

**LONDON PLUS CREDIT UNION LTD**

**Firm Reference No 473340**

**Registered No IP00739C**

**DIRECTORS REPORT AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

**LONDON PLUS CREDIT UNION LTD**

**ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

<b>Directors</b>	Vincent Thomas John Barry Alex Noonoo Laura Cooke Jill Cook Mathew Tucker Anna Catt Alison McMillan-Puri Jutta Byers David Pye Martin Richards
<b>Secretary</b>	Jill Cook
<b>Society Registration Number</b>	IP00739C
<b>Financial Conduct Authority Registration Number</b>	473340
<b>Registered Office</b>	274 North End Road Fulham London SW6 1NJ
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**ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

**Bankers (Continued)**

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Western House, Lynch Wood  
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PE2 6FZ

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7 Wilson Street  
London  
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30 St Vincent Place  
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NW1 3AN

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**LONDON PLUS CREDIT UNION LTD**  
**DIRECTORS' REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

The Directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2021.

**Principal activity and Business Review**

The principal activities of the credit union are the promotion and encouragement of regular saving and prudent borrowing by its members, as defined in the Credit Unions Act 1979.

**Results and Dividends**

The surplus for the year, after taxation, amounted to £12,984 (2020 - £38,989). In addition, there were 5,461 (2020 - 5,566) adult members with 1,860 (2020 - 1,945) members holding loans with the Credit Union.

The Directors recommend the payment of a 0.15% dividend at the yearend. This will be voted upon at the Annual General Meeting.

**Directors**

The directors who served during the year are as stated below:

Vincent Thomas

John Barry

Alex Noonoo

Laura Cooke

Jill Cook

Mathew Tucker

Anna Catt

Alison McMillan-Puri

Jutta Byers

David Pye - appointed 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Martin Richards - appointed 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**Financial risk management objectives and policies**

The main financial risks arising from the Credit Union's activities are credit risk, liquidity risk and interest-rate risk. The Board reviews and agrees policies for managing each of these risks and these are summarised below:

- Credit Risk: All loan applications are assessed with reference to the Credit Union's lending policy. Changes to policy are approved by the Board.
- Interest Rate Risk: The main interest rate risk arises from differences between interest rate exposures on assets and on liabilities that form an integral part of the credit union's operations. The Credit Union considers interest rates when deciding on the dividend rates to propose on share accounts.
- Liquidity Risk: The Credit Union's policy is to maintain sufficient funds in a liquid form at all times to ensure that the Credit Union can meet its liabilities as they fall due. The objective of liquidity is to help smooth mismatches between maturing assets and liabilities and to provide a degree of protection against any unexpected developments that may arise.

These areas are outlined in greater detail in section 15 of the Notes to the Financial Statements.

**Statement of Directors' Responsibilities**

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Credit Union legislation 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, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Ireland" (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under Credit Union legislation 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 credit union and of the surplus or deficit of the Credit Union for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and 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;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the credit union will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Credit Union's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Credit Union and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 and with the Credit Union Act 1979. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Credit Union and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the directors are aware:

- There is no relevant audit information (information needed by the Credit Union's auditors in connection with preparing their report) of which the Credit Union's auditors are unaware, and
- The directors have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Credit Union's auditors are aware of that information.

27 Jan 2022

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

Name of Director 1: Vincent Thomas

Signature *Vincent Thomas*  
Vincent Thomas (Feb 2, 2022, 10:31 am)

Name of Director 2: John Barry

Signature *John Barry*  
John Barry (Feb 2, 2022, 1:08pm)

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR  
TO LONDON PLUS CREDIT UNION LTD**

**OPINION**

We have audited the financial statements of London Plus Credit Union Limited (the 'credit union') for the year ended 30 September 2021 which comprise revenue account, balance sheet, statement of changes to retained earnings, cash flow statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the credit union's affairs as at 30 September 2021 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 and the Credit Unions Act 1979.

**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 credit union in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and the provisions available for small entities, in the circumstances as set out in note 20 to the financial statements, 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 credit union'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 Board is responsible for the other information.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### **MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- a satisfactory system of control over transactions has not been maintained;
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the books of account; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' responsibilities set out on page 2, the Board is 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 they 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 Board is responsible for assessing the Credit Union'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 Board either intend to liquidate the Credit Union 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.

Irregularities, including fraud, and instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures based on assessed risk and in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities and fraud to the extent of identifying material amounts of fraud whilst recognising that fraud is inherently more difficult to detect. Non-compliance with laws and regulations is identified irrespective of the size of amounts involved.

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

#### **USE OF OUR REPORT**

This report is made solely to the credit union, in accordance with section 87 of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the credit union those matters we are required to state to it in a Report of the auditor's and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the credit union, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



**Lindley Adams Limited**  
**Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors**  
**28 Prescott Street,**  
**Halifax, HX1 2LG**

Date..... 8/5/2022



## LONDON PLUS CREDIT UNION LIMITED

Revenue Account for the year ended 30 September 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Loan Interest receivable and similar income	4	378,852	372,954
Interest payable	5	<u>(5,090)</u>	<u>(4,480)</u>
<b>Net interest income</b>		<b>373,762</b>	<b>368,474</b>
Fees and commissions receivable	6	30,213	26,993
Fees and commissions payable		<u>(11,031)</u>	<u>(12,960)</u>
<b>Net fees and commissions receivable</b>		<b>19,182</b>	<b>14,033</b>
Other income	7	33,973	32,192
Administrative expenses	8a	(314,190)	(280,939)
Depreciation and amortisation	11	(9,796)	(6,112)
Other operating expenses	8b	(47,515)	(41,510)
Impairment losses on loans to members	12e	(41,263)	(45,549)
<b>Surplus Before Taxation</b>		<u><b>14,153</b></u>	<u><b>40,589</b></u>
Taxation	10b	(1,169)	(1,600)
<b>Surplus for the Financial Year</b>		<u><b>12,984</b></u>	<u><b>38,989</b></u>
Other comprehensive income		0	0
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>		<u><u><b>12,984</b></u></u>	<u><u><b>38,989</b></u></u>

Note: There is no comprehensive income other than those included on the Revenue Account.

## LONDON PLUS CREDIT UNION LIMITED

Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Loans and advances to banks	16	<u>2,072,861</u>	<u>1,636,652</u>
Loans and advances to members	12	1,290,609	1,292,802
Tangible fixed assets	11	13,165	5,519
Prepayments and accrued income		18,608	18,313
<b>Total assets</b>		<u><u>3,395,243</u></u>	<u><u>2,953,286</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Subscribed capital - repayable on demand	13	3,079,453	2,651,229
Other payables	14	<u>74,525</u>	<u>73,776</u>
		3,153,978	2,725,005
Retained earnings		241,265	228,281
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<u><u>3,395,243</u></u>	<u><u>2,953,286</u></u>

27 Jan 2022

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

Vincent Thomas

Director

Vincent Thomas (Feb 2, 2022, 10:31 am)

John Barry

Director

John Barry (Feb 2, 2022, 1:08 pm)

Jill Cook

Secretary

Jill (Feb 2, 2022, 1:11 pm)

## LONDON PLUS CREDIT UNION LIMITED

## Statement of Changes in Retained Earnings for the year ended 30 September 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
As at 1 October 2020	228,281	189,427
Total comprehensive income for the year	12,984	38,989
Other capital reserves release	0	(135)
<b>As at 30 September 2021</b>	<b>241,265</b>	<b>228,281</b>

## Movement in reserves

	Retained earnings		Other capital reserves	Total
	General reserve	Other reserve	Lloyds Capital reserve	
As at 1 October 2020	91,542	99,239	37,500	228,281
Surplus for year	2,598	10,386	0	12,984
Other movements	0	0	0	0
<b>As at 30 September 2021</b>	<b>94,140</b>	<b>109,625</b>	<b>37,500</b>	<b>241,265</b>

## LONDON PLUS CREDIT UNION LIMITED

Cash flow statement for the year ended 30 September 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Cash Flows from operating activities</b>			
Surplus Before Taxation		14,153	40,589
Adjustments for non-cash items			
Depreciation	11	9,796	6,112
Impairment losses	12e	43,148	46,907
		<u>52,944</u>	<u>53,019</u>
 Movements in:			
Prepayments and accrued income		(295)	6,916
Capital reserves		0	(135)
Other payables		749	9,599
		<u>454</u>	<u>16,380</u>
 <b>Cash flows from changes in operative assets and liabilities</b>			
Cash inflow from subscribed capital	13	5,771,409	5,609,764
Cash outflow from repaid capital	13	(5,343,185)	(5,298,397)
New loans to members	12a	(1,715,010)	(1,692,888)
Repayment of loans by members	12a	1,674,055	1,730,679
		<u>387,269</u>	<u>349,158</u>
Taxation paid		(1,169)	(1,600)
<b>Net Cash flows from operating activities</b>		<b>453,651</b>	<b>457,546</b>
 <b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	11	(17,442)	(4,098)
Net cash flow from managing liquid deposits	16	(3,707)	(304,353)
		<u>(21,149)</u>	<u>(308,451)</u>
 <b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>432,502</b>	<b>149,095</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		981,855	832,760
 <b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>	16	<u><u>1,414,357</u></u>	<u><u>981,855</u></u>

**LONDON PLUS CREDIT UNION LIMITED**

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 September 2021

**1 Legal and regulatory framework**

The Credit Union is a society established under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014, whose principal activity is to operate as a credit union, within the meaning of the Credit Unions Act 1979. The Credit Union has registered with the Financial Conduct Authority and is regulated by the Prudential Regulation Authority under the provisions of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000.

In accordance with the regulatory environment for credit unions, deposits from members can be made by subscription for redeemable shares, deferred shares and interest - bearing shares. At present the Credit Union has only issued redeemable shares.

**2 Accounting policies****Basis of preparation**

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 - the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Ireland.

The financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis.

**Going concern**

The directors of the Credit Union believe that it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis. In accordance with PRA Rulebook Guidelines outlined in Section 8.5 (1), the credit union must maintain a minimum Capital-To-Total assets ratio of 3%.

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
The relevant ratios are:-	7.11%	7.73%

**Income**

Loan interest receivable and similar income: Interest on both loans to members and loans to banks (i.e. cash and cash equivalents held on deposit with other financial institutions) is recognised using the effective interest method, and is calculated and accrued on a daily basis. Exempt interest on members loans is not recognised.

Fees and commissions receivable: Fees and charges either arise in connection with a specific transaction, or accrue evenly over the year. Income relating to individual transactions is recognised when the transaction is completed.

Other income: Other income is recognised either evenly over the period to which it relates or when the transaction is complete.

**Taxation**

The tax charge for the year reflects current tax payable. Current tax is the expected corporation tax payable for the year, using tax rates in force for the year. The Credit Union is not liable to corporation tax payable on its activities of making loans to members, and investing surplus funds, as these are not classified as a trade. However, corporation tax is payable on investment income.

As a result of the limited activities of the Credit Union from which profits are chargeable to corporation tax, it is unlikely that deferred tax will arise.

**Operating lease commitments and dilapidation provision**

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Revenue Account on a straight line basis over the period of the lease. On vacating the property the credit union is required to perform dilapidation repairs and restore the property to agreed standards. The dilapidation provision is based on estimates of repair and restoration costs at a future date. Therefore, uncertainty exists regarding both the timing and amount of the provision. The amount represents the best estimate of the directors.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 September 2021 (continued)

**2 Accounting policies (cont.)****Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets comprises items of property, plant and equipment, which are stated at cost, less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset.

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of each item of property, plant and equipment, less its estimated residual value, on a straight line basis over its estimated useful life. The categories of property, plant and equipment are depreciated as follows:

Printers	4 years
Computers and equipment	3 years

**Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and with the Bank of England and loans and advances to banks (i.e. cash deposited with banks) with maturity of less than or equal to three months.

**Deferred grants and funding / revenue contributions**

Deferred grants in respect of capital expenditure are credited to the income and expenditure account over the estimated useful life of the relevant fixed assets. Deferred grants and funding in respect of revenue items are credited to the income and expenditure account over the period to which they relate or to match the relevant expenditure. The grants / funding shown in the balance sheet represent the grants / funding receivable to date less the amount so far credited to the income and expenditure account.

**Financial assets – loans and advances to members**

Loans to members are financial assets with fixed or determinable payments. Loans are made to members for provident or productive purposes on such security (or without security) and terms as the rules of the Credit Union provide. Loans are recognised when cash is advanced to members and measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Loans are derecognised when the right to receive cash flows from the asset have expired, usually when all amounts outstanding have been repaid by the member.

**Impairment of financial assets**

The Credit Union assesses, at each balance sheet date, if there is objective evidence that any of its loans to members are impaired. The loans are assessed collectively in groups that share similar credit risk characteristics, because no loans are individually significant. In addition, if, during the course of the year, there is objective evidence that any individual loan is impaired, a specific loss will be recognised.

Any impairment losses are recognised in the revenue account, as the difference between the carrying value of the loan and the net present value of the expected cash flows.

**Financial liabilities – subscribed capital**

Members' shareholdings in the Credit Union are redeemable and therefore are classified as financial liabilities, and described as subscribed capital. They are initially recognised at the amount of cash deposited and subsequently measured at amortised cost.

**Employee benefits**

Defined contribution plans: The amounts charged as expenditure for the defined contribution plan are the contributions payable by the Credit Union for the relevant period.

Other employee benefits: Other short and long term employee benefits, including holiday pay, are recognised as an expense over the period they are earned.

**Reserves**

Retained earnings are the accumulated surpluses to date that have not been declared as dividends returnable to members.

## LONDON PLUS CREDIT UNION LIMITED

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 September 2021 (continued)

**3 Use of estimates and judgements**

The preparation of financial statements requires the use of certain accounting estimates. It also requires the Directors to exercise judgement in applying the Credit Union's accounting policies. The areas requiring a higher degree of judgement, or complexity, and areas where assumptions or estimates are most significant to the financial statements, are disclosed below:

**Impairment losses on loans to members**

Impaired losses are stated after specifically reviewing all loans in arrears. The criteria used is whether the loan will be repaid within the term of the loan based upon the current regular pattern of repayments.

<b>4</b>	<b>Loan interest receivable and similar income</b>		<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
			£	£
	Loan interest receivable from members		372,702	364,534
	Bank interest receivable from cash and liquid deposits		6,150	8,420
	<b>Total loan interest receivable and similar income</b>		<b>378,852</b>	<b>372,954</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Interest expense</b>			
	Interest expense is the dividend paid to members for the prior year. The dividend is formally proposed by the Directors after the year end and is confirmed at the following AGM. As a result it does not represent a liability at the balance sheet date.			
			<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
			£	£
	Interest paid during the year		5,090	4,480
	Dividend rate		0.25%	0.25%
	Interest proposed, but not recognised		4,298	5,500
	Dividend rate		0.15%	0.25%
<b>6</b>	<b>Fees and commissions receivable</b>		<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
			£	£
	Membership fees		4,873	5,121
	Service charge		10,335	8,579
	Other fees and commission		15,005	13,293
	<b>Total fees and commissions receivable</b>		<b>30,213</b>	<b>26,993</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Other Income</b>		<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
			£	£
	Grants and deferred income		14,295	12,500
	Sundry income		258	272
	Service contracts		19,420	19,420
			<b>33,973</b>	<b>32,192</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Note</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
			£	£
	Administrative expenses	8a	314,190	280,939
	Depreciation and amortisation	11	9,796	6,112
	Other operating expenses	8b	47,515	41,510
			<b>371,501</b>	<b>328,561</b>

## LONDON PLUS CREDIT UNION LIMITED

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 September 2021 (continued)

<b>8a Administrative Expenses</b>	<b>Note</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
		£	£
Employment costs	9b	242,537	213,155
Training and Conference		1,220	1,498
Advertising and other costs		16,614	13,280
Other staff expenses		1,689	1,899
Auditors remuneration	8c	3,360	3,360
Telephone		3,836	3,544
Computer maintenance		13,278	10,533
Legal and Professional		3,600	5,616
General expenses		2,376	2,490
Printing, Postage and Stationery		4,159	5,388
Other insurances		1,645	500
Credit check fees		10,096	10,432
Debt recovery costs		1,846	2,739
Online banking fees		7,934	6,505
<b>Total Administrative Expenses</b>		<b><u>314,190</u></b>	<b><u>280,939</u></b>
<b>8b Other Operating Expenses</b>		<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Cost of occupying offices (excluding depreciation)</b>		£	£
Rent, Rates and Room Hire		17,158	28,561
Dilapidation provision		15,000	0
Waste		600	444
Repairs and Maintenance		1,740	352
Heating and Lighting		3,156	2,573
Other occupancy costs		1,260	2,119
		<u>38,914</u>	<u>34,049</u>
<b>Regulatory and financial management costs</b>			
Financial Conduct Authority, Prudential Regulation Authority Fees and FSCS Levy		714	637
National Body Dues		5,871	5,144
Fidelity Insurance		2,016	1,680
		<u>8,601</u>	<u>7,461</u>
<b>Total Other operating Expenses</b>		<b><u>47,515</u></b>	<b><u>41,510</u></b>
<b>8c Auditors remuneration</b>			
The Credit Union voluntarily presents an analysis of its auditors' remuneration in accordance with Companies (Disclosure of Auditor Remuneration and Liability Limitation Agreements) Regulations 2008.			
		<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
		£	£
Fees payable for the audit of the Credit Union's annual accounts		3,270	3,270
Fees payable to the Credit Union's Auditor for other services:			
Services relating to taxation		90	90
<b>Total Auditors remuneration</b>		<b><u>3,360</u></b>	<b><u>3,360</u></b>



## LONDON PLUS CREDIT UNION LIMITED

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 September 2021 (continued)

**9 Employees and employment costs**

<b>9a Number of employees</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
The average monthly number of employees during the year were:	Number	Number
Office staff	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>
<b>9b Employment costs</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	£	£
Wages and salaries	217,404	192,473
Social security costs	16,117	12,796
Payments to defined contribution pension schemes	<u>9,016</u>	<u>7,886</u>
Total employment costs	<u><b>242,537</b></u>	<u><b>213,155</b></u>

**9c Key Management and Directors remuneration**

The Directors of the Credit Union are all unpaid volunteers. The key management team for the Credit Union includes the chief executive officer and two senior staff.

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	£	£
Short term employee benefits	131,357	129,024
Payments to defined contribution pension schemes	<u>5,837</u>	<u>5,697</u>
Total key management personnel compensation	<u><b>137,194</b></u>	<u><b>134,721</b></u>

Short-term employee benefits include wages, salaries, social security contributions, employer social security contributions and paid annual leave.

**10 Taxation****10a Recognised in the Revenue Account**

The taxation charge for the year, based on the small profits rate of Corporation Tax of 19% (2020 19%) comprised:

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
		£	£
Current tax		£	£
UK Corporation tax	10b	1,169	1,600
<b>Total current tax and total taxation expense recognised in the Revenue Account</b>		<u><b>1,169</b></u>	<u><b>1,600</b></u>

**10b Reconciliation of taxation expense**

The Credit Union is not liable to corporation tax payable on its activities of making loans to members, and investing surplus funds, as these are not classified as a trade. However, corporation tax is payable on investment income. As a result, tax charge for the year differs from the standard rate of corporation tax. The differences are explained below:

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	£	£
Surplus Before Taxation	<u>14,153</u>	<u>40,589</u>
Surplus before taxation multiplied by small profits rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2020 19%)	2,689	7,712
Effects of:		
Non-taxable surplus on transactions with members	<u>(1,520)</u>	<u>(6,112)</u>
<b>Total tax charge for the year</b>	<u><b>1,169</b></u>	<u><b>1,600</b></u>

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**11 Tangible Fixed Assets**

Tangible Fixed Assets comprise the following property, plant and equipment:

	Computers and equipment	Printers	Total
Cost	£	£	
As at 1 October 2020	25,263	9,988	35,251
Additions	17,442	0	17,442
Disposals			0
<b>As at 30 September 2021</b>	<b>42,705</b>	<b>9,988</b>	<b>52,693</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
As at 1 October 2020	22,546	7,186	29,732
Charge for the year	7,299	2,497	9,796
Charge on disposal			0
<b>As at 30 September 2021</b>	<b>29,845</b>	<b>9,683</b>	<b>39,528</b>
<b>Net Book Value</b>			
<b>As at 30 September 2021</b>	<b>12,860</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>13,165</b>
As at 30 September 2020	2,717	2,802	5,519

**12 Loans and advances to members**

<b>12a Loans and advances to members</b>	Note	2021	2020
		£	£
As at 1 October 2020		1,500,643	1,539,646
Advanced during the year		1,715,010	1,692,888
Interest receivable		372,702	364,534
Repaid during the year		(2,046,757)	(2,095,213)
<b>Gross loans and advances to members</b>	12b	<b>1,541,598</b>	<b>1,501,855</b>
Impairment losses:			
Individual financial assets	12b, 12e	(15,682)	(1,212)
Groups of financial assets	12d	(235,307)	(207,841)
	12c	(250,989)	(209,053)
<b>As at 30 September 2021</b>		<b>1,290,609</b>	<b>1,292,802</b>
<b>12b Memorandum - Total loan assets regulatory purposes</b>	Note	2021	2020
		£	£
Gross loans and advances to members		1,541,598	1,501,855
Impairment of individual financial assets		(15,682)	(1,212)
<b>Total loan assets for regulatory purposes</b>	15b	<b>1,525,916</b>	<b>1,500,643</b>

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**12c Credit risk disclosures**

The credit union does not offer mortgages and as a result all loans to members are unsecured, except where there are restrictions on the extent to which borrowers may withdraw their savings whilst loans are outstanding.

The carrying amount of the loans to members represents the credit union's maximum exposure to credit risk. The following table provides information on the credit quality of loan repayments. Where loans are not impaired it is expected that the amounts repayable will be received in full.

	2021		2020	
	Amount	Proportion	Amount	Proportion
<b>Not impaired:</b>				
Neither past due nor impaired	497,490	32.27%	639,499	42.58%
Up to 3 months past due	776,644	50.38%	634,887	42.27%
Between 3 and 6 months past due	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Between 6 and 9 months past due	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Between 9 months and 1 year past due	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Over 1 year past due	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
<b>Sub-total: loans not impaired</b>	<b>1,274,134</b>	<b>82.65%</b>	<b>1,274,386</b>	<b>84.85%</b>
<b>Individually impaired:</b>				
Not yet past due, but impaired	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Up to 3 months past due	13,209	0.86%	0	0.00%
Between 3 and 6 months past due	23,484	1.52%	26,999	1.80%
Between 6 and 9 months past due	15,143	0.98%	24,058	1.60%
Between 9 months and 1 year past due	23,464	1.52%	15,320	1.02%
Over 1 year past due	192,164	12.47%	161,092	10.73%
<b>Total loans</b>	<b>1,541,598</b>	<b>17.35%</b>	<b>1,501,855</b>	<b>15.15%</b>
<b>Impairment allowance</b>	<b>(250,989)</b>		<b>(209,053)</b>	
<b>Total carrying value</b>	<b>1,290,609</b>		<b>1,292,802</b>	

Factors that are considered in determining whether loans are impaired are discussed in note 3.

<b>12d Allowance account for impairment losses</b>	<b>Note</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
		£	£
As at 1 October 2020		207,841	162,146
Allowance for losses made during the year		27,466	45,695
<b>Increase in allowance during the year</b>	<b>12e</b>	<b>27,466</b>	<b>45,695</b>
<b>As at 30 September 2021</b>		<b>235,307</b>	<b>207,841</b>
<b>12e Impairment losses recognised for the year</b>		<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
		£	£
Impairment of individual financial assets		15,682	1,212
Increase in impairment allowances during the year		27,466	45,695
		<b>43,148</b>	<b>46,907</b>
Reversal of impairment where debts recovered		(1,885)	(1,358)
<b>Total impairment losses recognised for the year</b>		<b>41,263</b>	<b>45,549</b>

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13 Subscribed capital - financial liabilities	2021	2020
	£	£
As at 1 October 2020	2,651,229	2,339,862
Received during the year	5,766,319	5,605,284
Dividends paid during the year	5,090	4,480
Repaid during the year	(5,343,185)	(5,298,397)
<b>As at 30 September 2021</b>	<b><u>3,079,453</u></b>	<b><u>2,651,229</u></b>

Deposits from members are made by way of subscription for shares. The balance includes deposits made by juvenile members - £15,985 (2020 £16,392).

14 Other payables	2021	2020
	£	£
UK Corporation tax	1,169	1,600
Accruals and deferred income	55,581	39,676
Revenue grants	0	12,500
Loan Guarantee Fund	17,775	20,000
	<b><u>74,525</u></b>	<b><u>73,776</u></b>

## 15 Additional financial instruments disclosures

## 15a Financial risk management

The Credit Union manages its subscribed capital and loans to members so that it earns income from the margin between interest receivable and interest payable.

The main financial risks arising from the Credit Union's activities are credit risk, liquidity risk and interest rate risk. The board reviews and agrees policies for managing each of these risks, which are summarised below.

**Credit risk:** Credit risk is the risk that a borrower will default on their contractual obligations relating to repayments to the Credit Union, resulting in financial loss to the Credit Union. In order to manage the risk the Board approves the Credit Union's lending policy, and all changes to it. All loan applications are assessed with reference to the lending policy in force at the time. Subsequently loans are regularly reviewed for any factors that may indicate that the likelihood of payment has changed. The Credit Union also monitors its banking arrangements closely in light of the current banking situation.

**Liquidity risk:** The Credit Union's policy is to maintain sufficient funds in liquid form at all times to ensure that it meets its liabilities as they fall due. The objective of the Credit Union's liquidity policy is to smooth the mismatches between maturing assets and liabilities and to provide a degree of protection against any unexpected developments that may arise. Note 2 provides further details about the impact of the maturity mismatch on the going concern status of the Credit Union.

**Market risk:** Market risk is generally comprised of interest rate risk, currency risk and other price risk. The Credit Union conducts all its transactions in sterling and does not deal in derivatives or commodity markets. Therefore the Credit Union is not exposed to any form of *currency risk* or *other price risk*.

**Interest rate risk:** The Credit Union's main interest rate risk arises from differences between the interest rate exposures on the receivables and payables that form an integral part of a credit union's operations. The Credit Union considers rates of interest receivable when deciding on the dividend rate payable on subscribed capital. The Credit Union does not use interest rate options to hedge its own positions.

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**15b Interest rate risk disclosures**

The following table shows the average interest rates applicable to relevant financial assets and financial liabilities.

	2021		2020	
	Amount £	Average Interest Rate %	Amount £	Average Interest Rate %
<b>Financial assets</b>				
Loans to members	1,525,916	24.63%	1,500,643	23.98%

The interest rates applicable to loans to members are fixed and range from 4.79% to 36% per annum.

**15c Liquidity risk disclosures**

Excluding short-term other payables, as noted on the balance sheet, the Credit Union's financial liabilities, the subscribed capital, are repayable on demand.

**15d Fair value of financial instruments**

The Credit Union does not hold any financial instruments at fair value.

**16 Cash and cash equivalents**

	2021 £	2020 £
Loans and advances to banks	2,072,861	1,636,652
Less: amounts maturing after three months	(658,504)	(654,797)
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>1,414,357</b>	<b>981,855</b>

**17 Post balance sheet events**

In 2020, the Covid-19 pandemic occurred. The measures taken by the UK government to contain the virus have impacted the economic activity of credit unions. The directors have assessed the impact on the credit union and the business continuity plans. Their view is, although the credit union will be affected and there may be a fall in income and increase in doubtful loans, the credit union will meet all regulatory requirements for the foreseeable future. It is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis as set out in the Accounting Policies (going concern) Note to the Financial Statements. The full extent of the impact is dependent on the duration of Covid-19, the effect on the economy and the measures required to be taken by the UK government, the results of this cannot be predicted.

**18 Contingent liabilities**

The Credit Union participates in the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) and therefore has a contingent liability, which cannot be quantified, in respect of contributions to the FSCS, as required by the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000. The Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) has provided details of how the calculation of next year's contribution towards the FSCS will be calculated and full provision has been included for this liability. However this is subject to future changes in interest rates and levels of deposits held by UK deposit takers. Therefore there is inherent uncertainty regarding the totality of the levy that the Credit Union will have to pay.

**19 Related Party Transactions**

During the year, 1 member of the board, staff or volunteers (none of their close family members), had or were issued with loans with the Credit Union (2020 - 1 Member). These loans were approved on the same basis as loans to other members of the Credit Union. None of the directors, staff, volunteers and close family members have preferential terms on loans.

**20 Non-audit services**

In common with many other Credit Unions of our size and nature we use our auditors to prepare and submit returns to the tax authorities and assist us with the preparation of the financial statements.

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**21 Leasing Agreements**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:	£	£
Within one year	16,000	16,000
Between one and five years	18,000	16,000
	<u><b>34,000</b></u>	<u><b>32,000</b></u>

**22 Financial Commitments**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	£	£
Contracted but not provided for in the financial statements	<u><b>34,000</b></u>	<u><b>32,000</b></u>