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Chase Community Solar Limited

Report and Accounts

31 December 2017

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Chase Community Solar Limited
Society Information

Directors at Balance Sheet date
Michael Kinghan
David James Crosby
Douglas Alan Haigh
Garry Jones
Richard William Masterson Baines
Robert Frederick Powell
Catherine Helen Sadler
Andrea Jane Simpson
Robin Geoffrey Taylor
Paul Edward Woodhead

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3, Burns Close
Lichfield
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Directors' Report

The directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2017.

Principal activities
The society's principal activity throughout the year was the management of 314 arrays of solar photovoltaic panels as installed in 2015 on bungalow roofs leased for a term of 20 years from Cannock Chase Council or any subsequent assignees.

Directors
The following persons served as directors during the year:

Michael Kinghan (Chairman)
Peter David Arnold (Retired 26/10/17)
John Vincent Coombes (Retired 08/06/17)
David James Crosby (Appointed 08/06/17)
Douglas Alan Haigh
Garry Jones
Richard William Masterson Baines (Appointed 07/07/17)
Robert Frederick Powell
Catherine Helen Sadler
Andrea Jane Simpson
Robin Geoffrey Taylor
Anthony Walters (Retired 29/06/17)
Paul Edward Woodhead

Directors' responsibilities
The directors are responsible for preparing the report and accounts in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The law governing Registered Societies requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the society as at the balance sheet date and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended. In preparing these accounts, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper books of account such as are necessary to give a true and fair view of the society's state of affairs and to explain its financial transactions.The directors must also establish and maintain a satisfactory system of control of its books of account, its cash holdings and all its receipts and remittances, and hence are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Reporting Criteria
This report has been prepared in accordance with the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014.

This report was approved by the board on 7th June 2018 and signed on its behalf.

A J Simpson
Director's signature

ANDREA SIMPSON.
Director's name

Independent reporting accountant's report to the Directors on the unaudited accounts of Chase Community Solar Limited

We report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2017 set out on pages 4 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of the committee of management and the independent reporting accountant

The society's committee of management is responsible for the preparation of the accounts, and they consider that the society is exempt from an audit. It is our responsibility to carry out procedures designed to enable us to report our opinion.

Basis of opinion

Our procedures consisted of comparing the accounts with the books of account kept by the society and making such limited enquiries of the officers of the society as we considered necessary for the purpose of this report. These procedures provide the only assurance expressed in our opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion:

- the revenue account and balance sheet for year ended 31 December 2017 are in agreement with the books of account kept by the society under section 75 of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014;

- having regard only to, and on the basis of the information contained in the books of account, the revenue account and balance sheet for the year ended 31 December 2017 comply with the requirements of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014; and

- the society met the financial criteria enabling it to disapply the requirement to have an audit of the accounts for the year specified in section 84 of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014.

Third Sector Accountancy Limited

Third Sector Accountancy Limited
Reporting Accountants
Statutory Auditor
Holyoake House
Hanover Street
Manchester M60 0AS

Date 18th June 2018

Chase Community Solar Limited
Revenue Account
for the year ended 31 December 2017

	Notes	2017 £	2016 £
Turnover		105,905	116,167
Cost of sales		(68,620)	(71,695)
Gross profit		37,285	44,472
Operating expenses		(5,107)	(6,317)
Other operating income		100	1,570
Operating surplus	2	32,278	39,725
Interest receivable		-	73
Interest payable	3	(32,278)	(39,798)
Surplus before taxation		-	-
Tax on surplus		-	-
Surplus for the financial year		-	-

Chase Community Solar Limited
Balance Sheet
as at 31 December 2017

	Notes		2017 £		2016 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	4		859,029		907,967
Current assets					
Debtors	5	22,885		29,383	
Cash at bank and in hand		30,170		51,965	
		53,055		81,348	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	(70,870)		(108,683)	
Net current liabilities			(17,815)		(27,335)
Total assets less current liabilities			841,214		880,632
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	7		(58,764)		(97,682)
Net assets			782,450		782,950
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital			782,450		782,950
Retained surplus/(accumulated deficit)			-		-
Shareholders' funds			782,450		782,950

The directors are satisfied that the Society is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 84 of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014.

The members have not required the Society to obtain an audit in accordance with the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014.

Approved by the board on 7th June 2018.

Director's signature	Director's signature	Secretary's signature
CATHERINE SADLER	RICHARD BAINGS	ANDREA SIMPSON.
Director's name	Director's name	Secretary's name

Chase Community Solar Limited
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2017

1 **Accounting policies**

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below. These have remained unchanged from the previous year and have been consistently applied within the accounts.

General information

Chase Community Solar Limited is a registered society incorporated in England within the United Kingdom. The address of the registered office is given on Page 1 of these financial statements. Chase Community Solar Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102.

Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared under FRS 102 Section1A - small entities and there were no material departures from that standard. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Turnover

Turnover represents Feed in Tariff and other electricity generating income, net of value added tax where applicable, derived from the generation of electricity from solar panel installations.

Depreciation

Depreciation of the solar panel installations has been provided at 5% straight line in order to write off the assets over their 20 year economic life.

Interest on loan commitments

Interest is calculated on the loan balance outstanding at the end of each calendar month and is expensed to the Revenue Account as calculated to reflect the reducing capital balance over the term of the loan.

2 **Operating Surplus**

	2017	2016
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	48,938	49,316
	48,938	49,316

3 Interest Payable

	2017 £	2016 £
Interest payable loans	6,597	12,349
Members' share interest	25,681	27,449
	32,278	39,798

Members' shares attract a payment of interest annually in arrears. Interest rates will vary according to the society's financial performance and the rate of interest and payment date is agreed each year at the annual general meeting.

4 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and machinery etc £
Cost	
At 1 January 2017	978,759
At 31 December 2017	978,759
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2017	70,792
Charge for the year	48,938
At 31 December 2017	119,730
Net book value	
At 31 December 2017	859,029
At 31 December 2016	907,967

5 Debtors

	2017 £	2016 £
Accrued income	17,208	22,951
Prepaid expenses	5,677	6,432
	22,885	29,383

6 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2017 £	2016 £
'Pure Leapfrog' loan	42,865	40,762
Trade creditors	500	600
Accruals	424	37,486
Other taxes and social security costs	683	1,782
Other creditors	26,398	28,053
	70,870	108,683

7 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	2017 £	2016 £
'Pure Leapfrog' loan	58,764	97,682

The Society originally entered into a 78 month term loan agreement with Pure Leapfrog, to the value of £250,000 at an interest rate of 5.5% in August 2015. During 2016 a repayment of £80,000 was made in addition to the contracted regular monthly payments, so reducing the term to 51 months. The loan is due to be fully repaid with interest by April 2020. Pure Leapfrog is a UK based registered charity (no 1112249) with the specific objective of supporting community ownership of renewable energy assets, which reduce carbon emissions to combat climate change, while making a social impact through the economic benefits from such assets. The fund supports high quality carbon reduction projects in the UK that are community-owned and generate significant community benefit. The Pure Leapfrog Loan is secured on the fixed assets of the society. The total secured as at 31 December 2017 is £101,629.

8 Related party transactions

i) The society has a related party relationship with Southern Staffordshire Community Energy Limited, (SSCE), a registered society, having the following directors/key management in common:

Michael Kinghan
Peter David Arnold
Robert Frederick Powell
Catherine Helen Sadler
Andrea Jane Simpson
Robin Geoffrey Taylor

The Directors of SSCE provided services relating to feasibility work and development studies covering the period prior to the set up of Chase Community Solar Limited (CCS) as a Community Benefit Society. The basis of the calculation of the fee was set out in the Share Offer Document for CCS and is based on the unspent proportion of an 8% contingency sum which was built into the financial projections for CCS. After the contingencies relating to installation costs were deducted, this amounted to 2.87% of the capital costs, or a sum of £23,864.

	2017	2016
	£	£
Transaction values in each year (excluding VAT)	-	23,664
Balance outstanding and due to the related party at year end (excl VAT)	-	23,664

ii) Mrs C H Sadler, a director and a member had the following Related Party Relationship with the society

	2017	2016
	£	£
Consultancy fees	-	1,000
Balance outstanding and due to the related party at year end (excl VAT)	-	1,000

Chase Community Solar Limited
Detailed Revenue Account
for the year ended 31 December 2017

	2017	2016
	£	£
Sales		
Feed in tariff	89,975	94,441
Electricity sales	15,930	21,726
	105,905	116,167
Cost of sales		
Metering	8,101	8,110
Maintenance	6,736	6,325
Depreciation	48,938	49,316
Insurance	4,006	6,978
VAT paid on free electricity	839	966
	68,620	71,695
Operating expenses		
Travel and meeting costs	38	304
Administrative charge	3,470	3,334
Postage	7	-
Stationery and printing	-	105
Subscriptions	654	960
Bank charges	110	125
Insurance	203	428
Sundry expenses	150	50
Accountancy fees	250	-
Advertising and PR	-	11
Other legal and professional	225	1,000
	5,107	6,317
Other operating income		
Other operating income	100	1,570