

Registered number: 01989823

**WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS FOOTBALL CLUB (1986) LIMITED**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2022**



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**COMPANY INFORMATION**

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<b>Company secretary</b>	M D Wild
<b>Registered number</b>	01989823
<b>Registered office</b>	Molineux Stadium Waterloo Road Wolverhampton West Midlands WV1 4QR
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## WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS FOOTBALL CLUB (1986) LIMITED

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### STRATEGIC REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2022

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The directors, in preparing this strategic report, have complied with s414C of the Companies Act 2006.

#### **Principal activities**

The principal activity of the company during the year was that of a professional football club.

#### **Review of developments and future prospects**

In the year under review the group competed in the Premier League, with the team improving on the previous season with 51 points and a 10th-place finish.

Revenue for the year under review was the first since the 2018/19 season not directly impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic; however, there was still a degree of impact to matchday operations, and on funds available to invest in the first team squad, whilst ensuring continued compliance to both Premier League Profit & Sustainability and the UEFA settlement agreement, with compliance with, and exit from, the UEFA Settlement Agreement being formally issued on 11th March 2022.

Turnover for the year reached £165.7m, a reduction on £194.1m achieved last financial year due to the impact on curtailment of the 2019/20 season, which resulted in 47 Premier League games last financial year, as opposed to 38 this year. With matchdays being a key driver of broadcast revenues and sponsorship revenues, this resulted in an inflated revenue figure in the previous financial year. This year is more directly comparable to the 2018/19 season, in which £172.5m revenue was achieved. The reduction is primarily driven by reduction in Premier League merit payment due to a lower final league position (10th as opposed to 7th), and a less successful FA Cup run (fourth round exit as opposed to a semi-final exit).

All matches in the year were played in front of close to capacity crowds, aside from the impact of delays in opening the Graham Hughes Stand, and fire damage sustained in the President's Restaurant. Average attendance for the season was 30,725 (2018/19: 31,030). Season tickets returned to 100 per cent maximum availability being sold.

Player trading in the year generated profit of £15.0m (2021: £60.8m) through disposal of players' registrations, driven by the sales of Rui Patricio, Rafa Mir, Owen Otasowie and crystallising contingent appearance and goal related fees for Diogo Jota. However, this was outweighed by higher amortisation and impairment charges on player registrations, totalling £65.1m (2021: £71.5m), driven by further investments in the first team and Academy, including the acquisitions of Jose Sa, Rayan Alt-Nouri, Yerson Mosquera, Chiquinho, Bendeguz Bolla, Hayao Kawabe and Sang-bin Jeong. This results in a net player trading loss of £50.1m (2021: £10.8m).

Operating costs decreased in this period, in part due to there not being a change of head coach and support staff, and decreases in appearance related payroll fees due to the lower number of matchdays.

Overall, the loss for the year, after interest and tax, is £43.1m (2021: profit of £21.1m).

Throughout the year, the club was under the ownership of Fosun International Holdings Limited, with ultimate ownership of Chairman Guo Guangchang as majority shareholder of Fosun International Holdings Limited. Going forward, the aim for the club is to establish themselves as regular challengers for qualification to European club competition through continued application of the footballing philosophy applied since Fosun's takeover, and ensuring Financial Fair Play compliance through strategic commercial growth.

The directors have a continued commitment to continuously improve the club, from both a footballing and a wider operational and strategic perspective. Supported by continued success in both the Premier League and cup competitions, both European and domestic, the directors consider prospects for the company to be excellent.

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**STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED)  
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**Going concern**

The directors have concluded, after making enquiries, that they have a reasonable expectation that the group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and therefore they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies in note 2 of the financial statements.

The directors have obtained a letter from Fosun International Limited, which confirms their intention to meet all the obligations of the Group, to the extent they may be unable to meet those obligations themselves, for a period of not less than one year from the date of the signing of the financial statements. The company also have no intention of calling the loans due to them for at least a period of the next 12 months.

**Financial risk management**

The club's principal risk relates to the league in which the club competes and the financial impact that this has on the business in terms of attendances and the funds received from central distributions made by either the Premier League or the Football League. In the year under review the club receives league distributions and broadcasting rights from the Premier League.

As is the case with all professional football clubs under the realm of the Premier League, there is a risk in respect of complying with the Profit and Sustainability regulations, where failure to meet the required thresholds can result in both financial and operational sanctions to the group. However, in response to this, the directors ensure the latest forecasted financial performance against the Profit and Sustainability criteria is consistently monitored and updated as a minimum month on month, to mitigate the risk of such sanctions by maintaining a comfortable headroom position, ensuring decisions taken in light of such forecasting do not compromise a comfortable level of headroom.

Another financial risk arises as a result macro-economic factors which affect the value of the pound against the Euro. The group has entered forward contracts for certain specific amounts payable to mitigate the risk of higher payments as a result of an adverse fluctuation in the market. The impact on the foreign exchange rate between the Euro and the pound has had an impact on the value of transfer fees paid which are stated in Euros per the terms of the individual transfer agreements, and therefore as the functional and presentation currency of these set of statutory accounts is the pound, transfer instalments stated in Euros per the transfer agreements are retranslated at the balance sheet date.

There is a comprehensive system in place for reporting financial information to the board including the preparation of budgets for each business activity, monthly accounts comparisons to budget and the prior year and regular profit and loss projections and cash flow forecasts.

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**Price risk**

This is largely governed by the league in which the club is competing, and prices are set accordingly. The policy adopted recognises the inherent value of the fan base and core supporters and the need to grow the number of supporters following the team. By monitoring feedback and industry pricing the club looks to offer good value for money to help achieve this objective.

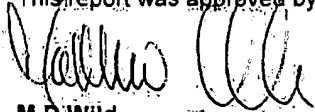
**Liquidity and cashflow risk**

A large part of the seasonal business is paid for ahead of fixtures taking place, via season ticket sales and seasonal corporate business. Major fluctuations in cash flow during the season will usually only arise through player transactions during the transfer window periods. Match-to-match business is largely dependent upon attendance levels and team performances.

As most of the business is secured in advance of the start of the season, budgets can be prepared within defined key business parameters and hence working capital can be assessed and managed accordingly.

The club continues to demonstrate effective working capital management with enough headroom to accommodate any seasonal fluctuations. Cash flows are prepared and managed monthly but monitored daily to the satisfaction of the directors and shareholders. Fosun International Limited have confirmed their intention to meet all the obligations of the club, to the extent they may be unable to meet those obligations themselves, for a period of not less than one year from the date of the signing of the financial statements.

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



**M D Wiid**  
Secretary

Date: 01/02/2023

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**WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS FOOTBALL CLUB (1986) LIMITED**

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**SECTION 172 STATEMENT  
AS AT 31 MAY 2022**

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Section 172 of the Companies Act 2006 requires the directors of a company to act in a way they consider to be in good faith and would be most likely to promote the success of the company for the benefit of all of its members as a whole both in the current period and in the long term.

In discharging their duties above, the directors carefully consider, amongst other matters, the impact of their decisions on various stakeholder groups. The groups we consider in this regard are our employees, our customers, our suppliers and our shareholders as well as the wider community in which we operate. The directors recognise that building strong relationships with our stakeholders will help us to deliver our long-term strategy in line with our core values and operate the business in a sustainable way. We are committed to conducting business responsibly. The directors do not believe that there have been any key decisions faced during the year which require specific reference and have had significant impact on any of the company's stakeholder groups.

**Fans**

Our supporters are the heartbeat of the football club; their passionate and loyal support is appreciated by everyone at the club and is never taken for granted.

Whilst our fanbase continues to grow it is important for us to ensure that every action taken has the core aim of improving team performances and increasing engagement with all sections of the fanbase, ensuring supporters can remain connected with their club.

We are committed to providing a high standard of communication and consultation to our supporters and all important club updates are provided through the official website [wolves.co.uk](http://wolves.co.uk) as well as through the official club social media channels.

Following supporter feedback, the fan services team was introduced in 2021 acting as a central hub with one single point of contact for all supporter enquiries and feedback. As well as providing a reliable platform for telephone and email enquiries, the fan services team introduced two new contact methods for supporters with fans now able to submit a direct message to a dedicated fan help account and can also live chat with an advisor.

The club also have a dedicated disability access officer as a point of contact for disabled supporters. The club are committed to making sure Molineux is accessible to all supporters. New initiatives are regularly introduced, such as dementia packs and British Sign Language Volunteers to ensure as many supporters can get the most out of their visit to Molineux as possible.

The club provide a fan consultation platform allowing supporters to join focus groups with key members of staff with focus groups covering matchday experience, ticketing, retail and EDI all introduced during the 2021/22 season. Fans were also able to submit their questions to club management with questions being answered as part of the Ask Wolves video series.

In addition to fan focus groups and the Ask Wolves series, the club also encouraged supporters to take part in a number of surveys to ensure fan values are considered on a number of topics. Since 2021, supporters have been asked to complete surveys on their values towards EDI, sustainability and the environment, as well as a matchday experience survey which help shaped the matchday experience ahead of the 2022/23 season.

The club welcomes all feedback from supporters and encourage fans with any queries, issues, concerns or praise to get in touch. The club remain committed to finding new ways to consult with as many fans as possible in a variety of ways.

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### SECTION 172 STATEMENT AS AT 31 MAY 2022

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#### **Employees**

Directors receive information on various staff metrics such as monthly headcount, which includes starters and leavers. The directors are committed to promoting a healthy workforce comprising of both physical and mental wellbeing, and the training ground canteen staff work with a nutritionist to provide healthy, interesting meals.

The club has a dedicated team of 'care callers' who provide mental health wellbeing support to staff and are themselves supported by specialist training. This was set up during the pandemic and will continue on a permanent basis.

The directors keep staff informed of the club's commercial progress through structured communication channels which include team meetings, monthly new starter induction and a bi-annual all-staff meeting.

As holders of the Premier League's Equality Standard and members of the FA's Football Leadership Diversity Code, the directors enjoy and feel duty-bound to promote inclusion in the workplace. The club has an equality working group and a team of equality ambassadors and the directors promote safeguarding awareness and safer recruitment of young people.

The directors provide opportunities for training and development where they are considered of benefit to the company and employees, and the club has an e-learning platform with mandatory content such as safeguarding, security and health and safety. The club has continued to work with an external partner to provide bespoke coaching for senior leaders.

Using the company's recruitment and development strategies, the directors seek to attract and retain talented staff. The club has a devoted recruitment and onboarding specialist who partners with the hiring managers to provide advice and guidance on hiring the best talent and then retaining it.

#### **Commercial partners**

The directors and senior management commit considerable time, effort and resources into developing, activating and delivering for our commercial partners, with a view to fostering long-term mutually beneficial partnerships. We are a challenger club for challenger brands, and we seek to partner with organisations that dare to be different and challenge the status quo.

We drive innovation and pursue every venture with a dynamic and progressive purpose. We act to service our partner's needs to the highest standards aiming to add value beyond traditional commercial partnerships.

#### **Suppliers**

The directors have established company procedures to ensure that external suppliers are individually verified to ensure they meet with the health and safety, regulatory and financial security standards required by the company. The company seeks to pay all suppliers any undisputed amounts due and that conform with the company's billing requirements within agreed terms. The company has established procedures for dispute resolution in a timely and fair manner.

#### **Regulatory bodies**

The company is regulated by the FA, the Premier League, UEFA and FIFA. The company actively engages with all regulatory bodies ensuring transparent compliance at all times.



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#### Community

The company takes its role within the community very seriously and promotes and encourages community and charitable contribution, primarily through its charitable arm Wolves Foundation.

*Wolves Foundation is a cornerstone of the city of Wolverhampton. Through a team of highly skilled, dedicated staff and volunteers it harnesses the strong local connection with Wolves to motivate, educate and inspire tens of thousands of beneficiaries of its work across the city.*

The charity works in partnership with key local stakeholders including the local authority, police, health service and education providers to identify risk factors in the city around societal issues and health status; using data and insight to deliver evidence-based practice through its vast array of projects that address these needs.

The Wolves Foundation has key three objectives: Healthier, more active people, lifelong learning and skills and safer, stronger communities. Working in the community is vital to its work and removing barriers to engagement regardless of age, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, or disability.

With participants ranging from 1 month to 100 years old across 225 different delivery sites in the city, work is delivered all year round improving the physical and mental health, personal development and life choices of the people engaged in its work.

Data from its last 12 months work shows that 92% of participants have improved their mental and physical wellbeing, 90% of participants have improved their educational achievement and 84% of participants feel they now contribute more to a safer, stronger and more inclusive community.

#### The environment

Wolves recognises the importance of its environmental responsibilities and has measures in place to monitor and control its impact on the local environment and its compliance with any regulatory environmental standards. The company seeks to implement policies aimed at reducing any potential detrimental environmental impact of its activities.

In May 2022, Wolves partnered with the environmental football non-profit organisation, Football For Future. The partnership is designed to help fulfil the club's ambition to become industry leaders in environmental sustainability, and Football For Future's mission to build a more environmentally sustainable culture in football.

The partnership includes the development of a club-wide environmental sustainability strategy, underpinned by departmental action plans and including a headline club commitment to environmental sustainability.

It also includes staff workshops, covering the interrelationship between football and climate change, and a comprehensive review of the club's environmental footprint and current performance.

#### Shareholders

The directors endeavour to create value for our ultimate shareholders by ensuring the company's performance remains strong as well as sustainable. The directors adhere to the company's long term strategic plan when making operational decisions.

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**DIRECTORS' REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2022**

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

**Results and dividends**

The loss for the year, after taxation, amounted to £43,089,000 (2021 - profit £21,110,000).

The directors do not recommend payment of a dividend (2021 - same).

**Directors**

The directors who served during the year were:

J F Bowater  
J Gough  
Y Shi

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

**Future developments**

Future developments have been disclosed as part of the Strategic Report.

**Engagement with employees**

The company considers that employee involvement is essential to the continuing development and success of its business and uses a variety of methods to inform, consult and involve its employees. This is achieved through formal and informal meetings.

**Disabled employees**

Applications for employment by disabled persons are always fully considered, bearing in mind the abilities of the applicant concerned. In the event of members of staff becoming disabled every effort is made to ensure that their employment within the company continues and that appropriate training is arranged. It is the policy of the company that the training, career development and promotion of disabled persons, should, as far as possible, be identical to that of other employees.

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**DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)  
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**Greenhouse gas emissions, energy consumption and energy efficiency action**

The company's GHG emissions and energy use data for period 1st June 2021 to 31st May 2022 are as follows:

	FY 2021-22	FY 2020-21	FY 2019-20
Scope 1 emissions (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)	771	928	941
Scope 2 emissions. location-based (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)	912	904	1,301
Scope 2 emissions. market-based (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)	-	-	-
<b>Total gross Scope 1 &amp; 2 emissions (tCO<sub>2</sub>e)</b>	<b>1,683</b>	<b>1,832</b>	<b>2,242</b>
Energy consumption used to calculate the above emissions (kWh)	8,315,675	8,817,271	10,108,194
Intensity ratio: tCO <sub>2</sub> e/turnover £m	10.2	9.4	16.9
Intensity ratio: tCO <sub>2</sub> e/home match	73.2	79.7	93.4
Scope 3 emissions. water (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)	7	-	-
Scope 3 emissions. fan travel (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)	11,064	-	-
Scope 3 emissions. business travel (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)	219	-	-
Scope 3 emissions. team travel (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)	68	-	-

**Methodology**

The data reported aligns to the financial year, 1st June 2021 to 31st May 2022. This previous year's report covers 1st June 2020 to 31st May 2021.

This information has been calculated in line with the GHG Reporting Protocol, which supplies the world's most widely used greenhouse gas reporting standards, and in accordance with HM Government's Environmental Reporting Guidelines.

The reported kWh used to calculate the Scope 1 & 2 emissions excludes company car emissions which are reported as mileage and included within Scope 1 tCO<sub>2</sub>e emissions.

The intensity ratios reported, tCO<sub>2</sub>e/£m turnover and tCO<sub>2</sub>e/home match have been selected to enable comparison with prior year performance and give context to the organisations reported emissions.

All electricity supplied to WWFC is 100% generated from renewable schemes as accredited by OFGEM and as such, market-based Scope 2 emissions are reported as zero.

WWFC has voluntarily reported on Scope 3 emissions, including water, fan travel, business travel and team travel. Scope 3 emissions are an indirect consequence of an organisation's actions. Scope 3 emissions are highly material and therefore an important part of WWFC's environmental sustainability strategy.

**Energy efficiency**

WWFC has been undertaking a significant energy efficiency programme over the last 5 years. The organisation has worked with Hospitality Energy Saving to establish a formal energy reduction strategy for the business. This strategy has led to the implementation of a comprehensive metering system that tracks energy usage across each area of its buildings. This has enabled BMS systems to be optimised and unnecessary consumption to be eliminated during quieter operational periods. LED lighting and energy efficient boilers have been introduced together with Energy Champions that help control energy usage in each area of the business.

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**DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)  
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In the organisation's financial year, energy efficiency actions included ongoing LED lighting upgrades, and ongoing post-event site inspections to ensure event related equipment is shut down. Water efficiency measures included the introduction of half hourly metering, and installing water displacement systems in large toilet cisterns.

**Environmental sustainability strategy**

WWF has joined in partnership with the environmental football non-profit, Football For Future. The partnership will help fulfil the club's ambition to become industry leaders in environmental sustainability, and Football For Future's mission to build a more environmentally sustainable culture in football.

The partnership includes:

- Development of a club-wide environmental sustainability strategy, underpinned by departmental action plans and including a headline club commitment to environmental sustainability.
- Staff workshops, covering the interrelationship between football and climate change, and the club's role mobilising in response to climate change.
- A comprehensive review of the club's environmental footprint and current performance.
- A public launch, engaging Wolves fans in the climate conversation.

**Disclosure of information to auditor**

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

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

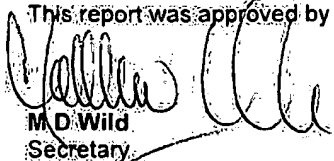
**Post balance sheet events**

Details of post-year end trading are set out in note 27 to the financial statements.

**Auditor**

The auditor, Crowe U.K. LLP, will be proposed for reappointment in accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

  
M.D. Wild  
Secretary

Date:

01/02/2023

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**DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2022**

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

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'. Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies for the Company's financial statements and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS  
FOOTBALL CLUB (1986) LIMITED**

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**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Wolverhampton Wanderers Football Club (1986) Limited (the 'Company') for the year ended 31 May 2022, which comprise the Balance sheet, the Statement of changes in equity and the related notes, 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 Company's affairs as at 31 May 2022 and of its loss 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 Companies Act 2006.

**Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities 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 United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS  
FOOTBALL CLUB (1986) LIMITED (CONTINUED)**

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**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. 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.

**Opinion 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.

**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 Strategic report or the Directors' report.

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

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

**Responsibilities of directors**

As explained more fully in the Directors' responsibilities statement set out on page 10, 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.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS  
FOOTBALL CLUB (1986) LIMITED (CONTINUED)**

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**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, 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 obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks within which the company operates, focusing on those laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The laws and regulations we considered in this context were the Companies Act 2006. We assessed the required compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our audit procedures on the related financial statement items.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which might be fundamental to the company's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty. We also considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the company for fraud. The laws and regulations we considered in this context for the UK operations were General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), Anti-fraud, bribery and corruption legislation, Environmental protection legislation, Health and safety legislation, Taxation legislation and Employment legislation.

Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the Directors and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

We identified the greatest risk of material impact on the financial statements from irregularities, including fraud, to be within the valuation of player registrations and the override of controls by management.

Our audit procedures to respond to these risks included enquiries of management about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, sample testing on the posting of journals, reviewing accounting estimates for biases, reviewing regulatory correspondence, and reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

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.



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**WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS FOOTBALL CLUB (1986) LIMITED**

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS  
FOOTBALL CLUB (1986) LIMITED (CONTINUED)**

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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.

*Crowe UK LLP*

Mark Evans (Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of

**Crowe U.K. LLP**

Statutory Auditor

Black Country House

Rounds Green Road

Oldbury

West Midlands

B69 2DG

Date: *31/12/22*

**WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS FOOTBALL CLUB (1986) LIMITED**

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT  
AS AT 31 MAY 2022**

	Note	Operations (excluding player amortisation & trading) £'000	Player amortisation & trading £'000	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Turnover	4	165,659	-	165,659	194,096
Operating expenses		(155,750)	(65,119)	(220,869)	(228,374)
Other operating income	5	<u>2,741</u>	-	<u>2,741</u>	-
<b>Operating (loss)/profit</b>		<b>12,650</b>	<b>(65,119)</b>	<b>(52,469)</b>	<b>(34,278)</b>
Profit on disposal of player registrations		-	<u>14,977</u>	<u>14,977</u>	<u>60,760</u>
<b>(Loss)/profit before net financing</b>		<b><u>12,650</u></b>	<b><u>(50,142)</u></b>	<b>(37,492)</b>	<b>26,482</b>
Interest receivable and similar income				30	-
Interest payable and similar charges	10			<u>(5,627)</u>	<u>(5,372)</u>
<b>(Loss)/profit before taxation</b>				<b>(43,089)</b>	<b>21,110</b>
Tax on (loss)/profit	11			-	-
<b>(Loss)/profit for the financial year</b>				<b><u>(43,089)</u></b>	<b><u>21,110</u></b>

The notes on pages 18 to 34 form part of these financial statements.

Player trading consists primarily of amortisation costs of acquiring player registrations, impairment charges and profit on disposal of player registrations.

All results derive from continuing operations.

There are no recognised gains and losses other than those included in the results above. Accordingly, no separate consolidated statement of comprehensive income has been prepared.

**WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS FOOTBALL CLUB (1986) LIMITED**  
**REGISTERED NUMBER: 01989823**

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 MAY 2022**

	Note	2022 £000	2022 £000	2021 £000	2021 £000
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Intangible assets	12		123,926		163,008
Tangible assets	13		6,428		6,827
			<u>130,354</u>		<u>169,835</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stocks	14	684		807	
Debtors (£83,280,000 due in more than 1 year, 2021 : £92,032,000)	15	124,248		130,817	
Cash at bank and in hand		31,404		35,547	
			<u>156,336</u>	<u>167,171</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(282,848)		(276,804)	
<b>Net current liabilities</b>			<u>(126,512)</u>		<u>(109,633)</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>3,842</u>		<u>60,202</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	17		(95,547)		(102,643)
<b>Provisions for liabilities</b>					
Other provisions	20		(7,678)		(13,853)
<b>Net liabilities</b>			<u>(99,383)</u>		<u>(56,294)</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>					
Called up share capital	21		3,000		3,000
Other reserves	22		26,830		26,830
Profit and loss account	22		(129,213)		(86,124)
			<u>(99,383)</u>		<u>(56,294)</u>

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

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 Director

Date: 01/02/2023



The notes on pages 18 to 34 form part of these financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2022**

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	<b>Called up share capital</b>	<b>Other reserves</b>	<b>Profit and loss account</b>	<b>Total equity</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
<b>At 1 June 2020</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>26,830</b>	<b>(107,234)</b>	<b>(77,404)</b>
Profit for the year	-	-	21,110	21,110
<b>At 1 June 2021</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>26,830</b>	<b>(86,124)</b>	<b>(56,294)</b>
Loss for the year	-	-	(43,089)	(43,089)
<b>At 31 May 2022</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>26,830</b>	<b>(129,213)</b>	<b>(99,383)</b>

The notes on pages 18 to 34 form part of these financial statements.

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**WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS FOOTBALL CLUB (1986) LIMITED**

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**1. General information**

Wolverhampton Wanderers Football Club (1986) Limited is a private company (limited by shares) incorporated and registered in England and Wales, registration number 01989823. The registered office and principal trading address is Molineux Stadium, Waterloo Road, Wolverhampton, West Midlands, WV1 4QR.

The principal activity of the company during the year was that of a professional football club.

**2. Accounting policies**

**2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements**

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

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

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

**2.2 Financial Reporting Standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions**

The Company has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by the FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland":

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows;
- the requirements of Section 3 Financial Statement Presentation paragraph 3.17(d);
- the requirements of Section 11 Financial Instruments paragraphs 11.42, 11.44 to 11.45, 11.47, 11.48(a)(iii), 11.48(a)(iv), 11.48(b) and 11.48(c);
- the requirements of Section 12 Other Financial Instruments paragraphs 12.26 to 12.27, 12.29(a), 12.29(b) and 12.29A;
- the requirements of Section 33 Related Party Disclosures paragraph 33.7.

This information is included in the consolidated financial statements of W.W. (1990) Limited as at 31 May 2022 and these financial statements may be obtained from Companies House.

**2.3 Going concern**

In assessing the appropriateness of the going concern assumption, the directors have produced a detailed cash flow forecast which extends to the end of the 2023/2024 football season. The forecasts are dependent on Fosun International Limited's continued support, Fosun International Limited has indicated its intention to continue to make available such funds as are needed by the Club.

The directors have concluded, after reviewing the work performed and detailed above, that they can adopt the going concern basis in preparing these financial statements.

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2022

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#### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

##### 2.4 Turnover

Turnover represents League distributions, gate receipts, sponsorship, advertising and other income associated with the principal activity of running a professional football club and excludes value added tax. Turnover is recognised when the provision of each service is complete. All turnover is derived from activities in the UK. The fixed element of League distributions and broadcasting revenues are recognised over the duration of the football season whilst facility fees for live coverage or highlights are recognised when the match is played and broadcasted.

##### 2.5 Deferred income

Revenues received in advance relate primarily to the rebate due to broadcasters following the disruption to the 2019/20 season. This is due to be repaid in the 2021/22 and 2022/23 seasons.

##### 2.6 Operating leases

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

##### 2.7 Leased assets

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible fixed assets. Assets acquired by finance lease are depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Assets acquired by hire purchase are depreciated over their useful lives. Finance leases are those where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership are assumed by the company. Obligations under such agreements are included in creditors net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to profit or loss so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge on the net obligation outstanding in each period.

##### 2.8 Interest income and interest payable

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

##### 2.9 Pensions

A defined contribution plan is a post-employment benefit plan under which the company pays fixed contributions into a separate entity and will have no legal or constructive obligation to pay further amounts. Obligations for contributions to defined contribution pension plans are recognised as an expenses in the profit and loss account in the periods during which services are rendered by employees. Differences between contributions payable in the year and contributions paid are shown as either accruals or prepayments in the balance sheet.

##### 2.10 Intangible assets

The costs associated with the acquisition of players' registrations, less financing element for instalments deferred beyond normal credit terms, are capitalised as intangible fixed assets. These costs are fully amortised on a straight-line basis over the period of the respective players' contracts. Provision for impairment is made when it becomes apparent that any diminution in value is permanent, because of an adverse event. In the event of an initial contract being renegotiated prior to expiry, the remaining net book value is amortised over the extended period.

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**2. Accounting policies (continued)**

**2.11 Signing-on fees**

Signing-on fees payable to players are charged, as part of operating expenses, to the profit and loss account over the period of the player's contract on a straight-line basis. Where a player's registration is transferred, any signing-on fees payable in respect of future periods are charged immediately as payroll costs.

**2.12 Contingent appearance fees**

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 appearances or on the occurrence of certain other specified future events. Where the directors consider the likelihood of a player meeting future performance and appearance criteria laid down in the transfer agreement of that player to be probable, provision for this cost is made. If the likelihood of meeting these criteria is not probable no provision is made (see note 20).

**2.13 Tangible fixed assets**

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

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

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Plant and equipment	- 10-20%
Motor vehicles	- 20%
Fixtures and fittings	- 12.5%

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

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

**2.14 Impairment of fixed assets and goodwill**

Assets that are subject to depreciation or amortisation are assessed at each balance sheet date to determine whether there is any indication that the assets are impaired. Where there is any indication that an asset may be impaired, the carrying value of the asset is tested for impairment. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use

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**2. Accounting policies (continued)**

**2.15 Stocks**

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value, being the estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost is based on the cost of purchase on a first in, first out basis.

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

**2.16 Financial instruments**

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

Debt instruments (other than those wholly repayable or receivable within one year), including loans and other accounts receivable and payable, are initially measured at present value of the future cash flows and subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Debt instruments that are payable or receivable within one year, typically trade debtors and creditors, are measured, initially and subsequently, at the undiscounted amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received. However, if the arrangements of a short-term instrument constitute a financing transaction, like the payment of a trade debt deferred beyond normal business terms or in case of an out-right short-term loan that is not at market rate, the financial asset or liability is measured, initially at the present value of future cash flows discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument and subsequently at amortised cost.

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

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

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

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

Derivatives, including interest rate swaps and forward foreign exchange contracts, are not basic financial instruments. Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value on the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently re-measured at their fair value. Changes in the fair value of derivatives are recognised in profit or loss in finance costs or income as appropriate. The company does not currently apply hedge accounting for interest rate and foreign exchange derivatives.



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**2. Accounting policies (continued)**

**2.17 Foreign currencies**

The individual financial statements of the company are presented in pound sterling as it is the primary economic environment in which the company operates.

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate of exchange at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are reported at the rates of exchange prevailing at that date. Foreign exchange differences arising in translation are recognised in the profit and loss account.

**2.18 Provisions for liabilities**

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

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

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

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

In the application of the group's accounting policies, which are described in note 2, the directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based in historical experience and other factors that are relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised.

**Critical judgements in applying the group's accounting policies**

The following are the critical judgements, apart from those involving estimation (which are dealt with separately below), that the directors have made in the process of applying the company's accounting policies and that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

***Valuation of player registrations***

The net book value of player registrations includes the directors' judgement of the recoverable value, and the existence of any indicators of impairment, particularly for players who are not involved in the first team affairs or are in their development phase. Where in the opinion of the directors the recoverable value of a player registration is less than the net book value, an impairment adjustment is made.

**Key sources of estimation uncertainty**

The key sources of estimation uncertainty at the balance sheet date, which have a risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year, are discussed below.

***Fair value of contingent transfer provision***

The fair value of contingent appearance provision requires an estimate of when the criteria will be achieved and as such when the contingent sums will be due for payment, to determine the present value. The company have based their assessment on an individual player by player basis, considering their involvement in match day competitive fixtures. Such estimates are subject to change, because of injuries or changes to first team management.

***Fair value of settlement provision***

The fair value of settlement provisions requires an estimate of when the criteria will be achieved and as such when the contingent sums will be due for payment, to determine the present value. The company have based their assessment on circumstances known to date which are subject to change.

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**4. Turnover**

An analysis of turnover by class of business is as follows:

	2022 £000	2021 £000
Gate receipts	13,264	144
Sponsorship and advertising	13,097	15,493
Broadcasting rights	14,385	27,706
Commercial	12,810	7,832
League distributions	110,441	141,645
Other turnover	1,662	1,276
	<u>165,659</u>	<u>194,096</u>

All turnover arose within the United Kingdom.

**5. Other operating income**

	2022 £000	2021 £000
Other operating income	<u>2,741</u>	<u>-</u>

Other income relates to a Business Interruption Insurance claim in relation to profits lost as a result of COVID-19 impact on matchday hospitality and an interim insurance receipt in relation to damaged cause by the fire at Molineux January 2022.

**6. Operating (loss)/profit**

The operating (loss)/profit is stated after charging:

	2022 £000	2021 £000
Depreciation of assets	1,479	1,460
Amortisation of player's registrations	60,901	62,140
Amortisation of other intangible assets	60	41
Provision for impairment of intangible assets	4,218	9,449
Profit on disposal of player registration	(14,977)	(60,760)
Operating lease rentals	<u>332</u>	<u>355</u>

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**7. Auditor's remuneration**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
Fees payable to the Company's auditor for the audit of the Company's annual financial statements	<u>38</u>	<u>38</u>

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption not to disclose amounts paid for non audit services as these are disclosed in the group accounts of the parent Company.

**8. Employees**

Staff costs, including directors' remuneration, were as follows:

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
Wages and salaries	<b>104,159</b>	<b>122,614</b>
Social security costs	<b>15,750</b>	<b>15,982</b>
Pension	<b>307</b>	<b>180</b>
	<u><b>120,216</b></u>	<u><b>138,776</b></u>

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

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>No.</b>	<b>No.</b>
Playing staff	<b>86</b>	<b>80</b>
Non-playing staff	<b>338</b>	<b>299</b>
	<u><b>424</b></u>	<u><b>379</b></u>

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**9. Directors' remuneration**

The directors receive the below emoluments paid by Wolverhampton Wanderers FC (1986) Limited, but it is not practical to allocate this between their services as executives of W.W. (1990) Limited and their services as directors of Wolverhampton Wanderers FC (1986) Limited and Wolverhampton Wanderers Properties Limited.

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
Directors' emoluments	<b>612</b>	<b>400</b>

The highest paid director received remuneration of £612,000 (2021 - £400,000).

The value of the Company's contributions paid to a defined contribution pension scheme in respect of the highest paid director amounted to £NIL (2021 - £NIL).

The directors do not consider there to be any key management personnel other than the directors (2021 - same).

**10. Interest payable and similar expenses**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
Bank interest payable	<b>5,627</b>	<b>5,370</b>
Other interest payable	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>
	<b>5,627</b>	<b>5,372</b>

**11. Taxation**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
<b>Total current tax</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total deferred tax</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Taxation on profit on ordinary activities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

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**11. Taxation (continued)**

**Factors affecting tax charge for the year**

The tax assessed for the year is higher than (2021 - lower than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2021 - 19%). The differences are explained below:

	2022 £000	2021 £000
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before tax	<u>(39,550)</u>	<u>21,110</u>
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2021 - 19%)	(7,514)	4,011
<b>Effects of:</b>		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes, other than goodwill amortisation and impairment	32	16
Capital allowances for year in excess of depreciation	(38)	13
Other permanent differences	8	2
Adjustments to tax charge in respect of prior periods	-	90
Remeasurement of deferred tax for changes in tax rates	(2,504)	(5,072)
Deferred tax not recognised	10,431	1,213
Effect of change in tax rate	-	(3)
Transfer pricing adjustments	(415)	(270)
<b>Total tax charge for the year</b>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>

**Factors that may affect future tax charges**

The company has tax losses to carry forward of £130,118,000 (2021: £95,597,000).

The potential deferred tax asset of £31,406,000 (2021: £20,974,000), which arises largely due in respect of losses carried forward has not been recognised as it is not anticipated that there will be sufficient taxable profits generated in the future against which the losses may be offset.

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**12. Intangible assets**

	Players' registrations £000	Development costs £000	Licences £000	Total £000
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 June 2021	307,029	236	14	307,279
Additions	31,132	57	-	31,189
Disposals	(22,004)	-	-	(22,004)
At 31 May 2022	<u>316,157</u>	<u>293</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>316,464</u>
<b>Amortisation</b>				
At 1 June 2021	144,206	62	3	144,271
Charge for the year on owned assets	60,901	58	2	60,961
On disposals	(16,912)	-	-	(16,912)
Impairment charge	4,218	-	-	4,218
At 31 May 2022	<u>192,413</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>192,538</u>
<b>Net book value</b>				
At 31 May 2022	<u>123,744</u>	<u>173</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>123,926</u>
At 31 May 2021	<u>162,823</u>	<u>174</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>163,008</u>

An impairment of players' registrations has been recognised to write down a players net book value to their recoverable amount.

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**13. Tangible fixed assets**

	Motor vehicles £000	Fixtures and fittings £000	Plant and equipment £000	Total £000
<b>Cost or valuation</b>				
At 1 June 2021	85	9,005	10,912	20,002
Additions	-	482	598	1,080
At 31 May 2022	<u>85</u>	<u>9,487</u>	<u>11,510</u>	<u>21,082</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 June 2021	85	5,958	7,132	13,175
Charge for the year on owned assets	-	648	831	1,479
At 31 May 2022	<u>85</u>	<u>6,606</u>	<u>7,963</u>	<u>14,654</u>
<b>Net book value</b>				
At 31 May 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>2,881</u>	<u>3,547</u>	<u>6,428</u>
At 31 May 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>3,047</u>	<u>3,780</u>	<u>6,827</u>

The net book value of assets held under finance leases or hire purchase contracts, included above, are as follows:

	2022 £000	2021 £000
Plant and equipment	<u>241</u>	<u>269</u>

**14. Stocks**

	2022 £000	2021 £000
Finished goods and goods for resale	<u>684</u>	<u>807</u>

An impairment of £244,705 (2021:£340,393) has been recognised on the value of stock.



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**15. Debtors**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
Trade debtors	<b>5,685</b>	<b>3,069</b>
Amounts owed by group undertakings	<b>59,992</b>	<b>57,540</b>
Other debtors	<b>53,448</b>	<b>66,070</b>
Prepayments and accrued income	<b>5,123</b>	<b>4,138</b>
	<b>124,248</b>	<b>130,817</b>

All debtors are due within one year, other than amounts due from group undertakings and other debtors totalling £23,287,758 (2021 : £29,013,000) relating to transfer of player registrations.

Debtors relating to player trading of £47,492,350 (2021 : £63,681,000) are included in other debtors.

**16. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
Bank loans	<b>34,771</b>	<b>41</b>
Trade creditors	<b>447</b>	<b>867</b>
Amounts owed to group undertakings	<b>172,438</b>	<b>159,031</b>
Other taxation and social security	<b>10,107</b>	<b>19,547</b>
Obligations under finance lease and hire purchase contracts	<b>109</b>	<b>55</b>
Other creditors, accruals and deferred income	<b>64,976</b>	<b>97,263</b>
	<b>282,848</b>	<b>276,804</b>

The amounts due on finance leases are secured on the assets to which they relate. The finance leases are in relation to lighting equipment.

Amounts payable in respect of player trading of £29,359,779 (2021: £68,871,000) are included within other creditors.

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**17. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
Bank loans	<b>69,759</b>	<b>60,444</b>
Net obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts	<b>-</b>	<b>111</b>
Other creditors	<b>25,788</b>	<b>42,088</b>
	<b>95,547</b>	<b>102,643</b>

Amounts payable in respect of player trading of £25,782,758 (2021: £42,088,000) are included within other creditors.

**18. Loans**

Analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
<b>Amounts falling due within one year</b>		
Bank loans	<b>34,771</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Amounts falling due 2-5 years</b>		
Bank loans	<b>69,759</b>	<b>60,444</b>
	<b>104,530</b>	<b>60,485</b>

The bank loan is repayable over a three year term and carries interest at 7.185% (2021: 7.185%) per annum. The loan is secured on the future Premier League broadcast revenue.

**19. Hire purchase and finance leases**

Minimum lease payments under hire purchase fall due as follows:

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
Within one year	<b>109</b>	<b>55</b>
Between 1-5 years	<b>-</b>	<b>111</b>
	<b>109</b>	<b>166</b>

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**20. Provisions**

	Contingent appearance fees £000	Settlement provision £000	Onerous contract provision £000	Total £000
At 1 June 2021	84	7,238	6,531	13,853
Created in the year	-	-	5,943	5,943
Utilised in year	-	(7,238)	(4,880)	(12,118)
<b>At 31 May 2022</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,594</b>	<b>7,678</b>

**21. Share capital**

	2022 £000	2021 £000
<b>Allotted, called up and fully paid</b>		
3,000,000 (2021 - 3,000,000) Ordinary shares of £1.00 each	3,000	3,000

**22. Reserves**

**Capital contribution reserve**

Relates to amounts contributed to the company by their parent undertakings with no attached encumbrances.

**Profit and loss account**

Relates to accumulated profits and losses through day to day operation of trading.

**23. Contingent liabilities**

At 31 May 2022 the Company had a liability to pay up to £34,154,000 (2021: £27,463,000) to other clubs in respect of players under contract, contingent upon the occurrence of a number of factors but principally future first team and international appearances and on field playing success.

The Company also had a liability of £11,511,000 (2021: £10,334,000) contingent upon future contractual loyalty fees for playing staff.

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**24. Pension commitments**

Certain employees of the company are members of either the Football League Limited Retirement Income Scheme, a defined contribution scheme, or the Football League Limited Pension and Life Assurance Scheme ("the scheme"), a defined benefit scheme. The Scheme is a funded multi-employer defined benefit scheme, and as one of a number of participating employers, the Company is advised only of its share of the deficit in the Scheme. The last actuarial valuation carried out at 31 August 2020 highlighted that the Company's notional share of the deficit. The present value of the Company's outstanding contributions rolled forward to 31 May 2022 based on the same assumptions, is £95,000 (£73,000 as at 31 May 2021).

Total costs relating to the defined contribution schemes in the year are £307,000 (2021: £180,000) and at the year end there were outstanding contributions of £61,000 (2021: £56,000).

**25. Commitments under operating leases**

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

	2022 £000	2021 £000
Not later than 1 year	14	4
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	448	61
	<u>462</u>	<u>65</u>

**26. Related party transactions**

The company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of W.W. (1990) Limited and has taken advantage of the exemption conferred by Section 33.1A of FRS 102 "Related Party Disclosures" not to disclose transactions with W.W. (1990) Limited or other wholly-owned subsidiaries within the Group.

**27. Post balance sheet events**

Since the end of the financial period, the club has contracted for the purchase and sale of various players. The net amount payable resulting from this activity is £121,109,000 (2021: £4,877,000). This activity will be accounted for in the year ending 31 May 2022.

The cumulative effect on the Profit and Loss account since the period end in relation to the profit on sales of player registrations is £36,163,000 (2021: £14,138,000).

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**28. Parent undertaking**

The ultimate holding company is Fosun International Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands whose address is Akara Building, 24 De Castr Street, Wickhams Clay I, Road Town, VG1110, British Virgin Islands. The immediate parent undertaking is W.W. (1990) Limited, a company registered in England and Wales whose registered office is Molineux Stadium, Waterloo Road, Wolverhampton, WV1 4QR.

The smallest group in which the results of the company are consolidated is that headed by W.W. (1990) Limited. Copies of these financial statement can be obtained from Companies House.

The largest group of which the company is a member and for which group financial statements are prepared is that headed by Fosun International Limited. The latest submitted financial report for the interim period can be obtained on Fosun's website, [www.fosun.com](http://www.fosun.com)