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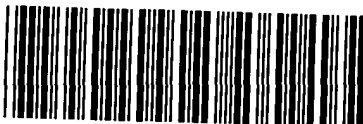
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National Rail Enquiries



Rail Settlement Plan



Rail Staff Travel

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Strategic Report

Business model and principal activities

The principal activities of the company during the year were the continued provision of a secretariat for the Association of Train Operating Companies ("Association") and its associated schemes (governance bodies which control its formal areas of activity), other related companies and structures and the discharge of the role of agent for the various contractual arrangements entered into on behalf of scheme participants. The members of the Association are the train operating companies ("TOCs").

As a supply company to the Association, the business objective is to provide cost-efficient, effective services to allow the Association to meet its member objectives:

- Maximise value to members of the business services it provides;
- Improve the business environment for TOCs;
- Act as a more powerful advocate for passenger rail, and
- Make the Association more effective and cost-efficient.

As the majority of ATOC Limited's sales are to the Association for administration, falling turnover and costs are viewed as a benefit to members, who are also the shareholders. In the current passenger rail industry structure, the Association has a pivotal role in providing both business services and a trade association role to the TOCs, particularly where TOCs need to act collectively in order to provide a consumer benefit which the government wishes to see perpetuated. The Department for Transport has provided written assurances that they have no plans at present to change this structure.

ATOC Limited has also taken on a participative role on behalf of the TOCs in two major projects led and funded by Network Rail – Global System for Mobile Communications – Railway (GSM-R) and European Rail Traffic Management System (ERTMS). It also co-ordinates pooled marketing activity for London based TOCs on a voluntary basis.

In November 2013 the company entered into arrangements with the Rail Delivery Group (RDG) to provide resources for policy, communications, management and administration. With effect from 1st April, 2014 these services have been charged directly to RDG, which by virtue of some degree of common ownership is a related party to ATOC Limited, and are disclosed in note 18.

Financial and business performance

During the year, the company made a loss before tax of £693,000 (2014: Loss £360,000) and after adjustment for tax this became a loss of £537,000 (2014: Loss £458,000). The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend in 2015 (2014: £Nil).

The costs of providing services rose in the year. Turnover rose from £24,592k to £26,684k and operating costs rose from £24,983k to £27,391k.

The company does not use a large number of key performance indicators to monitor its business as each scheme, or activity, is closely monitored by the members involved. There are three main indicators:

- Administration costs per employee (including fixed term contractors) increased by 5.2% from £13,248 in 2013/14 to £13,933 this year. This is calculated by dividing the administration cost centre by the average numbers of employees (including fixed term contractors) in the year. The administration cost centre includes accommodation, personnel, IT and general office running costs (excluding special development costs). The average staff (including fixed term contractors) increased from 153 last year to 168 this year and the running costs of administration increased from £2,027,000 to £2,340,000.

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- Staff turnover has fallen from 16% in 2013/14 to 14.6% this year. The calculation is the number of leavers divided by the average number of employees in the year.
- Scheme specific expenditure is monitored against budgets formally set within the ATOC Scheme structures. All schemes were within acceptable budget parameters.

Risk framework

The Association has an established, structured, internal risk review programme in place, which culminates in shareholders reviewing risks on a six monthly basis through the ATOC Management Board, which is part of the Association. This review includes more general passenger industry risks as well as those specific to ATOC Limited. The current main areas of risk identified to ATOC Limited include:

- **Consumer and competition law issues** - The framework for the post-privatisation passenger rail industry includes the approach that network benefits, especially inter-operable ticketing, is a benefit for the country. Consequently one of the Association's key roles is to manage this framework and to ensure that members, i.e. the TOCs, comply with and use the framework in an acceptable manner. Many pressure groups now promote potential problems with consumer issues and railways, particularly punctuality, fares, ticketing and information provision. The threat of a challenge for breach of competition or consumer law has therefore increased. Although the company and the Association take every precaution to ensure that this is avoided, in the current climate a challenge of some kind is quite possible.
- **Failure of a major contractor and general contract risks** – the majority of ATOC Limited's processes are outsourced. Consequently there is the risk of a major contractor failing, but to mitigate this, contract procurement follows European Union best practice guidelines and processes and every major contractor is assessed and regularly monitored. To avoid contractual arrangements that do not adequately protect the company, the in house legal team also ensure that all contracts are properly vetted and reviewed.
- **Policy work and stakeholder management** – the Association's reputation could suffer and its ability to influence stakeholders could diminish if the Association's lobbying, response to government consultations or ability to react to European issues is not adequate. This would then impact ATOC Limited.

Going concern

The impact on the ATOC Limited Section of the Railway Pensions Scheme ("RPS") from the poorer investment returns and of improving mortality assumptions has been significant. The triennial valuation of the Scheme as at 31 December 2013 was published showing that the ATOC Limited Section of the RPS was underfunded. A deficit recovery plan has been submitted by the employer to the trustees for approval. Note 18 Subsequent event explains this in further detail. Note 14 explains the pension position following the revaluation.

Although the company has net assets before pension liabilities of £1,000,000 (2014: £897,000), the impact of the net pension deficit results in net liabilities of £12,439,000 (2014: a liability of £9,103,000). Through the mechanism of the Association Schemes, the members are obliged to fund all liabilities in the Association and its companies and if a pension deficit arises, it will be covered by increased employer and employee contributions, through a plan agreed with the Pension Trustees. Accordingly, the financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis as the company's management believes that it will be able to meet all its liabilities as they fall due for payment. The Association budget process requires a majority of TOCs to approve the annual budget. The budget has been approved for the next financial year.

All costs incurred in the operation of the company are recoverable from the TOCs under the condition of the Ticketing and Settlement Scheme Council (TSSC) and ultimately the Department for Transport stands behind the structure of the rail industry

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The pension deficit this year has largely increased as a consequence of assumption changes which from year to year is generally caused by changes in market conditions. Overall expected yields on assets held have increased slightly over the previous year, this benefit has been largely eliminated because of an assumed increase in future costs which have been capitalised as part of its scheme liabilities.

In total the assumption increases the value of net liabilities by about £4,300,000 (2014: increase in net liabilities £600,000).

By order of the board



C J Yelland
Secretary

200 Aldersgate Street
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Approved by the directors on 13 July 2015.

Directors' report

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2015.

Governance

The members of the ATOC Limited board are appointed by the Association of Train Operating Companies' Council. Each member of the council is obliged to take a share in ATOC Limited. The articles of ATOC Limited restrict the shareholding of the company to the full membership of the Association only.

The board does not meet regularly and has delegated the management of risks and appointment of directors to the four weekly meetings of the Association Council and Management Board.

Directors and directors' interests

Michael Roberts is the Chief Executive Officer. The other directors hold a non-executive status.

The directors who held office were as follows:

V Barker
D D G Booth
D A Brown
M A Roberts (Chief Executive Officer)

None of the directors who held office at the end of the financial period had any interest in the shares of the company. No director had a material interest in any contract with the company.

According to the register of directors' interests, no rights to subscribe for shares in or debentures of the company were granted to any of the directors or their immediate families, or exercised by them, during the financial period.

Standing Committees

There are two standing committees. The first is the Audit Committee, which is treated as a full meeting of the board, led by the company Chairman. The second is the Remuneration Committee, which is led by David Brown and has all non-executive directors as members.

Employees

Details of the numbers of employees and related costs can be found in note 4 to the financial statements.

Related parties

As well as providing support activities for the Association, ATOC Limited also provides administration and personnel support to a number of related parties, including Rail Settlement Plan Limited ("RSP"), Rail Staff Travel Limited ("RST"), NRES Limited and Train Information Services Limited ("TISL"). These companies all have similar shareholders, the franchised TOCs, and all support different activities of the Association.

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Directors' report (continued)

Auditors

Each of the persons who is a director at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and
- the director has taken all reasonable steps that he ought to have taken to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

This information is given in accordance with S.418 of the Companies Act 2006.

A resolution to reappoint Deloitte LLP will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting

By order of the board



C J Yelland
Secretary

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Approved by the directors on 13 July 2015.

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The directors are responsible for preparing 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 they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).

Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

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

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.

They are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ATOC LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of ATOC Limited for the year ended 31 March 2015 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and the related notes 1 to 19. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditor

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the annual report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 March 2015 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.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion 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.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where 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.



Jacqueline Holden FCA (Senior statutory auditor)
for and on behalf of Deloitte LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor
London, United Kingdom
13 July 2015

Profit and loss account
for the year ended 31 March 2015

	<i>Note</i>	2015 Total £000	2014 Total £000
Turnover		26,684	24,592
Operating expenditure		<u>(27,391)</u>	<u>(24,983)</u>
Operating loss		(707)	(391)
Interest receivable and similar income	5	24	31
Interest payable and similar charges	5	<u>(10)</u>	<u>-</u>
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	2	(693)	(360)
Taxation on profit on ordinary activities	6	<u>156</u>	<u>(98)</u>
Loss for the year		<u>(537)</u>	<u>(458)</u>

The results for the year ended 31 March 2015 are all from continuing activities.

A statement on movements in reserves is set out in note 13.

There are no differences between the amounts reported in the profit and loss account and their historical cost equivalents.

The notes on pages 14 to 32 form part of these financial statements.

Statement of total recognised gains and losses
for the year ended 31 March 2015

	Note	2015 Total £000	2014 Total £000
Loss for the year		(537)	(458)
Actuarial loss recognised in the pension scheme	14	(3,500)	(200)
Deferred tax asset arising on the above	7	700	28
Total recognised losses in the year		(3,337)	(630)

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Balance sheet

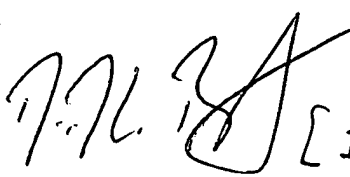
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	<i>Note</i>	2015 £000	2014 £000
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	8	1,281	1,481
Current assets			
Debtors amounts falling due in less than 1 year	9	5,650	5,760
Debtors amounts falling due in more than 1 year	9	1,133	1,336
Cash at bank and in hand		11,901	15,544
		<u>18,684</u>	<u>22,640</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(18,583)	(22,852)
		<u>101</u>	<u>(212)</u>
Net current assets/(liabilities)		1,382	1,269
Provisions for liabilities	11	(382)	(372)
		<u>1,000</u>	<u>897</u>
Net assets excluding pension liability		1,000	897
Net pension deficit	14	(13,440)	(10,000)
		<u>(12,440)</u>	<u>(9,103)</u>
Net liabilities including pension liability		(12,440)	(9,103)
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	12	-	-
Profit and loss account	13	(12,440)	(9,103)
		<u>(12,440)</u>	<u>(9,103)</u>
Equity shareholders' deficit	13	(12,440)	(9,103)
		<u>(12,440)</u>	<u>(9,103)</u>

Balance sheet (continued)

The notes on pages 14 to 32 form part of these financial statements.

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 13 July 2015 and are signed on its behalf by:

Director  [D.D.G. BOOTH]

Company Registration No. 3069033

Cash flow statement
for the year ended 31 March 2015

Reconciliation of operating profit to net cash inflow from operating activities

	2015 £000	2014 £000
Operating loss	(707)	(391)
Depreciation charges	186	538
Interest charge (non cash)	(10)	-
(Increase) / decrease in debtors	(2,191)	1,080
(Decrease) / increase in creditors	(4,206)	8,757
Movement in provisions	10	121
Movement in finance debtor	108	95
Net pension adjustment	800	400
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Net cash (outflow) / inflow from operating activities	(6,010)	10,600
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Cash flow statement (see note 16)

Net cash (outflow) / inflow from operating activities	(6,010)	10,600
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	24	31
Taxation	(131)	(236)
Capital expenditure	14	(1,670)
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Cash (outflow) / inflow before management of liquid resources and financing	(6,103)	8,725
Financing (note 16)	2,460	180
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(Decrease) / increase in cash for the period	(3,643)	8,905
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The notes on pages 14 to 32 form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Accounts

(forming part of the financial statements)

1 Statement of accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the company's financial statements.

Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards.

Going concern

The company has net current assets of £101,000 (2014: net current liabilities £212,000) and net assets less current liabilities, excluding pension liability, of £1,000,000 (2014: £897,000), the impact of the net pension liability results in net liabilities of £12,440,000, (2014: net liabilities of £9,103,000). The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis as the directors believe that the company will be able to meet all its liabilities as they fall due for payment as outlined in the directors' report.

Fixed assets and depreciation

Fixed assets are stated at cost, less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. The cost of fixed assets comprises purchase price and directly attributable costs.

Depreciation is provided on a straight line basis over periods related to the estimated useful economic lives of assets and commences from the point of entry into service. The lives used for the assets are:

Computer software 4 years
Computer hardware 5 years
Fixtures and fittings 3-20 years
Leasehold improvements 10 years

Development projects

In certain circumstances where ATOC Limited incurs development costs it considers that the contracted arrangements result in the creation of an asset.

The determination of whether such projects result in a fixed asset or a finance debtor is assessed on a project by project basis. Where ATOC Limited does not bear the risks and rewards associated with the asset as the expenditure will be recovered over a period of time from the TOCs, but retains the intellectual property associated with the asset the arrangement is treated as a finance debtor receivable. The receipts are apportioned between finance income, turnover and the reduction of the debtor so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the asset. Finance income is recognised in the profit and loss account. Where ATOC Limited retains the risks and rewards of the asset, then the item is treated as a fixed asset (see policy above).

If it is considered that the development expenditure does not create an asset for ATOC Limited, then the expenditure is charged through the profit and loss account as income from the TOCs is received reflecting the services provided by ATOC Limited during the contractual arrangement.

Leases

Operating lease rentals are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease. Benefits received and receivable as an incentive to sign an operating lease are spread on a straight-line basis over the

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lease term, except where the period to the review date on which the rent is first expected to be adjusted to the prevailing market rate is shorter than the full lease term, in which case the shorter period is used.

Dilapidations

Dilapidations in respect of occupied property are recognised when an obligation to return the premises to its' original condition exists and this obligation can be reliably measured. Where this relates to removing specific assets, this is capitalised in Tangible fixed assets and depreciated over the expected life of the lease. The provision is inflated to expected value at the date of payment and then discounted at an appropriate discount rate to present value.

Cash

ATOC Limited has a contract with the Department for Transport to help fund the provision of cycle stands and shelters at railway stations in accordance with the DfT's Cycle to Work Scheme. ATOC receives the cycle scheme grant in full and the Train Operating Companies apply for funding at different stages of when the work has been completed. The funds received by ATOC from the DfT are held in a separate bank account which is ring-fenced and not available for offset against any of the other ATOC bank accounts. The total amount of ring-fenced funds held under this scheme at 31 March 2015 is £6.8m (31 March 2014 £11.4m).

Taxation

Current tax, including UK and corporation tax and foreign tax is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

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

A net deferred tax asset is regarded as recoverable and therefore recognised only to the extent that, on the basis of all available evidence, it can be regarded as more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted.

Deferred tax is not recognised when fixed assets are revalued unless by the balance sheet date there is a binding agreement to sell the revalued assets and the gain or loss expected to arise on sale has been recognised in the financial statements. Neither is deferred tax recognised when fixed assets are sold and it is more likely than not that the taxable gain will be rolled over, being charged to tax only if and when the replacement assets are sold.

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

Turnover

Turnover is stated net of VAT. Turnover originates in the United Kingdom and all relates to continuing activities. The directors consider that the whole of the activities of the company constitute a single class of business.

In order to reduce the administration burden on the Train Operating Companies, ATOC Limited has assumed responsibility for invoicing and settlement between the Train Operating Companies in respect of a number of settlements, particularly the Corporate Police Travel, Santander Railcards and MOD HM Forces Railcard income. ATOC Limited acts solely as an agent in these processes. In these circumstances, ATOC Limited does not bear any of the benefits or risks associated with these transactions.

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Where payments are received from customers in advance of services provided, the amounts are recorded as Deferred Income and included as part of Creditors due within one year.

Turnover includes the recharge of salary and administration costs incurred by ATOC Limited on behalf of its related parties.

Pensions

The company operates a pension scheme providing benefits based on final pensionable pay. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company.

Pension scheme assets are measured using market values. Pension scheme liabilities are measured using a projected unit method and discounted at the current rate of return on a high quality corporate bond of equivalent term and currency to the liability.

The pension scheme surplus (to the extent that it is recoverable) or deficit is recognised in full. The movement in the scheme surplus/deficit is split between operating expenditure and in the statement of total recognised gains and losses, actuarial gains and losses.

2 Profit on ordinary activities before taxation

This is stated after charging:

	2015 £000	2014 £000
Depreciation		
Owned (per note 8)	186	538
Hire of plant and machinery rentals payable under operating leases	53	51
 Auditor remuneration:		
Fees payable to the auditors for the audit of the company's annual accounts	38	19
 Total audit fees	38	19
 Other services relating to taxation	5	4
All other services		
 Total non-audit fees	5	4

The audit fees above include £5k (2014: £5k) paid on behalf of the Association of Train Operating Companies

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3 Remuneration of directors

One director accrues benefits under a defined benefit pension scheme. The directors do not receive any remuneration from any related parties nor ATOC Limited in respect of their activities for the company (2014: £Nil).

4 Staff numbers and costs

The average number of persons employed by the company (including directors) during the year was 168 (2014: 153). Employee costs charged to ATOC Limited:

	2015	2014
	£000	£000
Employees costs		
Wages and salaries	11,620	10,916
Social security costs	980	983
Other pension costs	2,040	1,600
	<u>14,640</u>	<u>13,499</u>

The table above shows the gross employee costs included in the profit & loss account for ATOC Limited and its related parties excluding the TOCs. The employee costs for all related companies are: wages and salaries £4,648,000 (2014: £4,368,000); social security costs £396,000 (2014: £398,000) and other pension costs £511,000 (2014: £499,000). ATOC Limited pays for its staff costs and those of its related companies. The related companies reimburse ATOC Limited by way of a recharge, which is recorded in turnover. The recharge to ATOC Limited for staff costs are the same as the costs incurred.

The employee costs include staff that have been recharged to Rail Settlement Plan Limited of £2,836,000 (2014: £2,737,000), Rail Staff Travel Limited £520,000 (2014: £464,000), and Train Information Services Limited £2,200,000 (2014: £2,063,000).

5 Net interest receivable and payable

	2015	2014
	£000	£000
Interest receivable and similar income	24	31
Interest payable and similar charges	(10)	-
	<u>14</u>	<u>31</u>

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6 Taxation

	2015 £000	2014 £000
<i>Current tax</i>		
UK Corporation tax on profits for the period	34	4
Adjustments in respect of previous periods	(3)	127
Total current tax	31	131
<i>Deferred tax</i>		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	(143)	(33)
Amounts provided for in prior year	(44)	-
	(187)	(33)
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	(156)	98

Factors affecting the tax charge for the current period

The difference between the total amount of current tax shown above and the amount calculated by applying the standard rate of UK corporation tax to the profit/(loss) before tax is as follows:

	2015 £000	2014 £000
<i>Current tax reconciliation</i>		
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	(693)	(360)
Current tax at 20% (2014:23%)	(139)	(83)
<i>Effects of:</i>		
Small companies relief	-	-
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	29	63
Depreciation for period is in excess of capital allowances	(16)	(9)
Accrued Interest on finance debtor	-	-
Pension differences	160	92
Pension provision	-	(58)
Current year losses carried forward	-	-
Marginal relief	-	(1)
Prior year adjustment	(3)	127
Total current tax charge (see above)	31	131

Legislation was introduced in Finance Bill 2013 to reduce the main rate of UK corporation tax to 21% with effect from 1 April 2014 and 20% with effect from 1 April 2015. This change was substantively enacted on 5 July 2013 and therefore the effect of these rate reductions have been reflected in calculating the figures above.

A deferred tax asset has been recognised in respect of timing differences between profits computed for taxation and accounts purposes. Deferred tax has been recognised at a rate of 20% (2014 – 20%) being the corporation tax rate expected to apply to the company's taxable profits in the periods the timing differences reverse.

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7 Deferred taxation

	Accelerated capital allowances £000	Tax Losses £000	Provisions £000	Pensions £000	Total £000
Balance at 1 April 2014	39	-	-	2,500	2,539
(Charged) / credited to profit and loss account	28	-	-	160	188
Amounts recognised in the statement of total recognised gains and losses				700	700
Balance at 31 March 2015	67	-	-	3,360	3,427
Amount included in debtors					67
Amounts included in net pension liability					3,360

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8 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Leasehold Improvements	Fixtures and Fittings	Computer software and hardware	Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Cost				
As at 1 April 2014	1,182	266	627	2,075
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	(14)	-	-	(14)
As at 31 March 2015	<u>1,168</u>	<u>266</u>	<u>627</u>	<u>2,061</u>
Depreciation				
As at 1 April 2014	(118)	(27)	(449)	(594)
Charge for the year	(118)	(27)	(44)	(189)
Disposals	3	-	-	3
As at 31 March 2015	<u>(233)</u>	<u>(54)</u>	<u>(493)</u>	<u>(780)</u>
Net book value				
As at 31 March 2015	<u>935</u>	<u>212</u>	<u>134</u>	<u>1,281</u>
<i>As at 31 March 2014</i>	<u>1,064</u>	<u>239</u>	<u>178</u>	<u>1,481</u>

In April 2013, the company signed a 15 year lease for new accommodation at 200 Aldersgate Street, London, after activating a break clause in the property lease for its offices at 40 Bernard Street, London. The break clause was actioned on 30 September 2013. The company made the physical move to Aldersgate Street in July 2013.

Disposals during the year relate to the dismantling of an office to accommodate a restructure of the organisation.

Notes (continued)

9 Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year

	2015 £000	2014 £000
Trade debtors	3,087	1,535
Other debtors	547	333
Loan to Rail Settlement Plan Limited	-	2,460
Non TOC Related Parties (see related parties note 18)	596	496
Prepayments and accrued income	1,233	777
Deferred tax asset (note 7)	67	39
Finance debtor	120	120
	<u>5,650</u>	<u>5,760</u>

Amounts falling due greater than one year

	2015 £000	2014 £000
One to two years	233	233
Two to five years	601	683
Greater than 5 years	299	420
	<u>1,133</u>	<u>1,336</u>

Finance Debtor

ATOC Limited jointly owns, along with The Department for Transport and Network Rail, the intellectual property for "MOIRA" which is a tool for forecasting passenger demand. This was completed in the year ended 31 March 2012. Although ATOC Limited owns a share of the intellectual property, it is the TOCs who bear the risks and rewards for ownership and therefore the ATOC costs of the project have been reflected in the accounts as a finance debtor.

This will be recovered as follows:

	2015 £000	2014 £000
Finance Debtor		
Within one year	120	120
One to two years	120	120
Two to five years	279	360
Greater than 5 years	-	27
	<u>519</u>	<u>627</u>

Notes (continued)

9 Debtors (continued)

Accrued Income

Accrued income includes the non capitalised costs of the move to the new office premises at Aldersgate Street. It has been agreed with the TOCs that these costs will be recovered over a 10 year period commencing 1 April 2013.

As at 31 March 2015 there are 8 years remaining, of which 7 years have been included in amounts falling due after more than one year. The value of the remaining lease recoverable is £851,165, which is charged to the TOCs at a rate of £119,521 per annum. This has been discounted by 2.66% per annum over the 10 year period of the life of the lease.

This will be recovered as follows:

Aldersgate Building Lease	2015 £000	2014 £000
Within one year	116	116
One to two years	113	113
Two to five years	323	323
Greater than 5 years	299	393
	<u>851</u>	<u>945</u>

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2015 £000	2014 £000
Trade creditors	2,110	2,324
Amounts owed to Train Operating Companies	2,696	2,871
Amounts owed to Train Information Services Ltd	680	-
Corporation tax payable	31	131
Other taxes and social security costs	765	727
Other creditors	8,694	12,891
Accruals and deferred income	3,607	3,148
Amounts owed to Association	-	760
	<u>18,583</u>	<u>22,852</u>

Notes (continued)

11 Provisions for liabilities

	2015 £000	2014 £000
	<i>Dilapidations</i>	<i>Dilapidations</i>
Balance at 1 April 2014	372	251
Charged to profit and loss account	-	372
Utilised in the period	-	(251)
Unwinding of discount	10	-
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Balance at 31 March 2015	382	372
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The provision for liabilities and charges as at 31 March 2015 relate to dilapidation work as specified in the Aldersgate Street rent agreement. The provision for the dilapidation expenditure has been recognised in full in the prior year and is unwinding over the 10 year period of the lease commitment. The expenditure is expected to be incurred by 1st April 2023, which is the date of the break clause. The total expenditure expected to be incurred is £463,718, this amount has been discounted over 10 years, using a discount rate of 2.66%.

12 Called up share capital

	2015 £	2014 £
Authorised Shares		
26 Ordinary shares of £0.04 each	1.04	1.04
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Allotted, called up and fully-paid		
Equity – 20 Ordinary shares of £0.04 each	0.8	0.8
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The £0.04 ordinary shares each carry one vote.

13 Statement of movement in reserves

	2015 £000	2014 £000
Opening shareholders' deficit	(9,103)	(8,473)
Total recognised losses in the year	(3,337)	(630)
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Closing shareholders' deficit	(12,440)	(9,103)
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14 Pension scheme

The majority of the company's employees are members of the ATOC Limited Shared Cost Section of the Railways Pensions Scheme ("the Section"), a funded defined benefit scheme. The Section was established with effect from 13 October 1996 when the company separated from the British Railways Board and its assets and liabilities are separately identified from the remainder of the Railways Pension Scheme. The last actuarial valuation of the Section for the purposes of assessing the appropriate pension costs for ATOC Limited was as at 31 December 2013 and was undertaken by Towers Watson, independent qualified actuaries. This has been updated with reference to investment market conditions at 31 March 2015 by a qualified independent actuary.

The results of the year end valuation, based on the projected unit funding method, indicate that the market value of the scheme assets at the valuation date was £46.3million and the actuarial value of those assets represented 100% of the benefits that had accrued to members. The principal assumptions underlying the valuation were that the return on the scheme's investments would average 3.3% a year in future, and that salaries would increase at the rate of 2.925%.

There has been a change in the method of calculating the return on scheme assets for the year ahead. From year end 31 March 2016 the financial statements will be prepared under FRS102, which uses the discount rate to calculate the expected return on assets. The discount rate for the year ended 31 March 2015 is 3.3%. The expected return on scheme assets reported in the prior year financial statements was 6.5%.

Employer contributions for the period ended 31 March 2015 were 18.48% of Section Pay for Category 1 members and 17.70% of Section Pay for Category 2 members and 13.88% of Section Pay for Category 3 members. The section is open to new members.

Under the Railways Pensions Scheme, the cost of providing the benefits are generally split between the members and the employer in the ratio 40:60.

	2015	2014
	£000	£000
Fair value of plan assets	46,300	39,300
Present value of unfunded defined benefit obligations	(74,300)	(60,200)
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Deficit in Scheme	(28,000)	(20,900)
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ATOC Limited share of deficit (60%)	(16,800)	(12,500)
Related deferred tax asset	3,360	2,500
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Net liability	(13,440)	(10,000)
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Notes (continued)

14 Pension scheme (continued)

Movements in present value of defined benefit obligation

	2015	2014
	£000	£000
Opening section liabilities as at 1 April	60,200	56,400
Current service cost	3,200	2,400
Interest cost	2,700	2,500
Actuarial losses / (gains)	9,500	(100)
Benefits paid	(1,300)	(1,000)
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Closing section liabilities	74,300	60,200
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Movements in fair value of plan assets

	2015	2014
	£000	£000
Fair value of plan assets as at 1 April	39,300	36,600
Expected return in plan assets	2,600	2,300
Actuarial gains / (losses)	3,700	(600)
Contributions by employer	1,200	1,200
Contributions by employee	800	800
Benefits paid	(1,300)	(1,000)
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Fair value of plan assets as at 31 March	46,300	39,300
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Notes (continued)

14 Pension scheme (continued)

Reconciliation of pension scheme (liability)

	2015	<i>2014</i>
	£000	<i>£000</i>
Opening scheme liability at 1 April	(12,500)	<i>(11,900)</i>
Employer's share of pension cost recognised in profit & loss	(2,000)	<i>(1,600)</i>
Employer's contributions	1,200	<i>1,200</i>
Losses per the statement of total recognised gains and losses	(3,500)	<i>(200)</i>
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Closing scheme liability at 31 March	(16,800)	<i>(12,500)</i>
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Expense recognised in the profit and loss account

	2015	<i>2014</i>
	£000	<i>£000</i>
Current service cost	1,900	<i>1,500</i>
Interest on defined benefit pension plan obligation	1,600	<i>1,500</i>
Expected return on defined benefit pension plan assets	(1,500)	<i>(1,400)</i>
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Total	2,000	<i>1,600</i>
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The expense is recognised in the following line items in the profit and loss account:

	2015	<i>2014</i>
	£000	<i>£000</i>
Operating expenditure	1,900	<i>1,500</i>
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The total amount recognised in the statement of total recognised gains and losses in respect of actuarial losses is £3,500,000 (2014: Loss £200,000).

Cumulative actuarial gains/losses reported in the statement of total recognised gains and losses are losses of £16,600,000 (2014: Loss £13,100,000).

The Company expects to contribute approximately £1,200,000 to its defined benefit plans in the next financial year.

Notes (continued)

14 Pension scheme (continued)

The fair value of the plan assets and the return on those assets were as follows:

	2015	<i>2014</i>
	Fair value	<i>Fair value</i>
	£000	<i>£000</i>
Growth assets	43,800	37,100
Government bonds	800	600
Non-Government bonds	1,500	1,400
Other	200	200
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	46,300	<i>39,300</i>
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Actual return on plan assets	3,700	<i>1,100</i>
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None of the Section's assets had been invested in the company's own financial instruments.

ATOC Ltd will be reporting under FRS102 for the year ended 31 March 2016. For fiscal years starting on or after 1 January 2015, FRS 102 has moved in line with IAS 19 to use the discount rate to calculate the expected return on assets. It is therefore unnecessary to provide an expected return on assets at 31 March 2015.

The expected return on Section assets assumption for 2014 was determined as the average of the expected returns on the assets held by the Section on the accounting date. The rates of return for each class are set out in the table below and were determined as follows:

Growth assets and property: The rate adopted is consistent with the median assumption used in the Towers Watson Asset Liability Modelling work.

Bonds: The overall rate has been set to reflect the yields on the bond holdings.

Other assets: This class is mostly made up of cash holdings and the rate adopted reflects current short-term returns on such deposits.

Expected rate of return:

	2015	<i>2014</i>
	%	<i>%</i>
Growth assets	N/a	6.6
Government bonds	N/a	3.4
Non-Government bonds	N/a	4.3
Other	N/a	2.8
Expected return on section assets	N/a	<i>6.5</i>

Notes (continued)

14 Pension scheme (continued)

Principal actuarial assumptions (expressed as weighted averages) at the year end were as follows:

	2015 %	2014 %
Discount rate	3.3	4.3
Expected rate of return on plan assets	N/a	6.5
Expected return on plan assets at beginning of the period	6.5	6.1
Future salary increases	2.925	4.8
Price inflation	2.9	3.3
Pension increases	1.9	2.3

The assumptions relating to longevity underlying the pension liabilities at the balance sheet date are based on standard actuarial mortality tables and include an allowance for future improvements in longevity. The assumptions are equivalent to expecting a 65-year old to live for a number of years as follows:

Current pensioner aged 65: 23.3 years (male), 24.5 years (female).

Future retiree upon reaching 65: 25.5 years (male), 26.8 years (female).

History of plans

The history of the plans for the current and prior periods is as follows:

Balance sheet

	2015 £000	2014 £000	2013 £000	2012 £000	2011 £000
Present value of scheme liabilities	(63,100)	(51,800)	(48,500)	(39,400)	(33,700)
Fair value of scheme assets	46,300	39,300	36,600	33,000	31,200
(Deficit)	(16,800)	(12,500)	(11,900)	(6,400)	(2,500)

Experience adjustments

	2015 £000	2014 £000	2013 £000	2012 £000	2011 £000
Experience adjustments on scheme liabilities	1,900	(100)	800	1,900	600
Experience adjustments on scheme assets	(2,200)	300	(400)	1,100	(200)
(Deficit) / surplus	(300)	200	400	3,000	400

Notes (continued)

15 Commitments

Annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2015	<i>2014</i>
	Land and	<i>Land and</i>
	Buildings	<i>Buildings</i>
	£000	<i>£000</i>
Operating leases which expire:		
Within one year	-	-
In the second to fifth years inclusive	-	-
After more than five years	953	<i>909</i>
	<u>953</u>	<u><i>909</i></u>
	<u>953</u>	<u><i>909</i></u>

In May 2013, the company signed a 15 year lease for new accommodation at 200 Aldersgate Street, London. The rental agreement for this property is £909,000 per annum.

On 27 March 2015 ATOC Limited entered into a lease agreement for the use of the basement floor at 200 Aldersgate Street. The lease is for 10 years with a break clause in year 5. The annual commitment under this agreement is £43,750.

16 Analysis of cash flows

	2015	<i>2014</i>
	£000	<i>£000</i>
Returns on Investment and servicing of finance		
Interest Received	24	<i>31</i>
	<u>24</u>	<u><i>31</i></u>
Capital Expenditure		
Purchase of Fixed Assets	-	<i>(1,670)</i>
Disposal of fixed assets	14	<i>-</i>
	<u>14</u>	<u><i>-</i></u>
Financing		
Decrease in Loan to Rail Settlement Plan Limited	2,460	<i>180</i>
	<u>2,460</u>	<u><i>180</i></u>
Net cash outflow for financing	<u>2,460</u>	<u><i>180</i></u>

Notes (continued)

17 Analysis and reconciliation of net funds

	<i>1 April 2014</i>	<i>Cash flow</i>	<i>31 Mar 2015</i>
	<i>£000</i>	<i>£000</i>	<i>£000</i>
Cash at Bank	15,544	(3,643)	11,901
Loans to Rail Settlement Plan	2,460	(2,460)	-
Net funds	18,004	(6,103)	11,901

18 Subsequent event

The company has undertaken a consultation post year end the ATOC staff members of the Railway Pension Scheme (RPS) following its proposal for a deficit recovery plan which will cap pensionable salary at CPI. This will have the effect of a past service credit of future benefit for the members of the scheme. The effect of the past service credit will be recognised as a realised gain in the profit and loss account of the financial year ended 31 March 2016.

19 Ultimate parent undertaking and related parties

ATOC Limited administers cash receipts and payments for and on behalf of the ATOC companies for which the company receives an admin fee.

At 31 March 2015, the company was owned by the Passenger Train Operating Companies ("TOCs") - formerly the passenger business of the British Railways Board. There is no ultimate controlling party. The company is related to the Association of Train Operating Companies, NRES Limited, Rail Settlement Plan Limited, Rail Staff Travel Limited, Train Information Services Limited (TISL) and the TOCs, who own and control these companies.

The table below shows the amounts of turnover during the year, and outstanding debtors and creditors at the year end attributed to related parties:

Turnover includes the recharge of salary and administration costs which have been incurred by ATOC Limited on behalf of the related parties. The turnover within ATOC relating to the Association of Train Operating Companies relates to the recharge of costs from ATOC schemes.

Expenditure costs from Rail Settlement Plan Limited relate to international reservation costs and travel agents' refund service.

The loan in the table below refers to a short term funding facility which ATOC Limited has provided to Rail Settlement Plan Limited to help RSP's project development activities.

In November 2013 the company entered into arrangements with the Rail Delivery Group (RDG) to provide resources for policy, communications, management and administration. With effect from 1st April, 2014 these services have been charged directly to RDG, which by virtue of some degree of common ownership is a related party to ATOC Limited.

During the year, ATOC Limited and its related parties provided services to each other as part of the normal course of business. Amounts owed by and to each related party is shown in debtors and creditors. The amounts all relate to trading balances.

Loans are provided on a commercial basis and are shown separately.

Notes (continued)

2015	Turnover £000	Expenditure £000	Loans £000	Debtors £000	Creditors £000
Association of Train Operating Companies	11,974	-	-	383	-
Rail Settlement Plan Ltd	3,052	440	-	126	-
Rail Staff Travel Ltd	1,184	-	-	87	-
Train Information Services Ltd	2,177	73	-	-	680
NRES Ltd	-	-	-	-	-
RDG Ltd	2,895	-	-	1,520	-
Total	21,282	513	-	2,116	680
Total TOCs	2,672	568	-	276	2,696
2014	Turnover £000	Expenditure £000	Loans £000	Debtors £000	Creditors £000
Association of Train Operating Companies	13,002	-	-	-	760
Rail Settlement Plan Ltd	2,909	414	2,460	250	-
Rail Staff Travel Ltd	1,090	-	-	76	-
Train Information Services Ltd	2,016	-	-	170	-
NRES Ltd	-	-	-	-	-
Total	19,017	414	2,460	496	760
Total TOCs	2,841	537	-	261	2,871

Notes (continued)

On the 23 February 2007 an agreement was entered into with Rail Settlement Plan Limited to provide a short term funding facility for a maximum of £10,000,000 intended to help to fund RSP's project development activities. Interest for this facility is on a commercial basis and amounted to £6,100 (2014:£12,800). The loan outstanding as at 31 March 2015 was £nil (2014:£2,460,000).

On the 19 September 2008 an agreement was entered into with Rail Staff Travel Limited to provide a short term loan facility for a maximum of £10,000,000, intended for corporate financing purposes. Interest for this facility is on a commercial basis and amounted to £Nil (2014:£Nil). The loan outstanding as at 31 March 2015 was £Nil (2014:£Nil).

On the 20 April 2011 an agreement was entered into with Train Information Services Limited to provide a short term loan facility for a maximum of £10,000,000 intended for corporate financing purposes.