of the lessee's benefit from the use of the leased asset.

2.5 Taxation

The tax expense for the period comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in profit or loss, except that a charge attributable to an item of income or expense recognised as other comprehensive income or to an item recognised directly in equity is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity respectively.

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

Deferred tax as recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed by the balance sheet date, except as otherwise indicated. The recognition of deferred tax assets is limited to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits.

Deferred tax is calculated using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date that are expected to apply to the reversal of the timing difference.

2.6 Government grants

Grants are accounted for under the accruals model as permitted by FRS 102. Grants relating to expenditure on tangible fixed assets are credited to profit or loss at the same rate as the depreciation on the assets to which the grant relates. The deferred element of grants is included in creditors as deferred income.

Grants of a revenue nature are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income in the same period as the related expenditure.

2.7 Interest income

Interest income is recognised in profit or loss using the effective interest method.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.8 Finance costs

Finance costs are charged to profit or loss over the term of the debt using the effective interest method so that the amount charged is at a constant rate on the carrying amount. Issue costs are initially recognised as a reduction in the proceeds of the associated capital instrument.

2.9 Pensions

Defined contribution pension plan

The Company operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the Company pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the Company has no further payment obligations.

The contributions are recognised as an expense in profit or loss when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals as a liability in the Balance Sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the Company in independently administered funds.

2.10 Current and deferred taxation

The tax expense for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in profit or loss except that a charge attributable to an item of income and expense recognised as other comprehensive income or to an item recognised directly in equity is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity respectively.

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

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

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

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

2.11 Tangible fixed assets

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

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.11 Tangible fixed assets (continued)

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

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Plant and machinery	- 5-13 years straight line basis
Fixtures and fittings	- 4 years straight line basis
Computer equipment	- 3 years straight line basis

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

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised in profit or loss.

2.12 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value, being the estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost is based on the cost of purchase on a weighted average basis. Work in progress and finished goods include labour and attributable overheads.

At each balance sheet date, stocks are assessed for impairment. If stock is impaired, the carrying amount is reduced to its selling price less costs to complete and sell. The impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

2.13 Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment. Loans receivable are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

2.14 Cash and cash equivalents

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

2.15 Creditors

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.16 Provisions for liabilities

Provisions are made where an event has taken place that gives the Company a legal or constructive obligation that probably requires settlement by a transfer of economic benefit, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

Provisions are charged as an expense to profit or loss in the year that the Company becomes aware of the obligation, and are measured at the best estimate at the Balance Sheet date of the expenditure required to settle the obligation, taking into account relevant risks and uncertainties.

When payments are eventually made, they are charged to the provision carried in the Balance Sheet.

2.17 Financial instruments

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

Financial assets that are measured at cost and amortised cost are assessed at the end of each reporting period for objective evidence of impairment. If objective evidence of impairment is found, an impairment loss is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

For financial assets measured at amortised cost, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. If a financial asset has a variable interest rate, the discount rate for measuring any impairment loss is the current effective interest rate determined under the contract.

For financial assets measured at cost less impairment, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and best estimate of the recoverable amount, which is an approximation of the amount that the Company would receive for the asset if it were to be sold at the balance sheet date.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the Balance Sheet when there is an enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

3. Judgements in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial report requires the directors' to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

The directors do not consider that there are any complex transactions that are not covered by the accounting policies outlined in note 2 that required any judgements and hence disclosure.

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4. Turnover

Revenue is stated net of value added tax where applicable and is wholly derived within the United Kingdom.

5. Other operating income

	2022	<i>2021</i>
	£000	<i>£000</i>
Other operating income	1,328	-
Government grants receivable	4,194	7,593
Job Retention Scheme	-	205
Subsidy receivable	3,728	379
	9,250	<i>8,177</i>

Other operating income relates to the reimbursement of intercompany recharges received from West Midlands Combined Authority.

Subsidy receivable is in respect of the subsidy received from West Midlands Combined Authority under the terms of the Public Service Contract (PSC).

6. Operating profit

The operating profit is stated after charging:

	2022	<i>2021</i>
	£000	<i>£000</i>
Other operating lease rentals	47	50
Depreciation	112	135

7. Auditor's remuneration

	2022	<i>2021</i>
	£000	<i>£000</i>
Fees payable to the Company's auditor and its associates for the audit of the Company's annual financial statements	14	24

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8. Employees

Staff costs were as follows:

	2022	<i>2021</i>
	£000	<i>£000</i>
Wages and salaries	7,162	<i>6,203</i>
Social security costs	661	<i>564</i>
Cost of defined contribution scheme	182	<i>164</i>
	8,005	<i>6,931</i>

The average monthly number of employees, including the directors, during the year was as follows:

	2022	<i>2021</i>
	No.	<i>No.</i>
Operations	159	<i>147</i>
Engineering	56	<i>43</i>
Management and administration	27	<i>28</i>
	242	<i>218</i>

The directors of the company are remunerated by West Midlands Combined Authority. They did not receive any remuneration in respect of their services to the company.

9. Interest payable and similar expenses

	2022	<i>2021</i>
	£000	<i>£000</i>
Loans from group undertakings	41	<i>37</i>
	41	<i>37</i>

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10. Taxation

	2022 £000	2021 £000
Corporation tax		
Current tax on profits for the year	-	13
	-	13
	-	13
Total current tax	-	13
Deferred tax		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	9	1
Changes to tax rates	4	-
Total deferred tax	13	1
Taxation on profit on ordinary activities	13	14

Factors affecting tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is the same as (2021 - the same as) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2021 - 19%) as set out below:

	2022 £000	2021 £000
Effects of:		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	2	1
Adjustments to tax charge in respect of prior periods	-	5
Tax rate changes	4	-
Thin cap adjustments	7	8
Total tax charge for the year	13	14

Factors that may affect future tax charges

There were no factors that may affect future tax charges.

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11. Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and machinery £000	Fixtures and fittings £000	Computer equipment £000	Total £000
Cost or valuation				
At 1 April 2021	317	3	308	628
Additions	45	21	173	239
At 31 March 2022	<u>362</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>481</u>	<u>867</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2021	77	1	297	375
Charge for the year on owned assets	43	5	64	112
At 31 March 2022	<u>120</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>361</u>	<u>487</u>
Net book value				
At 31 March 2022	<u>242</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>380</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>240</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>253</u>

12. Stocks

	2022 £000	2021 £000
Tram spares & consumables	951	822
	<u>951</u>	<u>822</u>

The cost of inventories expensed in the year and included in operating costs was £402,236 (2021 - £601,864). Impairment provision at the year-end relating to damaged or obsolete inventories amounted to £Nil (2020 - £Nil).

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13. Debtors

	2022 £000	2021 £000
Trade debtors	245	33
Amounts owed by group undertakings	495	237
Other debtors	25	137
Prepayments and accrued income	810	1,098
	<u>1,575</u>	<u>1,505</u>

Included in prepayments and accrued income was an amount of £358,383 (2021 - £253,978) attributable to a group undertaking.

14. Cash and cash equivalents

	2022 £000	2021 £000
Cash at bank and in hand	834	1,146
	<u>834</u>	<u>1,146</u>

15. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £000	2021 £000
Payments received on account	100	100
Trade creditors	475	490
Amounts owed to group undertakings	538	1,810
Corporation tax	-	14
Other taxation and social security	734	141
Other creditors	54	12
Accruals and deferred income	1,853	1,173
	<u>3,754</u>	<u>3,740</u>

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16. Financial instruments

	2022	<i>2021</i>
	£000	<i>£000</i>
Financial assets		
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss	834	<i>1,146</i>
Financial assets that are debt instruments measured at amortised cost	1,344	<i>1,000</i>
	<u>2,178</u>	<u><i>2,146</i></u>
Financial liabilities		
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	(2,920)	<i>(3,485)</i>
	<u>(2,920)</u>	<u><i>(3,485)</i></u>

Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss comprise of cash and cash equivalents.

Financial assets that are debt instruments measured at amortised cost comprise trade debtors, amounts owed by group undertakings and accrued income.

Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost comprise trade creditors, amounts owed to group undertakings, other creditors and accruals and deferred income.

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17. Deferred taxation

	2022 £000
At beginning of year	(2)
Charged to profit or loss	(13)
At end of year	<u><u>(15)</u></u>

The provision for deferred taxation is made up as follows:

	2022 £000	2021 £000
Accelerated capital allowances	(37)	(2)
Tax losses carried forward	22	-
	<u><u>(15)</u></u>	<u><u>(2)</u></u>

18. Share capital

	2022 £	2021 £
Authorised, allotted, called up and fully paid		
100 (2021 - 100) Ordinary shares of £1.00 each	<u><u>100</u></u>	<u><u>100</u></u>

19. Contingent liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities or guarantees at the end of the year.

20. Capital commitments

There were no capital commitments at the end of the year.

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21. Commitments under operating leases

At 31 March 2022 the Company had future minimum lease payments due under non-cancellable operating leases for each of the following periods:

	2022	<i>2021</i>
	£	£
Not later than 1 year	23,322	35,985
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	4,338	2,998
	27,660	38,983

22. Related party transactions

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard 102 Section 33.1A from the requirement to disclose transactions with group entities that are wholly owned members of the group.

23. Post balance sheet events

As at the balance sheet date, Midland Metro Limited were aware that a grant from the Department for Transport covering the period 6th April 2022 to 5th October 2022 was likely, this has now been received for a sum of £2.7 million.

The overall financial impact is being established but the arrangement noted within note 2.2 is still in place and has no impact on going concern.

24. Ultimate Parent Company

The company is a subsidiary of West Midlands Combined Authority which is the ultimate parent company incorporated in Great Britain. The consolidated accounts are available on www.wmca.org.uk.