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ARSENAL HOLDINGS LIMITED

Annual Report and Financial Statements

31 May 2022

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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2022

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STRATEGIC REPORT

The directors present their strategic report for the year ended 31 May 2022.

Principal Activity and Strategy

The principal activity of the Group is that of a professional football club playing in the Premier League. The Group is also engaged in a number of property developments.

The Board's long term strategy is to continue to develop Arsenal Football Club (the Club) as a leading club on both the domestic and global stages. The Board are committed to a business model which invests the funds generated by the business back into the Club with the aim of achieving an increased level of on-field success with the ultimate goal of winning trophies and using that on-field success to increase the Club's engaged worldwide fan base.

Results for the year

The loss for the year after taxation was £45.5 million (2021 – loss of £107.3 million).

The 2021/22 season was the first for 23 years in which the Club had failed to qualify for UEFA European competition. The loss of the revenue associated with UEFA football was the principal contributory factor in terms of the overall result for the year.

The very welcome return of fans to our home matches, as the restrictions associated with the Covid pandemic were eased, meant that the result for the year was considerably improved against the prior period.

Covid continued to have a financial impact but losses of some £2 million (unaudited) from the curtailment of pre-season activities in summer 2021 were a vast improvement on the £85 million (unaudited) of Covid attributable losses the Club had experienced in the 2020/21 financial year.

During 2021/22 and subsequently during the summer 2022 transfer window the Club has invested strongly in the development of its Men's First Team playing resources. This investment recognises that the Club has not been where it wanted to be in terms of on-field competitiveness and that, as a minimum, qualification for UEFA competition needed to be regained, as pre-requisite to re-establishing a self-sufficient financial base. This investment would not have been possible without the support and commitment of the Club's ownership, Kroenke Sports & Entertainment. Qualification for the UEFA Europa League for 2022/23 represents a positive first step and can be viewed alongside the start to the 2022/23 season which has so far been encouraging.

We have also continued to invest strongly in Arsenal Women at a time when the women's game is seeing a significant growth in interest and support. Arsenal Women finished the 2021/22 season as WSL runners up.

Review of the business

The result for the year can be broken down into the following key components:-

	2022	2021
	£m	£m
Adjusted operating profit from football (see note 2 on page 26)	80.8	39.5
Exceptional costs	-	(39.0)
Amortisation and impairment of player registrations	(127.0)	(117.4)
Profit on sale of player registrations / Loan of players	24.2	14.8
Property trading profits	2.0	-
Net interest costs (excluding exceptional items)	(5.2)	(7.6)
Other	(20.3)	(17.5)
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Loss before tax	<u>(45.5)</u>	<u>(127.2)</u>

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Review of the business (continued)

Football revenue for the year was £369.1 million (2021 - £327.6 million). The return of fans across 23 home fixtures (19 Premier League and 4 EFL Cup) meant match day revenue was £79.4 million compared to just £3.8 million in the pandemic impacted prior year. Across all fixtures the average attendance was 59,568 (2021 – N/A due to covid restrictions). However, broadcasting revenues fell to £146.0 million (2021 - £184.4 million). The reason for this was twofold: the lack of UEFA broadcasting revenue and the fact the prior year had included TV revenue for more than just a single season, due to the Covid delayed completion of the 2019/20 campaign. Commercial revenues were slightly improved to £141.7 million (2021 - £136.4 million).

There were several factors behind overall reduced wage costs of £212.3 million (2021 - £244.4 million). Away from the pitch the Club had incurred £6.7m of exceptional costs in the prior year in relation to staff reorganisation and headcount reduction. On the player side there has been a process of restructuring the Men's First Team squad to improve the efficiency of spend; this includes changes made in earlier years but where the full benefit has only been realised in the 2021/22 figures.

The total profit on sale of player registrations was £22.2 million (2021 - £11.8 million) and player loans amounted to £2.0 million (2020 - £3.1 million). Player trading profits continue to have a significant impact on overall profitability and the Club's ability to realise profits during 2021/22 was adversely impacted by market conditions with reduced overall liquidity as clubs' acquisition budgets were impacted by the financial pressures of the pandemic.

During the year there was limited activity in the Group's property development business, however, a one-off sale of a former Emirates move relocation site saw revenues rise to £2.8 million (2021 - £0.6 million).

Net finance charges were reduced to £5.2 million (2021 – £39.8 million). The prior year was impacted by one-off exceptional costs of £32.2 million relating to the redemption of the Group's stadium finance bonds and their refinancing via a loan provided by the Group's ultimate parent company, KSE UK Inc.

Balance Sheet

Following additions to player registrations at a cost of £187.9 million and amortisation charges, the book value of intangible fixed assets (player registrations) was increased to £333.5 million (2021 - £294.2 million).

The year end cash position was £30.0 million (2021 - £18.8 million). The renewal of season tickets for the 2022/23 season was very strong but the timing of renewal meant that the cash impact of this was mainly deferred until June. The levels of debtors and creditors were influenced by the Club's transfer activity, both inbound and outbound, with instalments of the transfer fees being payable and receivable over time and mainly over the next two years.

Funding

Funding is provided mainly by the ultimate parent company, KSE UK Inc., which is wholly owned by the ultimate controlling party, Mr. E. S. Kroenke. During the year KSE UK Inc. provided funds both to underpin the Club's transfer activities and for working capital purposes as required.

The Group reviews and updates its forecasts on a regular basis and keeps its parent company and ultimate controlling party fully aware of its financial commitments going forward.

In addition, the Group has a £70 million working capital facility with Barclays Bank.

The Club's cashflows vary across the year and loans have been used from both Barclays and KSE UK Inc. to manage the overall position throughout the year.

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Key performance indicators

Non- financial:

- Premier League 5th place (2021 - 8th place);
- Ticket sales average 59,568 (2021 – N/A due to covid restrictions).

Financial

- Cash flow;
- Revenue;
- Payroll costs;
- Operating profits/EBITDA (before player trading);
- Player trading (acquisitions/sales);
- Property profits;
- Compliance with applicable financial regulations including UEFA Financial Fair Play (FFP) and Premier League financial sustainability rules.

Quantitative disclosures in respect of financial key performance indicators are included in the financial statements.

Risks and uncertainties

There are a number of potential risks and uncertainties which could have a material impact on the Group's long-term performance. The Board is in contact regularly throughout the year and monitors these risks on a continual basis. In addition, the management of day to day operational risk is delegated to the Group Executive management team.

Now that the risk of material disruption from the Covid pandemic seems to have eased, the key business risks and uncertainties affecting the Group are considered to relate to:

- the performance and popularity of the Men's First Team;
- the recruitment and retention of key employees;
- the rules and regulations of the applicable football governing bodies;
- the negotiation and pricing of broadcasting contracts;
- the rates of UK taxation applicable to the Group and its key employees; and
- the renewal of key commercial agreements on similar or improved terms.

The Group's income is affected by the performance and popularity of the Men's First Team and significant sources of revenue are derived from strong performances in the Premier League and UEFA European competitions. The Group seeks to maintain playing success by continually investing in the development of its playing squad and it enters into employment contracts with each of its key personnel with a view to securing their services for the term of the contract. However, the Group operates in a highly competitive market in both domestic and European competition and retention of personnel cannot be guaranteed. In addition, the activities of the Group's main competitors can determine trends in the market rates for transfers and wages that the Group may be required to follow in order to maintain the strength of its first team squad.

The Club is regulated by the rules of the FA, Premier League, UEFA and FIFA. Any change to FA, Premier League, UEFA and FIFA regulations in the future could have an impact on the Group as the regulations cover areas such as: the format of competitions, FFP and similar financial sustainability measures, the division of broadcasting income, the eligibility of players and the operation of the transfer market. The Group monitors its compliance with all applicable rules and regulations on a continuous basis and also monitors and considers the impact of any potential changes.

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Broadcasting and certain other revenues are derived from contracts which are currently centrally negotiated by the Premier League and, in respect of European competition, by UEFA; the Group does not have any direct influence, alone, on the outcome of the relevant contract negotiations. The Premier League has secured its TV rights sales for the three year cycle ending season 2024/25, with certain overseas rights already secured for a longer term.

The Group derives a material amount of revenue from sponsorship and other commercial relationships. The underlying commercial agreements have finite terms and, whilst the Group fully expects that the global appeal of its brand will allow its commercial revenues to grow in the medium term, the renewal of existing contracts and / or acquisition of new partnerships cannot be guaranteed.

The Club's participation in European competition (subject to the usual qualification criteria) is expected to continue and the Club expects to be able to continue to recruit overseas players suitable to the development of the Club's playing squad. There has been no measurable adverse impact from the UK's departure from the EU or from the war in Ukraine.

The Group's financial performance has previously remained reasonably resilient to recessionary economic conditions.

Financial risk management

The Group manages its capital to ensure that the Group will be able to continue as a going concern. The Directors review financial reports on a regular basis and the Group's finance team monitor working capital and liquidity on a continuous basis. The nature of the Group's activities mean that the most significant areas of financial risk relate to cash flow, credit, currency and interest rates. The Group uses financial derivatives, in line with policies approved by the Board, to manage these risks. The Group does not use financial derivatives for speculative purposes.

The Group addresses cash flow risk by carefully managing its working capital inflows and outflows. Forward looking forecasts are prepared, reviewed on a regular basis and subjected to appropriate stress testing.

The Group enters into a number of transactions, relating mainly to its participation in European competition and player transfers, which create exposure to movements in foreign exchange. The Group monitors this foreign exchange exposure on a continuous basis and will usually hedge any significant exposure in its currency receivables and payables.

The Group monitors its compliance with the applicable terms of its bank facility on a continuous basis.

Credit checks and other appropriate financial due diligence are performed prior to the Group entering into new material contracts.

The Club continues to be compliant with applicable FFP and financial sustainability regulations put in place by UEFA and the Premier League including the amendments to those rules put in place to mitigate the impacts of the pandemic.

Section 172 Statement

Section 172 of the Companies Act 2006 requires the Directors to take into consideration the interests of all stakeholders in promoting the success of the Company and the Group and, in so doing, to have regard to a range of matters, including:

- the long-term consequences;
- the interests of employees;
- the interests of other key stakeholders (including the Club's supporters);
- the impact on the community and the environment; and
- the desirability of maintaining a reputation for high standards of business conduct.

Everyone at Arsenal recognises their responsibility as custodians of the Club, to uphold its traditions and values.

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Supporters

Supporters are at the centre of everything we do. Following the pandemic, we have seen demand for all things Arsenal grow strongly. This is driven by on-field performance but we have also created major marketing and communications programmes to connect supporters to the Club more effectively.

The Arsenal Advisory Board (AAB) has completed its first full season in operation. Representatives from key fan groups as well as Josh Kroenke from our owners Kroenke, Sports & Entertainment, Board Director Tim Lewis and our Chief Executive Vinai Venkatesham met four times during the 2021-22 season to discuss key issues. The AAB works alongside the long-standing Arsenal Fans' Forum which meets three times a year and gives fan representatives the opportunity to put questions to and discuss key issues with senior Club officials. In addition, we keep in regular contact with our supporters through our membership schemes and our network of 185 supporters' clubs around the world.

Employees

Our staff are critical to the success of the Group which has in place a broad suite of policies and programmes designed to help colleagues maximise their potential, promote their health and safety and their mental health and wellbeing.

- We ensure equality and fairness in opportunity, pay and promotion decisions and publish our Gender Pay Gap report annually.
- We pay at least the London Living Wage hourly rate of pay to all direct employees and casual workers and encourage our third-party suppliers to adopt the same approach to ensure we remain an employer of choice.
- We offer a number of initiatives to support our employees, including value added healthcare services with access to GPs online, mental health first aiders and access to various wellbeing resources.

As we navigate a post pandemic environment, we are continuing to operate in line with Government protocols and guidelines, ensuring we protect the health and safety of our staff, players and community participants.

Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion

Ensuring equality, diversity and inclusion is at the heart of Arsenal and is a strategic priority.

We endeavour to ensure that everyone associated with the Club – employees, fans, our local community and the wider Arsenal family - feels an equal sense of belonging and can interact with the Club in a manner which is fair and free from any form of discrimination.

Some of the key initiatives in 2021-22 were:

- We launched our No More Red initiative in partnership with adidas to tackle the root causes of youth violence, and provide safe spaces and more opportunities for our young people.
- We held our first community Iftar in Emirates Stadium and were joined by local faithleaders, politicians, players and staff.
- We continued our work on #stoponlineabuse through our targeted action plan.
- We held our biggest Pride in London celebration yet with an open top, double decker float, adorned with rainbow colours alongside Arsenal and GayGooners branding.
- We launched our first Emerging Strong, Young, South Asian Gunners event at our Hale End academy.
- We delivered the Respect for All curriculum across our academy age groups, focused on a range of EDI topics.

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Arsenal in the Community

The Club's commitment to its local and global community is channelled through the Arsenal Foundation and Arsenal in the Community.

The Arsenal in the Community team delivers sport, social and education programmes to over 5,000 individuals each week in Islington, Hackney and Camden – helping to positively change the lives of people in our local community.

The Arsenal Foundation supports a wide range of charitable initiatives both locally and across the world. It has a well-established partnership with Save the Children which has delivered large scale infrastructure and support projects through its Coaching for Life scheme.

Notable events in 2021-22 season included a ground-breaking campaign to shine a light on and promote local businesses who were struggling following the pandemic. The No More Red initiative, referred to above, saw the men's first team wear an all-white kit for an FA Cup tie versus Nottingham Forest which was broadcast to a global audience.

The Club also supports The Gunners' Fund which is a small grants scheme for the local charity, community and voluntary sector.

Sustaining our game

We are firmly committed to operating in a green and sustainable manner and we take our responsibility extremely seriously for the benefit of future generations.

Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting (SECR)

The SECR disclosure presents the Group's carbon footprint within the United Kingdom and offshore for Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions based on SECR Legislation, an appropriate intensity metric and the total energy use of electricity, gas and transport.

	2022	2021
Emissions from combustion of gas tCO ₂ e (Scope 1)	1,364	1,356
Emissions from combustion of fuel for transport purposes tCO ₂ e (Scope 1)	67	29
Emissions from purchased electricity tCO ₂ e (Scope 2)	2,449	2,014
Emissions from business travel in rental cars or employee-owned vehicles (tCO ₂ e) (Scope 3)	63	2
Total Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions (tCO ₂ e)	3,943	3,401
Intensity ratio (tCO ₂ e/£M Turnover)	10.60	10.36
Energy consumption used to calculate emissions (kWh)	18,075,821	16,146,583

The Group continues to achieve direct savings in energy and associated carbon emissions, through operational and technological improvements, including:

1. LED lighting upgrades and sensor controls installation
2. Replacement of diesel-powered vehicles by electric and installing additional EV charging points
3. Continuous monitoring and central control of heating, ventilation and air conditioning
4. Investing in training and communicating to staff about energy efficiency

The Group has the Octopus Energy certificate of 100% renewable electricity. Octopus Energy electricity is sourced from wind and hydro generation.

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Baseline

This is the third year of GHG emission reporting and is aligned with financial year ending 31 May 2022. This reporting period is the first since Covid lockdown measures were lifted resulting in an overall increase in emissions as fans and staff returned to the stadium and offices. We will use this year as our baseline year for target setting to enable future year on year comparisons and we are also extending our baseline for this period to include our full Scope 3 emissions, which will be available at the next reporting period.

Target setting

Arsenal has been a member of the British Association for Sustainability in Sport since 2011 and was the first Premier League club to sign the UN Sport for Climate Action framework in 2020. The UN sport for Climate Action framework brings together the global sports community with a commitment to tackle climate change and align with the goals of the Paris Agreement. Signatories commit to adhering to the following five principles:

- Undertake systematic efforts to promote greater environmental responsibility
- Reduce overall climate impact
- Educate on climate action
- Promote sustainable and responsible consumption
- Advocate for climate action through communication

As we develop our sustainability strategy and in line with our commitment to continue to reduce our overall climate impact, we will be developing targets and reduction strategies across our full scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions, once the baselining work is complete.

These reduction strategies will build on the range of sustainable measures already implemented across our operation. These include:

- Lowering emissions – battery storage system installed at Emirates to power the stadium for an entire match, EV spaces in the fan parking zone at the stadium and subsidised coach travel for fans to several away games;
- Mitigating our impact - 29,000 trees planted at Colney Wood; carbon emissions from our summer tour to the USA offset through Octopus Energy; Developing the Arsenal Forest in Kenya, to offset the emissions of our matchday programme and providing employment opportunities for local women;
- Reducing waste – water fountains installed at the stadium, 30,000 reusable cups used on each match-day and zero-waste to landfill across all sites; and
- Raising awareness – first Greener Game with Southampton on Earth Day and U16s youth academy carbon neutral tour to Scotland.

Commercial Partners

We have continued to develop our commercial partnerships and to deliver on our contractual commitments. This has involved creative use of players from our men's and women's teams and other assets through content creation designed to engage our fans globally and help our partners meet their objectives.

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Suppliers

The Club recognises the importance of its suppliers and has many longstanding contractual relationships in place. The Club monitors its payments to suppliers on a continual basis and seeks to ensure it complies with applicable contractual terms.

Business Conduct

The Group has appropriate policies in place to manage its obligations with regard to employment law and employee matters, environmental issues, anti-corruption / anti-bribery and social matters (including modern slavery and human rights), but does not consider that these are areas of significant strategic risk to its operations.

The Group is committed to paying the right amount of taxes, in the right place, at the right time in accordance with applicable tax laws and regulations. The tax contribution paid by the Group and by its players is substantial and transparent.

Future developments

The 2022/23 season is ongoing and the Club has made a strong start in all competitions – Premier League, UEFA Europa League and Women’s Super League. During the summer 2022 transfer window the Club has again invested strongly in the development of its Men’s First Team playing resources. Off the field both ticket and retail sales have been very strong and the Club has announced a five year extension to its Kit Partnership with adidas.

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



S. W. Wisely
Company Secretary
28 November 2022

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2022.

Principal activities

The principal activity of the Group is that of a professional football club playing in the Premier League. The Group is also engaged in a number of property developments.

Profits and dividends

The results for the year are set out on page 17. The Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend for the year (2021 - £Nil).

Going concern

The Group is reliant on its ultimate parent undertaking, KSE UK Inc., for its continued financial support (see note (1) (c)). The Group has received confirmation from KSE UK Inc. that sufficient funds will be provided to finance the business for a period of at least 12 months from the date of this report. The Directors have therefore continued to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual financial statements.

Events after the Balance Sheet Date

Details of significant events since the balance sheet date are included in note 26 to the financial statements.

Future developments

Details of future developments can be found in the Strategic Report.

Directors

The Directors of the company, all of whom served throughout the year unless where stated otherwise, are set out below:

E.S. Kroenke
J.W. Kroenke
T.J. Lewis
Lord Harris of Peckham

Directors' Indemnities

The Group 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.

Statements on Employee Engagement

Employee Consultation

Within the bounds of commercial confidentiality, the Group endeavours to keep staff at all levels informed of matters that affect the progress of the Group and are of interest to them as employees. The Group has a Staff Forum, which meets on a regular basis, with representation from across the Club, ensuring that staff are consulted regularly on a wide range of matters which affect their current and future interests.

Equality and Diversity

The Group's aim is to ensure that equality and diversity is at the heart of Arsenal as a priority. This objective is pursued under the banner of Arsenal for Everyone, an initiative launched in 2008 as a celebration of the diversity of the Arsenal family. We endeavour to ensure that everyone associated with the Club – employees, fans, local community and the wider Arsenal family - feels an equal sense of belonging and can interact with the Club in a manner which is fair and free from any form of discrimination.

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Disabled Employees

Disabled persons are given full and fair consideration for all types of vacancy in as much as the opportunities available are constrained by the practical limitations of the disability. Should, for whatever reason, an employee of the Group become disabled whilst in employment, every step, where appropriate will be taken to assist with rehabilitation and suitable retraining. It is Group policy that the training, career development and promotion of disabled persons should, as far as possible, be identical to that of other employees. The Club has had Disability Confident Leader status since November 2017.

Matters included in the Strategic Report

In accordance with the s414(c)(ii) of the Companies Act included in the Strategic Report is information relating to carbon emissions, business relationships, financial risk management and future developments which would otherwise be required to be contained in the Directors' Report.

Auditor

In the case of each of the persons who are Directors of the Company at the date when this report was approved:

- So far as each of the Directors is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware; and
- Each of the Directors has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a Director to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of s418 of the Companies Act 2006.

The auditor, Deloitte LLP, is deemed to be reappointed pursuant to Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006.

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



S. W. Wisely
Company Secretary
28 November 2022

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DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

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), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland". Under company law the Directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state 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 the Group and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and the Group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Group's website. Legislation in the UK governing the preparation and the dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ARSENAL HOLDINGS LIMITED

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements of Arsenal Holdings Limited (the 'parent company') and its subsidiaries (the 'group'):

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and of the parent company's affairs as at 31 May 2022 and of the group's loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland"; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements which comprise:

- the consolidated profit and loss account;
- the consolidated statement of comprehensive income;
- the consolidated and parent company balance sheets;
- the consolidated and parent company statements of changes in equity;
- the consolidated cash flow statement;
- the related notes 1 to 27.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report.

We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the Financial Reporting Council's (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 directors' 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 contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ARSENAL HOLDINGS LIMITED (continued)

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 course of 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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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.

Responsibilities of directors

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

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

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

We considered the nature of the company's industry and its control environment and reviewed the company's documentation of their policies and procedures relating to fraud and compliance with laws and regulations. We also enquired of management about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that the company operates in, and identified the key laws and regulations that:

- had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. These included the UK Companies Act, pensions legislation and tax legislation; and
- do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the company's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty. These included FA, Premier League, UEFA and FIFA regulations, FA Third Party Interest in Player Regulations and Financial Fair Play regulations.

We discussed among the audit engagement team regarding the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements.

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As a result of performing the above, we identified the greatest potential for fraud in the following areas, and our specific procedures performed to address them are described below:

- The carrying amounts of player-related intangible assets may be overstated due to unrecognised impairments: To address this risk we challenged the estimates and assumptions used in management's impairment review, reviewed the player model for reasonableness, considered sales post-year end against the player carrying values and considered any players who sit outside the main squad, such as through career-threatening injury.

In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override. In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, we tested the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessed whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluated the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

In addition to the above, our procedures to respond to the risks identified included the following:

- reviewing financial statement disclosures by testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- enquiring of management and external legal counsel concerning actual and potential litigation and claims, and instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations; and
- reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the 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.

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the group and of the parent company and their environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified any material misstatements in the strategic report or the directors' report.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report in respect of the following matters 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
- 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 respect of these matters.

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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. 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.



Paul Schofield FCA (Senior statutory auditor)
For and on behalf of Deloitte LLP
Statutory Auditor
London, United Kingdom

28 November 2022

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CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

For the year ended 31 May 2022

	Note	2022			2021		
		Operations excluding player trading £'000	Player trading £'000	Total £'000	Operations excluding player trading £'000	Player trading £'000	Total £'000
Turnover of the Group including its share of joint ventures		370,384	1,978	372,362	325,702	3,067	328,769
Share of turnover of joint venture		(455)	-	(455)	(547)	-	(547)
Group turnover	3	369,929	1,978	371,907	325,155	3,067	328,222
Operating expenses	4	(305,869)	(127,023)	(432,892)	(308,683)	(117,413)	(426,096)
Operating profit/(loss)		64,060	(125,045)	(60,985)	16,472	(114,346)	(97,874)
Share of joint venture operating (loss)		(1,524)	-	(1,524)	(1,313)	-	(1,313)
Profit on disposal of player registrations		-	22,238	22,238	-	11,770	11,770
Profit/(loss) before net finance charges		62,536	(102,807)	(40,271)	15,159	(102,576)	(87,417)
Net finance charges	5			(5,210)			(39,787)
(Loss) before taxation				(45,481)			(127,204)
Tax (charge)/credit on loss	8			(1)			19,913
(Loss) for the financial year				(45,482)			(107,291)

Player trading consists primarily of loan fees receivable, the amortisation of the costs of acquiring player registrations, any impairment charges and profit on disposal of player registrations.

All trading resulted from continuing operations.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 31 May 2022

	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
(Loss) after taxation	(45,482)	(107,291)
Exchange differences	20	(32)
Total comprehensive expense	(45,462)	(107,323)

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BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 May 2022

	Note	Group		Company	
		2022 £'000	2021 £'000	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	9	389,041	401,477	-	-
Intangible assets	10	333,490	294,241	-	-
Investments	11	2,140	3,664	30,059	30,059
		<u>724,671</u>	<u>699,382</u>	<u>30,059</u>	<u>30,059</u>
Current assets					
Stock - development properties	12	9,106	8,294	-	-
Stock - retail merchandise		4,235	3,898	-	-
Debtors - due within one year	13	53,758	48,712	136,080	135,671
- due after one year	13	11,360	8,815	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	14	29,956	18,777	30	30
		<u>108,415</u>	<u>88,496</u>	<u>136,110</u>	<u>135,701</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	<u>(271,589)</u>	<u>(221,008)</u>	<u>(1,829)</u>	<u>(1,823)</u>
Net current (liabilities)/assets		<u>(163,174)</u>	<u>(132,512)</u>	<u>134,281</u>	<u>133,878</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		561,497	566,870	164,340	163,937
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	16	(323,069)	(290,023)	(16,727)	(16,271)
Provisions for liabilities	19	<u>(46,135)</u>	<u>(39,092)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net assets		<u>192,293</u>	<u>237,755</u>	<u>147,613</u>	<u>147,666</u>
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	20	62	62	62	62
Share premium account		29,997	29,997	29,997	29,997
Merger reserve		26,699	26,699	-	-
Profit and loss account		135,535	180,997	117,554	117,607
Shareholders' funds		<u>192,293</u>	<u>237,755</u>	<u>147,613</u>	<u>147,666</u>

The loss for the financial year dealt with in the financial statements of the Group's parent company, Arsenal Holdings Limited, was £53,000 (2021 – loss of £24,000).

These financial statements of Arsenal Holdings Limited (registered number 4250459) were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 28 November 2022.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors



Lord Harris of Peckham
Director

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the year ended 31 May 2022

Group	Share Capital £'000	Share Premium £'000	Merger Reserve £'000	Profit and Loss £'000	Total £'000
At 1 June 2020	62	29,997	26,699	288,320	345,078
Total comprehensive expense for year ended 31 May 2021	-	-	-	(107,323)	(107,323)
At 31 May 2021	62	29,997	26,699	180,997	237,755
Total comprehensive expense for the year ended 31 May 2022	-	-	-	(45,462)	(45,462)
As at 31 May 2022	62	29,997	26,699	135,535	192,293

Company	Share Capital £'000	Share Premium £'000	Merger Reserve £'000	Profit and Loss £'000	Total £'000
At 1 June 2020	62	29,997	-	117,631	147,690
Total comprehensive expense for year ended 31 May 2021	-	-	-	(24)	(24)
At 31 May 2021	62	29,997	-	117,607	147,666
Total comprehensive expense for the year ended 31 May 2022	-	-	-	(53)	(53)
As at 31 May 2022	62	29,997	-	117,554	147,613

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CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

For the year ended 31 May 2022

	Note	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Net cash inflow from operating activities	21a	90,940	50,045
Taxation (paid)/received		(1)	2,950
Cash flow from investing activities			
Interest received		2	129
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets		-	-
Purchase of fixed assets		(3,939)	(1,962)
Player registrations	21c	(86,444)	(101,042)
Net cash flow from investing activities		<u>(90,381)</u>	<u>(102,875)</u>
Cash flow from financing activities			
Finance charges paid		(4,346)	(33,823)
New debt issued		35,000	196,394
Repayment of debt		(20,033)	(203,888)
Net cash flow from financing activities		<u>10,621</u>	<u>(41,317)</u>
Increase/(Decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		11,179	(91,197)
Cash and cash equivalents at start of year		18,777	109,974
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	14	<u><u>29,956</u></u>	<u><u>18,777</u></u>

Note – Finance charges paid in the prior year included exceptional break costs in relation to the Group's stadium finance bonds.

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1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. They have all been applied consistently throughout the year and to the preceding year.

(a) General information and basis of accounting

Arsenal Holdings Limited is a private company limited by shares, incorporated in the UK, and registered in England and Wales under the Companies Act. The address of the registered office is given on page 1. The nature of the Group's operations and its principal activities are set out in the strategic report on pages 2 to 9.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value, and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102) issued by the Financial Reporting Council.

The functional currency of Arsenal Holdings Limited is considered to be pounds sterling because that is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Group operates. The consolidated financial statements are presented in pounds sterling. Foreign operations are included in accordance with the policies set out below.

(b) Basis of preparation of Group financial statements

The Group financial statements consolidate the assets, liabilities and results of the Company and its subsidiary undertakings made up to 31 May 2022. All intra-group transactions, balances, incomes and expenses are eliminated on consolidation.

As permitted by Section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 the profit and loss account of the parent company is not presented as part of these financial statements. The parent company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement.

(c) Going concern

The Directors have recently undertaken a thorough review of the Group's budgets and forecasts. This financial assessment takes into account prudent assumptions with regard to on-field performance, the Club's key revenue streams, operating costs and cash-flows. The Group's financial projections also take account of reasonably possible changes in trading performance. The financial projections have been stress tested to ensure that the financial position remains robust in reasonable worst case scenarios. The Directors have also considered a number of actions that they could take in order to further mitigate any potential adverse circumstances.

The Group currently meets its day to day working capital requirements through a combination of its own financial resources, which include a loan from its ultimate parent company and bank facilities. The Group is reliant on the continued financial support of its ultimate parent company, KSE UK Inc., which has provided loans to enable the refinancing and to support working capital requirements as they arise. KSE UK Inc. has confirmed that its financial support will continue for a period of at least 12 months from the date of this report.

The Group's bank facilities are not currently due for renewal, however, the Group has held discussions with its bankers about these facilities and no matters have been drawn to its attention to suggest that renewal may not be forthcoming on acceptable terms.

The Directors have given careful consideration to the sufficiency of the financial resources which have been confirmed as available to the Group through loan funding from its ultimate parent company, both now and as required to finance the business for the foreseeable future. On this basis the Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Group and the Company will have adequate financial resources and, accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual financial statements.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

(d) Joint venture and subsidiary undertakings

The joint venture is an undertaking in which the Group holds an interest on a long-term basis and which is jointly controlled by the Group, which holds 50% of the voting rights, and KSE UK Inc. under a contractual arrangement.

The Group's share of the results of the joint venture are included in the consolidated profit and loss account. The Group's share of the results and net assets of the joint venture is included under the gross equity method and stated after adjustment to eliminate the Group's share of profits resulting from transactions between the Group and the joint venture which are included in the carrying amount of assets reported in the joint venture's balance sheet. Investments in subsidiary undertakings are included in the Company's financial statements at cost less provisions for impairment.

(e) Turnover and income recognition

Turnover represents income receivable, net of VAT, from football and related commercial activities and income from the sale of development properties completed in the year. The Group has two classes of business - the principal activity of operating a professional football club and property development - both businesses are carried out principally within the United Kingdom.

Gate, match and other event day revenue is recognised over the period of the football season as games are played and events are staged. Sponsorship and similar commercial income is recognised over the duration of the respective contracts. The fixed element of broadcasting revenues is recognised over the duration of the football season whilst facility fees for live coverage or highlights are taken when earned at the point of broadcast. Merit awards have been accounted for based on the known amount at the end of the season pro-rated for games played to the balance sheet date. UEFA pool distributions relating to participation in the Europa League are spread over the matches played in the competition whilst distributions relating to match performance are taken when earned; these distributions are classified as broadcasting revenues. Fees receivable in respect of the loan of players are included in turnover (as player trading income) over the period of the loan.

Turnover is recognised in respect of barter transactions only where services are exchanged for dissimilar services and the transaction is deemed to have commercial substance. Such transactions are measured at the fair value of the services received, adjusted by any amount of cash and cash equivalents transferred.

Income from the sale of development properties is recognised on completion of the relevant sale contract. Where elements of the sale price are subject to retentions by the purchaser the retained element of the sale price is not recognised until such time as all of the conditions relating to the retention have been satisfied.

(f) Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment.

Depreciation is calculated to reduce the carrying value of buildings, plant, equipment and motor vehicles to the anticipated residual value of the assets concerned in equal annual instalments over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Freehold buildings and improvements	2% to 10% per annum
Leasehold properties	over the period of the lease
Plant and equipment	5% to 25% per annum

Freehold land is not depreciated.

(g) Finance costs

Finance costs of debt are recognised in the profit and loss account over the term of the debt using the effective interest method.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

(g) Finance costs (continued)

Any non-current assets, e.g. player registrations, acquired on deferred terms are recorded at the discounted present value at the date of acquisition. The associated payable is then increased to the settlement value over the period of deferral, with this value being charged as a notional finance cost through the profit and loss account.

Similarly any intangible asset disposed of on deferred terms will be initially recorded at the discounted present value of future receipts and the receivable is then increased to the settlement value over the period of deferral with this value being charged as notional finance income through the profit and loss account.

(h) Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument and are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into.

i. Financial liabilities

Basic financial instruments (including the C and D debentures) are measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest method. The effective interest rate is the rate which exactly discounts the estimated future payments of receipts over the life of the instrument to its carrying amount at initial recognition, re-estimated periodically to reflect changes in the market rate of interest.

Non basic financial instruments (including the A and B debentures) are recognised at fair value, and measured at the present value of the future payments, discounted at a market rate of interest. Any periodic changes in fair value are recognised in the profit and loss account.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

ii. Derivative financial instruments

The Group uses derivative financial instruments mainly to reduce its exposure to foreign exchange risk. The Group does not hold or issue derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value at the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured to their fair value at each reporting date. The resulting gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss immediately unless the derivative is designated and effective as a hedging instrument, in which event the timing of the recognition in profit or loss depends on the nature of the hedge relationship.

(i) Stock

Stock comprises retail merchandise and development property for onward sale and is stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Where properties which are intended to be sold have been acquired they have been included in stock as development properties. Development property comprises freehold land inclusive of the direct cost of acquisition and other directly attributable property development costs including interest costs.

(j) Grants

Grants received in respect of tangible fixed assets are credited to the profit and loss account over the expected useful economic lives of the assets to which they relate. Grants received but not yet released to the profit and loss account are included in the balance sheet as deferred income.

Other grants are credited to the profit and loss account as the related expenditure is incurred.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

(k) Player costs

The costs associated with acquiring players' registrations or extending their contracts, including agents' fees, are capitalised and amortised, in equal instalments, over the period of the respective players' contracts. Where a contract life is renegotiated the unamortised costs, together with the new costs relating to the contract extension, are amortised over the term of the new contract. Where the acquisition of a player registration involves a non-cash consideration, such as an exchange for another player registration, the transaction is accounted for using an estimate of the market value for the non-cash consideration.

Under the conditions of certain transfer agreements or contract renegotiations, further fees will be payable in the event of the players concerned making a certain number of First Team appearances or on the occurrence of certain other specified future events. Liabilities in respect of these additional fees are accounted for, as provisions, when it becomes probable that the number of appearances will be achieved or the specified future events will occur. The additional costs are capitalised and amortised as set out above.

Profits or losses on the sale of players represent the transfer fee receivable, net of any transaction costs, less the unamortised cost of the applicable player's registration.

Remuneration of players is charged in accordance with the terms of the applicable contractual arrangements and any discretionary bonuses when there is a legal or constructive obligation.

(l) Impairment

The Group will perform an impairment review on player registrations if adverse events indicate that the amortised carrying value of its intangible assets may not be recoverable. Whilst no individual player can be separated from the income generating unit, which is represented by the playing squad and the football operations of the Group as a whole, there may be certain circumstances where a player is taken out of the income generating unit. Such circumstances might include a player being excluded from the playing squad due to sustaining a career threatening injury or where a permanent fall out with senior football management means it is highly unlikely a particular player will ever play for the club again. If such circumstances were to arise and be considered permanent, then the carrying value of the player would be assessed against the Group's best estimate of the player's fair value less any costs to sell and, if necessary, a provision would be made.

The Group's assessment of fair value will be based on:-

- in the case of a player who has suffered a career threatening injury, the value attributed by the Group's insurers; or
- in the case of a player who has fallen out with senior football management, either the agreed selling price in the event the player has been transferred since the year end or, if the player has not been sold, the Group's best estimation of disposal value taking into account recent player disposals by both the Group and other clubs.

(m) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that the Group will be required to settle that obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the balance sheet date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation.

(n) Foreign currencies

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rate at the date of the transaction. Foreign currency denominated assets and liabilities held at the year end are translated at year-end exchange rates. Exchange gains or losses are dealt with in the profit and loss account.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

(n) **Foreign currencies (continued)**

The results of overseas operations are translated at the average rates of exchange during the period and their balance sheets at the rate ruling at the balance sheet date. Exchange differences arising on translation of the opening net assets and results of overseas operations are reported in other comprehensive income.

(o) **Deferred income**

Deferred income represents income from sponsorship agreements and other contractual agreements which will be credited to the profit and loss account over the period of the agreements, season ticket renewals for the 2022/23 season and advance income from executive boxes and Club Tier seats at Emirates Stadium.

(p) **Leases**

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account evenly over the lease period.

(q) **Pensions**

The Group makes contributions on behalf of employees and directors to a number of independently controlled defined contribution and money purchase schemes including The Football League Pension and Life Assurance Scheme (the "Scheme"). Contributions are charged to the profit and loss account over the period to which they relate.

In addition the Group is making contributions in respect of its share of the deficit of the defined benefit section of The Football League Pension and Life Assurance Scheme (the "Scheme"). A provision has been established for the Group's share of the deficit which exists in this section of the Scheme and this additional contribution is being charged to the profit and loss account over the remaining service life of those Arsenal employees who are members of the Scheme. The amount attributable to employees who have already retired or who have left the Group has been charged to the profit and loss account.

Under the provisions of FRS 102 Section 28 the Scheme would be treated as a defined benefit multi-employer scheme. The Scheme's actuary has advised that the participating employers' share of the underlying assets and liabilities cannot be identified on a reasonable and consistent basis and accordingly no disclosures are made under the provisions of FRS 102 Section 28.

The assets of all schemes are held in funds independent from the Group.

(r) **Taxation**

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 tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events that result in an obligation to pay more tax in the future or a right to pay less tax in the future have occurred at the balance sheet date. Timing differences are differences between the Group's taxable profits and its results as stated in the financial statements that arise from the inclusion of gains and losses in tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in the financial statements.

Deferred tax is measured at the average tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which the timing differences are expected to reverse, based on tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date. Deferred tax is measured on a non-discounted basis.

A deferred tax asset is recognised only when, on the basis of available evidence, it can be regarded as more likely than not that the reversal of underlying timing differences will result in a reduction in future tax payments.

(s) **Goodwill**

Goodwill arising on the acquisition of subsidiary undertakings, representing the excess of the fair value of the consideration given over the fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities acquired, is capitalised and written off on a straight line basis over its useful economic life, which is considered to be five years. Provision is made for any impairment.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

Critical accounting judgements and estimates

In the application of the Group's accounting policies, which are described above, the directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of certain assets and liabilities. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis.

Critical judgements in applying the Group's Accounting Policies

There were no critical judgements apart from those involving estimations, which are dealt with separately below, which the directors have made in the process of applying the Group's accounting policies and which would have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

Provisions and contingent liabilities for player transactions

Creditors and provisions contain allowances for certain contingent amounts payable to players and to other clubs based on management's best estimate of certain future events, such as the number of player appearances, and the amount that will become payable as a result. Actual future costs may differ from the amounts provided.

Property trading stocks

The directors consider that the net realisable value of the Group's property development stocks, making an appropriate allowance for costs to complete, is greater than their book value.

2. Segmental analysis

Class of business:-	Football		Property development		Group	
	2022 £'000	2021 £'000	2022 £'000	2021 £'000	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Turnover	369,077	327,586	2,830	636	371,907	328,222
Segment operating (loss)/profit	(62,939)	(97,712)	1,954	(162)	(60,985)	(97,874)
Share of operating loss of joint venture	(1,524)	(1,313)	-	-	(1,524)	(1,313)
Profit on disposal of player registrations	22,238	11,770	-	-	22,238	11,770
Net finance charges	(5,056)	(39,637)	(154)	(150)	(5,210)	(39,787)
(Loss)/profit before taxation	(47,281)	(126,892)	1,800	(312)	(45,481)	(127,204)
Segment net assets	131,558	178,820	60,735	58,935	192,293	237,755

Adjusted operating profit from football amounted to £80.8 million (2021 - £39.5 million); being calculated as segment operating loss (as above) of £62.9 million (2021 - £97.7 million), adding back depreciation (net of grant amortisation) of £18.7 million (2021 - £16.2 million), operating loss from player trading of £125.0 million (2021 - £114.3 million) and exceptional costs of £Nil million (2021 - £6.7 million).

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2. Segmental analysis (continued)

Impact of COVID-19 (unaudited)

As described in the Strategic Report the results for the previous financial year were materially impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic. This included the playing of nearly all matches without fans in attendance and the inclusion of the matches to complete the 2019/20 football season. Significant changes to gate/match day and broadcasting revenues (see note 3) were a direct consequence of this. The Directors consider that the exceptional impact of COVID-19 is fundamental to an understanding of the changes in the results for the year as compared to the prior year figures.

Exceptional items (audited)

Included in the results for the period are the following items which are classed as exceptional.

	2022	2021
	£'000	£'000
Bond refinance break costs (see note 5)	-	32,217
Staff restructuring costs (see note 6)	-	6,741
	<u>-</u>	<u>38,958</u>

These exceptional costs formed part of the overall COVID-19 impact.

3. Turnover

	2022	2021
	£'000	£'000
Turnover, all of which originates in the UK, comprises the following:		
Gate and other match day revenues	79,389	3,763
Broadcasting	145,965	184,376
Commercial	141,745	136,380
Property development	2,830	636
Player trading	1,978	3,067
	<u>371,907</u>	<u>328,222</u>

4. Operating expenses

	2022	2021
	£'000	£'000
Operating expenses comprise:		
Amortisation of player registrations	124,567	117,413
Impairment of player registrations	2,456	-
Depreciation and impairment charges (less amortisation of grants)	19,374	16,665
	<u>146,397</u>	<u>134,078</u>
Total depreciation, amortisation and impairment	146,397	134,078
Staff costs (see note 6) (including exceptional costs in the prior year)	212,345	244,438
Cost of property sales	85	40
Other operating charges	74,065	47,540
	<u>432,892</u>	<u>426,096</u>
Total operating expenses	432,892	426,096

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4. Operating expenses (continued)

	2022	2021
	£'000	£'000
Total operating expenses include:		
Auditor's remuneration		
- audit of the company's annual accounts	30	26
- audit of the subsidiaries pursuant to legislation	117	101
	<u>147</u>	<u>127</u>
Total audit fees	147	127
- assurance services other than auditing of company's accounts	21	21
- tax compliance services	50	80
- other tax advisory services	8	-
	<u>79</u>	<u>101</u>
Total non-audit fees	79	101
Operating lease rentals	14	131
Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	5
	<u>-</u>	<u>5</u>

5. Net finance charges

	2022	2021
	£'000	£'000
Interest payable and similar charges:		
Bank loans and overdrafts	717	296
Fixed/floating rate bonds	-	1,436
Other	2,636	2,266
Costs of raising long term finance	1,859	1,869
	<u>5,212</u>	<u>5,867</u>
Total interest payable and similar charges	5,212	5,867
Interest receivable	(2)	(122)
	<u>5,210</u>	<u>5,745</u>
Change in fair value of financial instruments	-	1,825
Refinance break costs – exceptional	-	32,217
	<u>-</u>	<u>32,217</u>
Net finance charges	5,210	39,787
	<u>5,210</u>	<u>39,787</u>

6. Employees

The average monthly number of persons employed by the Group during the year was:

	2022	2021
	Number	Number
Playing staff	106	103
Training staff	77	70
Commercial and Administrative staff	364	344
Ground staff	102	117
	<u>649</u>	<u>634</u>
	<u>649</u>	<u>634</u>

In addition, the Group used on average 811 temporary staff each month (2021 – 422). The Company had no employees in either year.

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6. Employees (continued)

	2022	2021
	£'000	£'000
Staff costs:		
Wages and salaries	185,581	212,416
Social security costs	25,000	28,673
Other pension costs	1,764	3,349
	<u>212,345</u>	<u>244,438</u>

In the prior year, exceptional costs (COVID-19 related) (see note 2) included within staff costs amounted to £6.7 million.

7. Directors' remuneration

	2022	2021
	£'000	£'000
Remuneration for services	<u>1,238</u>	<u>1,098</u>
	<u>1,238</u>	<u>1,098</u>
The number of directors who were:-		
Members of a defined benefit pension scheme	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
Remuneration of the highest paid director:-	£'000	£'000
Emoluments	<u>634</u>	<u>491</u>
	<u>634</u>	<u>491</u>
Remuneration of key management personnel	<u>4,297</u>	<u>3,458</u>

The Group's key management personnel comprised of the Board of Directors, the Chief Executive Officer and the Technical Director.

Included in the above amounts are fees paid to Harris Ventures Limited in respect of services provided by Lord Harris of Peckham and fees paid to Clifford Chance LLP and TJL Ventures Limited in respect of services provided by T. J. Lewis.

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8. Tax on loss

	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
UK corporation tax (credit) at 19% (2020 – 19%)	-	(380)
Overseas tax	1	1
Credit in respect of prior years	-	(380)
Total current taxation	<u>1</u>	<u>(759)</u>
Deferred taxation (see note 19)		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	-	(18,586)
Impact of change in tax rate	-	-
(Over) provision in respect of prior years	-	(568)
Total deferred taxation (credit)	<u>-</u>	<u>(19,154)</u>
Total tax charge/(credit) on (loss)	<u><u>1</u></u>	<u><u>(19,913)</u></u>

The Group's deferred tax liabilities have been valued based on the tax rates that are expected to apply in the future periods in which the underlying timing differences are predicted to reverse. The main rate of UK corporation tax is scheduled to increase from 19% to 25% effective from April 2023. Corporation tax losses (including excess corporate interest charges) have been valued for deferred tax purposes up to the limit of the Group's deferred tax liabilities.

	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
The differences between the total tax shown above and the amount calculated by applying the standard rate of UK corporation tax to the (loss) before tax are as follows:		
Group (loss) before tax	<u>(45,481)</u>	<u>(127,204)</u>
Tax on Group (loss) before tax at standard UK corporation tax rate of 19% (2021 – 19%)	(8,641)	(24,169)
Effects of:		
Expenses not deductible	1,841	1,107
Impact of rate difference between corporation and deferred tax	-	181
Adjustments to tax charge in respect of prior years	-	(948)
Overseas tax	1	1
Tax losses not recognised for deferred tax	<u>6,800</u>	<u>3,915</u>
Group total tax charge/(credit) for the year	<u><u>1</u></u>	<u><u>(19,913)</u></u>

Full provision has been made for the deferred tax liabilities related to the roll-over of profits on sale of player registrations into the tax cost of new qualifying player registrations (see note 19). There is no expiry date on any timing differences.

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9. Tangible assets

Group	Freehold properties £'000	Short Leasehold properties £'000	Plant and equipment £'000	Total £'000
Cost				
At 1 June 2021	419,806	23,065	158,579	601,450
Foreign exchange	-	-	2	2
Additions	-	-	7,026	7,026
Disposals	(4,511)	(952)	(45)	(5,508)
At 31 May 2022	<u>415,295</u>	<u>22,113</u>	<u>165,562</u>	<u>602,970</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 June 2021	87,470	8,932	103,571	199,973
Foreign exchange	-	-	-	-
Charge for the year	5,916	764	9,662	16,342
Impairment	3,090	-	32	3,122
Disposals	(4,511)	(952)	(45)	(5,508)
At 31 May 2022	<u>91,965</u>	<u>8,744</u>	<u>113,220</u>	<u>213,929</u>
Net book value				
At 31 May 2022	<u>323,330</u>	<u>13,369</u>	<u>52,342</u>	<u>389,041</u>
At 31 May 2021	<u>332,336</u>	<u>14,133</u>	<u>55,008</u>	<u>401,477</u>

At 31 May 2022 the Group had contracted capital commitments of £6.9 million (2021 - £Nil million). The cost of fixed assets includes £38.6 million of interest costs which were incurred on the stadium financing bank facilities during the periods when Emirates Stadium was under construction. The capitalisation of interest ceased in 2006 when Emirates Stadium came into use.

10. Intangible assets

	£'000
Cost of player registrations	
At 1 June 2021	585,727
Additions	187,931
Disposals	(124,941)
At 31 May 2022	<u>648,717</u>
Amortisation of player registrations	
At 1 June 2021	291,486
Charge for the year	124,567
Impairment	2,456
Disposals	(103,282)
At 31 May 2022	<u>315,227</u>
Net book value	
At 31 May 2022	<u>333,490</u>
At 31 May 2021	<u>294,241</u>

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10. Intangible assets (continued)

The figures for cost of player registrations are historic figures for the costs associated with acquiring players' registrations or extending their contracts. Accordingly, the net book amount of player registrations will not reflect, nor is it intended to, the current market value of these players nor does it take any account of players developed through the Group's youth system.

The directors consider the net realisable value of intangible assets to be significantly greater than their book value.

11. Investments

	Group	
	2022	2021
	£'000	£'000
Accumulated share of profit of joint venture	2,115	3,639
Other investments	25	25
	<u>2,140</u>	<u>3,664</u>

The joint venture represents an interest in Arsenal Broadband Limited, a company incorporated in the UK and engaged in running the official Arsenal Football Club internet portal. The Group owns all of the 20,000,001 Ordinary "A" shares of £1 each and the one "C" share of £1 issued by Arsenal Broadband Limited and controls 50 percent of the voting rights. The Group's share of the net assets included in the balance sheet of Arsenal Broadband Limited for the year ended 31 May 2022 is as follows:

	2022	2021
	£'000	£'000
Fixed assets	358	317
Current assets	2,187	3,535
Liabilities	(430)	(213)
	<u>2,115</u>	<u>3,639</u>

Investments in subsidiary undertakings

	Company
	£'000
Balance at 1 June 2021 and 31 May 2022	<u>30,059</u>

The Company has the following subsidiary companies (of which those marked * are indirectly held):

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11. Investments (continued)

Investments in subsidiary undertakings (continued)

	Country of incorporation	Proportion of ordinary shares owned	Principal activity
Arsenal (AFC Holdings) Limited	Great Britain	100%	Share holding
The Arsenal Football Club plc*	Great Britain	100%	Professional football club
Arsenal (Emirates Stadium) Limited*	Great Britain	100%	Property development
Arsenal Overseas Holdings Limited*	Great Britain	100%	Share holding
AOH-USA, LLC*	USA	100%	Data management
Arsenal Securities plc*	Great Britain	100%	Financing
Arsenal Stadium Management Company Limited*	Great Britain	100%	Stadium operations
ATL (Holdings) Limited	Great Britain	100%	Share holding
Ashburton Trading Limited*	Great Britain	100%	Property development
HHL Holding Company Limited	Great Britain	100%	Share holding
Highbury Holdings Limited*	Great Britain	100%	Property holding
Arsenal Women Football Club Limited*	Great Britain	100%	Women's football
Ashburton Properties (Northern Triangle) Limited*	Great Britain	100%	Dormant
Drayton Park Trading Limited*	Great Britain	100%	Dormant
Queensland Road Trading Limited*	Great Britain	100%	Dormant
Ashburton Properties Holdings Limited	Great Britain	100%	Dormant
Arsenal Stadium Management Holdings Limited	Great Britain	100%	Dormant

The registered address for all Group companies and the joint venture company is as for the Company and as stated in the Directors' Report except for AOH-USA LLC (Suite 620, 954 W. Washington Blvd, Chicago, IL 60607). The Group shut down its Jersey based subsidiary, Arsenal Overseas Limited, during the period.

12. Stock - development properties

Properties are held for resale and are recorded at the lower of cost and net realisable value. The directors consider the net realisable value of development property stocks to be greater than their book value.

13. Debtors

	Group		Company	
	2022 £'000	2021 £'000	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Amounts recoverable within one year				
Trade debtors	16,995	13,177	-	-
Other debtors	30,531	26,144	-	-
Amount due from group undertakings	-	-	136,080	135,671
Prepayments and accrued income	5,472	8,631	-	-
Corporation tax recoverable	760	760	-	-
	<u>53,758</u>	<u>48,712</u>	<u>136,080</u>	<u>135,671</u>
Amounts recoverable in more than one year				
Other debtors	10,742	8,087	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	618	728	-	-
	<u>11,360</u>	<u>8,815</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Other debtors include £40.4 million in respect of player transfers (2021 - £33.1 million).

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14. Cash at bank and in hand

The Group uses short-term bank treasury deposits as a means of maximising the interest earned on its cash balances.

	Group		Company	
	2022 £'000	2021 £'000	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Cash at bank and in hand	28,918	18,777	30	30
Cash equivalents (short-term deposits)	1,038	-	-	-
	<u>29,956</u>	<u>18,777</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>30</u>

15. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Group		Company	
	2022 £'000	2021 £'000	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Trade creditors	12,065	4,058	-	-
Other tax and social security	19,162	20,872	-	-
Amounts due to group undertakings	-	-	1,786	1,786
Other creditors	120,059	73,965	10	10
Accruals and deferred income	120,303	122,113	33	27
	<u>271,589</u>	<u>221,008</u>	<u>1,829</u>	<u>1,823</u>

Other creditors, above and as disclosed in note 16, include £188.0 million (2021 - £133.1 million) in respect of player transfers.

16. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Group		Company	
	2022 £'000	2021 £'000	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Balance due to parent undertaking	217,581	201,563	-	-
Debenture loans	16,768	16,311	16,727	16,271
Other creditors	80,517	66,676	-	-
Grants	3,075	3,165	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	5,128	2,308	-	-
	<u>323,069</u>	<u>290,023</u>	<u>16,727</u>	<u>16,271</u>
Debenture loans comprise:				
Par value of debentures plus accumulated interest	31,465	31,009	17,038	16,582
Costs of raising finance	(311)	(311)	(311)	(311)
Fair value adjustment	(14,386)	(14,387)	-	-
	<u>16,768</u>	<u>16,311</u>	<u>16,727</u>	<u>16,271</u>

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16. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year (continued)

Under the issue terms A and B debentures with a par value of £14,427,000 are repayable at par after 121 years and these debentures are interest free. C and D debentures with a par value of £10,224,000 are repayable at the option of the debenture holders in 6 years and carry cumulative compound interest at 2.75% per annum.

The balance due to the parent undertaking, KSE UK Inc., comprises of a loan which is repayable on two years notice. No such notice has been received and therefore the balance is shown within amounts falling due after more than one year.

The costs of raising debt finance is amortised to the profit and loss account over the term of the underlying debt. The amortisation charge for the year was £1,462,000 (2021 - £4,605,000 of which £2.8 million formed part of the exceptional break costs on refinance.

	2022	2021
	£'000	£'000
The Group's financial liabilities/debt are repayable as follows:		
After five years	16,768	16,311
Total debt	<u>16,768</u>	<u>16,311</u>

17. Financial instruments

The Group's financial instruments comprise mainly of cash and bank balances, debentures and various items, such as trade debtors and trade creditors, that arise directly from its operations. The main purpose of these financial instruments is to provide finance for the Group's operations. The main risks arising from the Group's financial instruments relate to interest rate, liquidity and foreign currency and the Board reviews and agrees its policy for managing these risks.

The carrying value of the Group's financial instruments is analysed as follows:-

	2022	2021
	£'000	£'000
Financial Assets		
<i>Measured at undiscounted amount receivable:</i>		
Cash at bank	29,956	18,777
Trade and other debtors	58,268	47,408
	<u>88,224</u>	<u>66,185</u>
Financial Liabilities		
<i>Measured at amortised cost:</i>		
C & D Debentures	(16,727)	(16,271)
Balance due to parent undertaking	(217,581)	(201,563)
<i>Measured at fair value through profit and loss:</i>		
A & B Debentures	(41)	(40)
<i>Measured at undiscounted amount payable:</i>		
Trade and other creditors	(212,641)	(144,699)
	<u>(446,990)</u>	<u>(362,573)</u>

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17. Financial instruments (continued)

Financial Liabilities (continued)

The Group's cash and bank deposits earn interest at rates linked to UK base rates. The Group's other financial assets do not earn interest. The interest rates attaching the Group's debentures are detailed in note 16. Total interest income for the year is shown in note 5.

18. Financial Derivatives

Borrowing facilities

The Group had undrawn committed borrowing facilities at the balance sheet date, in respect of which all conditions precedent had been met, as follows:

	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Expiring in:		
Less than one year	70,000	70,000

Foreign currency management

The Group is mainly exposed to the foreign currencies of the Euro and US dollar.

In assessing its foreign currency exposure the Group will assess the balance of its outstanding currency denominated assets and liabilities together with known future currency cash flows such as from participation in UEFA competitions and from contracted player transfers.

There were no foreign currency contracts in place at the balance sheet date.

Included in cash and cash equivalents are amounts of £0.4 million (2021 - £4.6 million) denominated in Euros and £0.3 million (2021 - £Nil million) denominated in US dollars.

Included in trade debtors are amounts of £1.3 million (2021 - £1.5 million) denominated in US dollars. Included in other debtors are amounts of £15.5 million (2021 - £8.5 million) denominated in Euros.

Included in prepayments and accrued income are amounts of £Nil million (2021 - £5.5 million) denominated in Euros.

Included in other creditors are amounts of £70.7 million (2021 - £75.8 million) denominated in Euros and £0.6 million denominated in US dollars (2021 - £Nil). Included in provisions are amounts of £11.8 million (2021 - £15.7 million) denominated in Euros.

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19. Provisions for liabilities

	Group	
	2022	2021
	£'000	£'000
Pensions provision (see note 25 (b))	1,282	1,799
Deferred taxation	-	-
Transfers	44,853	37,293
	<u>46,135</u>	<u>39,092</u>

The Transfers provision relates mainly to the probable additional transfer fees payable based on the players concerned achieving a specified number of appearances. In this respect, new provisions of £27.9 million were made during the year, £10.1 million of provisions were reclassified as creditors and £10.2 million of provisions were cancelled as no longer required.

The deferred tax charge/credit for the year was £Nil million (see note 8) (2021 – credit of £19.2 million).

	Group	
	2022	2021
	£'000	£'000
Deferred tax provision		
Tax losses (including excess corporate interest)	(28,029)	(25,936)
Accelerated capital allowances	6,974	6,050
Capitalised interest	7,666	5,944
Rollover relief on player registrations	12,703	13,235
Other timing differences	686	707
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total provision for deferred taxation	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

The Group has estimated corporation tax losses (including excess corporate interest) carried forward, on which no value has been placed, of £56.0 million. These corporation tax losses do not have an expiry date.

20. Called up share capital

	2022	2021
	£'000	£'000
Allotted, issued and fully paid		
Subscriber Ordinary shares of £1 each	2	2
Ordinary shares of £1 each	62,217	62,217
	<u>62,219</u>	<u>62,219</u>

The two Subscriber Ordinary shares carry no right to vote or to income and a deferred right to a return of capital paid up.

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21. Notes to the consolidated cash flow statement

(a) Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash inflow from operating activities

	2022	2021
	£'000	£'000
Operating loss	(60,985)	(97,874)
Amortisation of player registrations	124,567	117,413
Impairment of player registrations	2,456	-
Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	5
Depreciation (net of grant amortisation)	19,374	16,665
	<u>85,412</u>	<u>36,209</u>
Operating cash flow before working capital	85,412	36,209
(Increase) in stock	(1,149)	(782)
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	(300)	16,471
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	6,977	(1,853)
	<u>90,940</u>	<u>50,045</u>
Net cash inflow from operating activities	90,940	50,045

(b) Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 June	Non cash	Cash flows	At 31 May
	2021	changes	2021	2022
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cash at bank and in hand	18,777	-	10,141	28,918
Cash equivalents	-	-	1,038	1,038
	<u>18,777</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,179</u>	<u>29,956</u>
Debentures	(16,311)	(457)	-	(16,768)
Balance due to parent undertaking	(201,563)	(1,462)	(14,556)	(217,581)
	<u>(199,097)</u>	<u>(1,919)</u>	<u>(3,377)</u>	<u>(204,393)</u>
Net (debt)	(199,097)	(1,919)	(3,377)	(204,393)

Non cash changes represent £1,462,000 in respect of the amortisation of costs of raising finance, £456,000 in respect of rolled up, unpaid debenture interest and £1,000 in respect of the change in fair value of the Group's A and B debentures.

(c) Gross cash flows

	2022	2021
	£'000	£'000
Player registrations		
Payments for purchase of players	(123,050)	(132,951)
Receipts from sale of players	36,606	31,909
	<u>(86,444)</u>	<u>(101,042)</u>

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22. Leasing commitments

Total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Group		
One year or less	2	2
Two to five years	8	8
Over five years	80	82
	<u>90</u>	<u>92</u>

23. Commitments and contingent liabilities

Under the conditions of certain transfer agreements in respect of players purchased, further transfer fees will be payable to the vendors in the event of the players concerned making a certain number of First Team appearances or in the event of certain other future events specified in the transfer agreements. In accordance with the Group's accounting policy for transfer fees, any additional fees which may be payable under these agreements, will be accounted for in the year that it becomes probable that the number of appearances will be achieved or the specified future events will occur. The maximum potential liability not provided for, in respect of contracts in force at the year end date, is £23.7 million (2021 - £10.0 million).

The Group is monitoring certain ongoing matters relating to the closure of the European Super League project; if any additional costs arise as a consequence, these additional costs would be fully recharged to the parent entity, KSE UK Inc.

24. Related party transactions

Following a reorganisation of activities, the Group was not charged a fee by its joint venture entity, Arsenal Broadband Limited, in respect of the financial year ended 31 May 2022 (2021 – net charge of £Nil million). At 31 May 2022 the balance owing from the Group to Arsenal Broadband Limited was £3.7 million (2021 - £6.0 million).

25. Pensions

a) *Defined contribution schemes*

Total contributions charged to the profit and loss account during the year amounted to £1,712,000 (2021 - £2,336,000).

b) *Defined benefit scheme*

	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Provision at start of year	1,799	1,288
Payments in year	(517)	(493)
Increase in provision	-	1,004
	<u>1,282</u>	<u>1,799</u>

The Group is advised of its share of the deficit in the Scheme (Note 1(q)). The most recent actuarial valuation of the Scheme was as at August 2020 and indicated that the contribution required from the Group towards making good this deficit was £2.2 million at 1 September 2020 (the total deficit in the Scheme at this date was £27.6 million). The Group's share of the deficit is being paid off over a period of three years and eight months commencing September 2020.

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25. Pensions (continued)

Additional contributions are being charged to the profit and loss account over the remaining service life of those Arsenal employees who are members of the Scheme. The amount attributable to employees who have already retired or who have left the Group has been charged in full to the profit and loss account.

Payments for the year amounted to £0.5 million (2021 - £0.5 million) and the profit and loss account charge was £52,000 (2021 - £1,013,000).

26. Post balance sheet events

Player transactions

Since the end of the financial year a subsidiary company, Arsenal Football Club plc, has contracted for the purchase and sale of various players. The net payment resulting from these transfers, taking into account the applicable levies, is £109.7 million (2021 – net payment of £125.8 million). These transfers will be accounted for in the year ending 31 May 2023.

27. Ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party

The ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party is KSE UK Inc., which owns 100% of the share capital of the Company. KSE UK Inc. is incorporated in the State of Delaware, USA, and is wholly-owned and controlled by Mr E.S. Kroenke.