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Company number 0 5 4 4 8 1 9 4

Company name in full Home-Start Cheshire

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2 Liquidator's name

Full forename(s) Martin

Surname Maloney

3 Liquidator's address

Building name/number Leonard Curtis

Street Leonard Curtis House

Elms Square, Bury New Road

Post town Whitefield

County/Region Greater Manchester

Postcode M 4 5 7 T A

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4 Liquidator's name ①

Full forename(s) Steve

Surname Markey

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Progress report

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Liquidator's signature

Signature

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Signature date

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Contact name **John Crolla**Company name **Leonard Curtis**Address **Leonard Curtis House****Elms Square, Bury New Road****Whitefield**Post town **Greater Manchester**

County/Region

Postcode **M 4 5 7 T A**

Country

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Telephone **0161 413 0930****Checklist**

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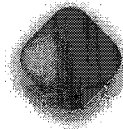
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LEONARD CURTIS
BUSINESS RESCUE & RECOVERY

**Home-Start Cheshire
(In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation)**

Company Number: 05448194

Former Registered Office and Trading Address:

Ashton House, 1a Gatefield Street, Crewe, Cheshire CW1 2JP

**Joint Liquidators' First Progress Report
pursuant to Section 104A(1) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (as amended)
and Rule 18.3 of the Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016**

**Report Period:
13 December 2021 to 12 December 2022**

30 January 2023

**Martin Maloney and Steve Markey - Joint Liquidators
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TO ALL MEMBERS, CREDITORS AND THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Martin Maloney and Steve Markey were appointed Joint Liquidators of Home-Start Cheshire ("the Company") on 13 December 2021.
- 1.2 Martin Maloney and Steve Markey are authorised to act as insolvency practitioners in the UK by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.
- 1.3 There has been no change in office holder since the date of Liquidation.
- 1.4 This report provides an update on the conduct of the Liquidation for the period from 13 December 2021 to 12 December 2022, as required by Section 104A(1) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (as amended) ("the Act") and Rule 18.3 of the Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016 ("the Rules"). It contains details of the progress made, the expected outcome for creditors and other information that the Joint Liquidators are required to disclose.
- 1.5 All figures are stated net of VAT.

2 CONDUCT OF THE LIQUIDATION

- 2.1 The Company's registered office was changed to Leonard Curtis, Leonard Curtis House, Elms Square, Bury New Road, Whitefield, Greater Manchester M45 7TA on 21 December 2021.

Assets Realised

Cash in Hand

- 2.2 Cash in hand had an estimated to realise value of £50,650, as per the statement of affairs and relates to the funds transferred to the Leonard Curtis client account to safeguard the funds for the benefit of the Liquidation. £50,650 has been received.

Tangible Assets

- 2.3 Tangible assets had an estimated to realise value of £225, as per the statement of affairs. The Joint Liquidators instructed independent valuation agents, Cerberus Asset Management Limited ("Cerberus"), to value and advise on the best method of realisation. An offer of £200 was received from Lorraine Butcher ("the Purchaser"), a director of the Company, and the Joint Liquidators subsequently accepted this offer on 15 December 2021 after Cerberus confirmed this offer would outweigh any realisations likely through any other method of disposal. £200 has been received. The Joint Liquidators are not aware if the Purchaser sought any independent advice.

Bank Interest

- 2.4 Bank interest of £126 has been received.

Assets Still to be Realised

- 2.5 There are no assets still to be realised.

3 RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

- 3.1 A summary of the Joint Liquidators' receipts and payments for the period from 13 December 2021 to 12 December 2022 is attached at Appendix A.

4 OUTCOME FOR CREDITORS

Secured Creditors

- 4.1 There are no secured creditors in this case.

Preferential Creditors

- 4.2 As at the date of Liquidation, no preferential claims were anticipated.
- 4.3 No claims have been received.

Secondary Preferential Creditors

- 4.4 With respect to insolvencies commencing on or after 1 December 2020, HMRC rank ahead of floating charge holders and unsecured creditors in respect of certain unpaid taxes that the relevant company collects on behalf of HMRC. These taxes are known as Priority Taxes and include:
- VAT;
 - PAYE (including student loan repayments);
 - Construction Industry Scheme deductions; and
 - Employees' NI contributions.
- 4.5 As at the date of Liquidation, HMRC had a secondary preferential claim, estimated at £5,045.
- 4.6 A claim totalling £7,376 has been received. A dividend to the secondary preferential creditors is anticipated, however, the timing and quantum is yet to be determined.

Prescribed Part

- 4.7 As the Company has no unsatisfied post-Enterprise Act charges, there is no requirement to set aside a prescribed part in this case.

Ordinary Unsecured Creditors

- 4.8 As at the date of Liquidation, there were 17 ordinary unsecured creditors, with estimated claims totalling £96,447. Claims totalling £98,234 have been received.
- 4.9 The table below illustrates the position regarding the claims of the ordinary unsecured creditors:

	As at Date of Liquidation	Claims Received
	£	£
Trade and Expense	52,906	52,918
HMRC	2,613	3,933
ERA Claims	40,928	41,389
	<u>96,447</u>	<u>98,240</u>

- 4.10 It is anticipated that there will be sufficient funds to declare a first and final dividend to ordinary unsecured creditors after completion of the secondary preferential dividend. However, the timing and quantum is yet to be determined.

5 INVESTIGATIONS

- 5.1 Following their appointment, the Joint Liquidators considered the information acquired in the course of appraising and realising the business and assets of the Company, together with information provided by the Company's directors and its creditors, to identify any further possible realisations for the estate and what further investigations, if any, might be appropriate.
- 5.2 That assessment did not identify any possible further realisations. In addition, the Joint Liquidators concluded that no further investigations were required. If, however, any creditor is aware of any particular matters which they consider require investigation, they should send full details to this office.
- 5.3 Notwithstanding the above, the Joint Liquidators have complied with their statutory obligations under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 and the appropriate report has been submitted to the relevant authority.

6 JOINT LIQUIDATORS' REMUNERATION, EXPENSES AND CREDITORS' RIGHTS

Remuneration

- 6.1 A fee of £7,500 in respect of the preparation of the statement of affairs was proposed to creditors on 13 December 2021, however, no votes were received. No fee has been drawn by Leonard Curtis. £1,000 has been paid to Bennett Brooks Chartered Accountants for their assistance in the preparation of the statement of affairs.
- 6.2 On 10 January 2022, creditors resolved by way of a decision by correspondence, that the Joint Liquidators' remuneration be payable by reference to time properly given by them and their staff in attending to matters arising in the Liquidation as set out in the Fees Estimate dated 20 December 2021 (for an amount totalling £46,254). The Joint Liquidators' time costs from 13 December 2021 to 12 December 2022 are £21,425, which represents 63.2 hours at an average hourly rate of £339.00. Attached at Appendix B is a time analysis which provides details of the activity costs incurred by staff grade during the period from 13 December 2021 to 12 December 2022, together with a detailed description of work undertaken attributable to each category of time costs and an explanation of why it was necessary for that work to be performed.
- 6.3 At Appendix C is a comparison of categorised time costs incurred and the estimated time costs as per the original Fees Estimate. You will note that the categories of time costs incurred do not generally exceed those as set out in the Fees Estimate.
- 6.4 Fees totalling £20,188 have been drawn, all of which has been drawn during the year ending 12 December 2022.

Expenses

- 6.5 A comparison of the Joint Liquidators' expenses from 13 December 2021 to 12 December 2022 and the Joint Liquidators' statement of likely expenses is attached at Appendix D. To assist creditors' understanding of this information, it has been separated into the following two categories:
- *Standard Expenses*: this category includes expenses payable by virtue of the nature of the Liquidation process and / or payable in order to comply with legal or regulatory requirements.
 - *Case Specific Expenses*: this category includes expenses likely to be payable by the Joint Liquidators in carrying out their duties in dealing with issues arising in this particular Liquidation. Included within this category are costs that are directly referable to the Liquidation but are not paid to an independent third party (and which may include an element of allocated costs). These are known as 'category 2 expenses' and they may not be drawn without creditor approval.

- 6.6 With effect from 1 April 2021, the Joint Liquidators are also required to disclose to those responsible for approving their remuneration whether any payments that they intend to make from an insolvency estate are to associates of Leonard Curtis. Payments to associates are subject to the same level of approval as the office holders' fees and category 2 expenses. Further details are included at Appendix D and E.
- 6.7 On 10 January 2022, creditors resolved that the Joint Liquidators be authorised to discharge category 2 expenses and payments to associates.
- 6.8 You will note that, in general, the nature and value of expenses incurred to date fall within those anticipated within the original statement of expenses.
- 6.9 Attached at Appendix E is additional information in relation to the firm's policy on staffing, the use of subcontractors, expenses and details of current charge-out rates by staff grade. Please be aware that the firm's charge out rates have been amended with effect from 1 March 2021.
- 6.10 Since commencement of Liquidation, the following professional advisors ("PA") and / or subcontractors ("S") have been instructed:

Name of Professional Advisor	PA / S	Service Provided	Basis of Fees
Bennett Brooks Chartered Accountants	S	Assistance with statement of affairs	Fixed
Cerberus	PA	Asset valuation advice	Time Costs, capped
Emprove	S	Employee consultancy	Cost per employee

Bennett Brook Chartered Accountants ("BB")

- 6.11 BB are qualified chartered accountants and were the Company's accountants. BB were instructed to assist with the preparation of the statement of affairs due to their accountancy expertise and knowledge of the Company's financial information. A fixed fee of £1,000 was agreed in respect of assistance provided to the Joint Liquidators to enable the statutory statement of affairs to be prepared. The comparative cost of the Joint Liquidators and their staff completing this work was anticipated to cost significantly more than the cost of the instruction. Engaging BB has ensured that the costs incurred by the estate are proportionate, fair and reasonable when considering statutory case requirements.

Cerberus

- 6.12 Cerberus were instructed to value the Company's physical assets and provide advice on the best method of realisation. Cerberus are RICS qualified valuation agents, and this work could not be completed by the Joint Liquidators' own staff. A capped time costs basis was agreed to ensure costs for this work were in line with the Joint Liquidators' instruction.

Emprove

- 6.13 Emprove were instructed to provide their specialist skills and knowledge in employment law to assist with engaging with the Company's staff to assist in submitting the employees' claims. The Joint Liquidators engaged Emprove rather than alternative agents due to their quality and low-cost service as well as their long-standing professional relationship with Leonard Curtis. A cost per employee basis was agreed, to complete this work. The comparative cost of the Joint Liquidators and their staff completing this work was anticipated to be significantly more than the costs of the instruction. Engaging Emprove has ensured that the costs incurred by the estate are proportionate, fair and reasonable when considering statutory case requirements.

Creditors' Rights

- 6.14 Under Rule 18.9 of the Rules, within 21 days of receipt of this report, a secured creditor, or an unsecured creditor with either the concurrence of at least five per cent in value of the unsecured creditors (including the creditor in question), or with the permission of the court, may request in writing that the Joint Liquidators provide further information about their remuneration or expenses, which have been itemised in this report.
- 6.15 Under Rule 18.34 of the Rules, any secured creditor, or any unsecured creditor with either the concurrence of at least 10 per cent in value of the unsecured creditors (including that creditor) or the permission of the court, may within eight weeks of receipt of the progress report that first reports the fee basis, the charging of the remuneration or the incurring of the expenses in question, make an application to court on the grounds that, in all the circumstances, the basis fixed for the Joint Liquidators' remuneration is inappropriate and/or the remuneration charged or the expenses incurred by the Joint Liquidators, as set out in the progress report, are excessive.
- 6.16 Unless the court orders otherwise, the costs of the application shall be paid by the applicant and are not payable as an expense of the Liquidation.

7 MATTERS STILL TO BE DEALT WITH

- 7.1 Matters still to be dealt with before conclusion of the Liquidation include the following:

- The formal agreement of secondary preferential creditor claims;
- A final distribution to the secondary preferential creditors;
- The formal agreement of ordinary unsecured creditor claims;
- A final distribution to ordinary unsecured creditor claims;
- The unpaid remuneration and expenses will need to be paid; and
- The preparation of the Joint Liquidators' Final Account.

8 OTHER MATTERS

- 8.1 For your information, Liquidation: A Guide for Creditors on Insolvency Practitioner Fees, version 1 April 2021, which sets out the rights of creditors and other interested parties under the insolvency legislation, may be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.r3.org.uk/technical-library/england-wales/technical-guidance/fees/>

- 8.2 If you would prefer this to be sent to you in hard copy form, please contact John Crolla of this office on 0161 413 0930.

- 8.3 Creditors are also encouraged to visit the following website, which provides a step by step guide designed to help creditors navigate through an insolvency process:

<http://www.creditorinsolvencyguide.co.uk>

- 8.4 The Joint Liquidators are bound by the Insolvency Code of Ethics, which can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/insolvency-practitioner-code-of-ethics>

Data Protection

- 8.5 When submitting details of your claim in the Liquidation, you may disclose personal data to the Joint Liquidators. The processing of personal data is regulated in the UK by the General Data Protection Regulation EU 2016/679 as supplemented by the Data Protection Act 2018, together with other laws which relate to privacy and electronic communications. The Joint Liquidators act as Data Controllers in respect of personal data they obtain in relation to this Liquidation and are therefore responsible for complying with Data Protection Law in respect of any personal data they process. The Joint Liquidators' privacy notice, which is attached to this report at Appendix G, explains how they process your personal data. Terms used in this clause bear the same meanings as are ascribed to them in Data Protection Law.

Yours faithfully



MARTIN MALONEY
JOINT LIQUIDATOR

Martin Maloney and Steve Markey are authorised to act as insolvency practitioners in the UK by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales under office holder numbers 9628 and 14912, respectively

**SUMMARY OF JOINT LIQUIDATORS' RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FROM 13 DECEMBER 2021 TO 12 DECEMBER 2022**

	Estimated to Realise	As at 12 December 2022
	£	£
RECEIPTS		
Cash in Hand	50,650	56,650.57
Tangible Assets	225	200.00
	<u>50,875</u>	<u>56,850.57</u>
Bank Interest		126.19
		<u>56,976.76</u>
PAYMENTS		
Statement of Affairs Fee		1,000.00
Joint Liquidators Remuneration		20,188.00
Irrecoverable VAT		4,502.92
Valuation Fees		350.00
Employee Claims		280.00
Postage		237.76
Statutory Advertising		190.80
Bordereau		135.00
Software Licence		87.00
Storage Costs		32.05
Report Hosting		14.00
TOTAL COSTS AND CHARGES PAID		<u>27,017.53</u>
BALANCE		<u>29,959.23</u>
MADE UP AS FOLLOWS		
Balance at Bank c/f		23,959.23
VAT Control Account		-
		<u>23,959.23</u>

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APPENDIX B

SUMMARY OF JOINT LIQUIDATORS' TIME COSTS FROM 13 DECEMBER 2021 TO 12 DECEMBER 2022

	Director		Senior Manager		Manager 1		Administrator 1		Administrator 2		Total		Average
	Units	Cost £	Units	Cost £	Units	Cost £	Units	Cost £	Units	Cost £	Units	Cost £	Hourly Rate £
Statutory and Review	1	55.00	14	651.00	1	41.50	42	1,239.00	52	1,378.00	110	3,364.50	305.86
Receipts and Payments	9	495.00	-	-	-	-	10	295.00	16	424.00	35	1,214.00	346.86
Insurance	23	1,265.00	5	232.50	-	-	45	1,327.50	18	477.00	91	3,302.00	362.86
Assets	5	275.00	5	232.50	-	-	8	236.00	6	159.00	24	902.50	376.04
Liabilities	3	165.00	28	1,302.00	-	-	14	413.00	62	1,643.00	107	3,523.00	329.25
Landlords	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	132.50	5	132.50	265.00
General Administration	3	165.00	29	1,348.50	-	-	3	88.50	23	609.50	58	2,211.50	381.29
Appointment	-	-	19	883.50	-	-	-	-	68	1,802.00	87	2,685.50	308.68
Post Appt Creditor Decisions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	1,060.00	40	1,060.00	265.00
Investigations	24	1,320.00	17	790.50	-	-	6	177.00	28	742.00	75	3,029.50	403.93
Total	68	3,740.00	117	5,440.50	1	41.50	128	3,776.00	318	8,427.00	632	21,425.00	
Average Hourly Rate (£)		<u>550.00</u>		<u>465.00</u>		<u>415.00</u>		<u>295.00</u>		<u>265.00</u>		<u>339.00</u>	
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**DETAILED NARRATIVE OF WORK PERFORMED BY THE JOINT LIQUIDATORS AND THEIR STAFF IN THE
PERIOD 13 DECEMBER 2021 TO 12 DECEMBER 2022**

Statutory and Review

This category of activity encompasses work undertaken for both statutory and case-management purposes. Whilst this work will not directly result in any monetary value for creditors, it will ensure that the case is managed efficiently and resourced appropriately, which will be of benefit to all creditors. The work carried out under this category comprised of the following:

- Case-management reviews. These have been carried out periodically throughout the life of the case. A month one review was undertaken by the firm's compliance team to ensure that all statutory and best practice matters have been dealt with appropriately. As the case progressed, further periodic reviews were undertaken to ensure that the case progressed as planned.
- Allocation of staff, management of staff, case resourcing and budgeting.
- Review of time costs data to ensure accurate posting of time and to ensure compliance with Statement of Insolvency Practice 9.
- Review of work carried out by more junior members of staff to ensure quality of work and adherence to standards, legislation and best practice.
- The team is required under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 to review the Company's records and consider information provided by creditors on the conduct of the all directors involved with the Company during the three years leading up to the insolvency. This will result in the preparation and submission of statutory returns or reports on all directors to the Insolvency Service. Evidence of unfit conduct can result in directors being disqualified for periods of up to 15 years.
- Review of directors' statement of affairs and filing of document at Companies House in accordance with statutory requirements.

Receipts and Payments

This category of work will not result in a direct financial benefit for creditors; however, close monitoring of case bank accounts is essential to ensure that bank interest is maximised where possible, estate expenses are properly managed and kept to a minimum and amounts payable to creditors are identified and distributed promptly.

- Opening of case bank accounts.
- Management of case bank account(s) to ensure compliance with relevant risk management procedures.
- Regular review of the accounts by senior member of staff.
- Timely completion of all post-appointment tax and VAT returns.
- Managing estate expenses.

Insurance, Bonding and Pensions

Insolvency Practitioners are obliged to comply with certain statutory requirements when conducting their cases. Some of these requirements are in place to protect Company assets (see insurance and bonding matters below), whilst requirements in respect of Company pension schemes are there to protect the pension funds of Company employees. Whilst there is no direct financial benefit to Company creditors in dealing with these, close control of case expenditure is crucial to delivering maximum returns to the appropriate class of creditor.

- Calculation and request of joint liquidators' bond in accordance with the Insolvency Practitioners Regulations 2005. A bond is a legal requirement on all Liquidations and is essentially an insurance policy to protect creditors against the fraud or dishonesty of the Insolvency Practitioner. The bond is calculated by reference to the value of assets which are estimated before costs, to be available to unsecured creditors.
- Periodic review of bonding requirements to ensure that creditors are appropriately protected. The bond is reviewed upon each large receipt of monies into the case and also at three month intervals in accordance with best practice.
- Conducting online checks to identify whether the Company operated a registered pension scheme.
- Review of financial records to identify whether any payments were made by the Company into a pension scheme.
- Instruction of and liaising with agents in relation to the pension schemes identified.
- Completion and submission of necessary forms required by the pension schemes.

Assets

The work set out in this category may bring a financial benefit for creditors. This may, depending on realisations, costs and the extent of any 3rd party security, result in a distribution to the preferential and / or unsecured creditors.

- Agreeing strategy for realisation of Company assets
- Instruction of and liaising with agents in relation to the sale of tangible assets.
- Liaising with Company's bankers re pre-appointment bank accounts and closure thereof.
- Review and identification of potential third party assets.

Liabilities

This category of time includes both statutory and non-statutory matters and will not necessarily bring any financial benefit to creditors generally. The more employees and creditors a company has, the more time and cost is involved in dealing with those claims.

Statutory

- Processing of claims from the Company's creditors – All claims received from the Company's creditors will be logged. In this instance, it is not anticipated that there will be sufficient funds available to enable a distribution to be made to the unsecured creditors of the Company and therefore claims are not being formally agreed at this stage.

Non statutory

- Dealing with enquiries from the Company's creditors – This will include dealing with creditors general queries by post, telephone and email. Time will also be incurred providing updates to the secured creditors on the progress of the Liquidation.

Landlords

This category of work does not result in a direct financial benefit for creditors; however it is necessary for these tasks to be completed in order to ensure the smooth and efficient progression of the Liquidation:

- Dealing with the landlord.
- Review lease information.

General Administration

This category of work does not result in a direct financial benefit for creditors; however, it is necessary for these tasks to be completed in order to ensure the smooth and efficient progression of the Liquidation:

- General planning matters.
- Setting up and maintaining the Liquidators' records.
- Arranging collection and storage of Company records.
- Dealing with general correspondence and communicating with directors and shareholders.

Appointment

There are certain tasks which the Joint Liquidators have a statutory obligation to undertake during the Liquidation process. Other tasks are completed in order to ensure the Liquidation is progressed to the benefit of all creditors and stakeholders. Actions completed to date are:

- Statutory notifications to creditors and other interested parties following the Liquidators' appointment.
- Preparation of case plan.

Post-Appointment Creditors' Decisions

This category of activity encompasses work undertaken for statutory reasons. This work will not directly result in any financial benefit for creditors.

- Preparation of fees estimate and statement of expenses in accordance with Insolvency (Amendment) Rules 2015.
- Convening a decision of the creditors to agree Fees Estimate with appropriate body of creditors.
- Reporting on outcome of voting.

Investigations

Some of the work liquidators are required to undertake is to comply with legislation such as the Company Directors' Disqualification Act 1986 ("CDDA") and Statement of Insolvency Practice 2 – Investigations by Office Holders in Administration and Insolvent Liquidations. It may not necessarily bring any financial benefit to creditors, unless these investigations reveal potential asset recoveries that the Liquidator can pursue for the benefit of creditors.

- Collecting and reviewing the Company's records.
- Conducting initial investigations into the Company's affairs/records to identify the possibility of further realisations and enable the submission of returns due under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986

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APPENDIX C

SUMMARY OF JOINT LIQUIDATORS' TIME COSTS FOR THE PERIOD
FROM 13 DECEMBER 2021 TO 12 DECEMBER 2022 INCORPORATING A COMPARISON OF THE JOINT LIQUIDATORS' FEES ESTIMATE

	Fees Estimate			Incurred To Date			Variance
	Total		Average Hourly Rate	Total		Average Hourly Rate	Cost
	Units	Cost		Units	Cost		
	No	£	£	No	£	£	£
Statutory and Review	235	8,563.50	364.40	110	3,364.50	305.86	(5,199.00)
Receipts and Payments	75	2,679.00	357.20	35	1,214.00	346.86	(1,465.00)
Insurance	131	5,042.00	384.89	91	3,302.00	362.86	(1,740.00)
Assets	23	852.00	370.43	24	902.50	376.04	50.50
Liabilities	260	9,660.50	371.56	107	3,523.00	329.25	(6,137.50)
Landlords	43	1,684.50	391.74	5	132.50	265.00	(1,552.00)
General Administration	186	6,822.00	366.77	58	2,211.50	381.29	(4,610.50)
Appointment	93	3,401.00	365.70	87	2,685.50	308.68	(715.50)
Post Appt Creditor Decisions	43	1,542.00	358.60	40	1,060.00	265.00	(482.00)
Investigations	153	6,007.50	392.65	75	3,029.50	403.93	(2,978.00)
Total	1,242	46,254.00	372.42	632	21,425.00	339.00	(24,829.00)

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APPENDIX D

**SUMMARY OF JOINT LIQUIDATORS' EXPENSES FROM 13 DECEMBER 2021 TO 12 DECEMBER 2022
INCORPORATING A COMPARISON OF THE OF JOINT LIQUIDATORS' STATEMENT OF LIKELY EXPENSES**

Standard Expenses

Type	Charged by	Description	Estimated Amount £	Total Amount Incurred to Date £	Amount Incurred in This Period £	Amount Paid £	Amount Unpaid £
Bond Fee	AUA Insolvency Risk	Insurance bond	135.00	135.00	135.00	135.00	-
Postage	Postworks	Costs of postage	-	237.76	237.76	237.76	-
Document Hosting	Pelstar	Hosting of documents for creditors*	35.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	-
Software Licence Fee	Pelstar	Case management system licence fee*	87.00	87.00	87.00	87.00	-
Statutory Advertising	Courts Advertising	Advertising	183.90	190.80	190.80	190.80	-
Storage Costs	Charles Taylor	Storage of books and records	Uncertain	38.84	38.84	32.05	6.79
		Total standard expenses	440.90	703.40	703.40	696.61	6.79

*Payment to Associate requiring specific creditor / committee approval if incurred and / or drawn between 1 April 2021 and 31 December 2022

Case Specific Expenses

Type	Charged by	Description	Estimated Amount £	Total Amount Incurred to Date £	Amount Incurred in This Period £	Amount Paid £	Amount Unpaid £
Statement of Affairs Fee	BB	Assistance with Statement of Affairs	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	-
Valuation Fees	Cerberus	Asset valuation advice	Uncertain	350.00	350.00	350.00	-
Employee Claims	Emprove	Employee claims services	Uncertain	280.00	280.00	280.00	-
Irrecoverable VAT	Leonard Curtis	Irrecoverable VAT	-	4,502.92	4,502.92	4,502.92	-
		Total case specific expenses	1,000.00	6,132.92	6,132.92	6,132.92	-

LEONARD CURTIS POLICY REGARDING FEES AND EXPENSES

The following Leonard Curtis policy information is considered to be relevant to creditors:

Staff Allocation and Charge Out Rates

We take an objective and practical approach to each assignment which includes active director involvement from the outset. Other members of staff will be assigned on the basis of experience and specific skills to match the needs of the case. Time spent by secretarial and other support staff on specific case related matters, e.g. report despatching, is not charged.

Where it has been agreed by the appropriate body of creditors that the office holders' remuneration will be calculated by reference to the time properly given by the office holders and their staff in attending to matters as set out in a fees estimate, then such remuneration will be calculated in units of 6 minutes at the standard hourly rates given below. In cases of exceptional complexity or risk, the insolvency practitioner reserves the right to request and obtain authority from the appropriate body of creditors that their remuneration on such time shall be charged at the higher complex rates given below.

The following hourly charge out rates apply to all assignments undertaken by Leonard Curtis:

	6 Jan 2014 onwards		1 Aug 2019 onwards		1 March 2021 onwards	
	Standard	Complex	Standard	Complex	Standard	Complex
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Director	450	562	525	656	550	688
Senior Manager	410	512	445	556	465	581
Manager 1	365	456	395	494	415	518
Manager 2	320	400	345	431	365	456
Administrator 1	260	325	280	350	295	369
Administrator 2	230	287	250	313	265	331
Administrator 3	210	262	230	288	245	306
Administrator 4	150	187	165	206	175	219
Support	0	0	0	0	0	0

In respect of assignments pre-dating 1 March 2022, office holders' remuneration may include costs incurred by the firm's in-house legal team, which may be used for non-contentious matters pertaining to the insolvency appointment.

Use of Associates

We are required to disclose to those responsible for approving our remuneration whether any payments we intend to make from an insolvency estate are to Associates of Leonard Curtis (LC). The term "Associate" is defined in s435 of the Insolvency Act 1986, but we are also required to consider the substance or likely perception of any association between the appointed insolvency practitioner, their firm (LC) or an individual within the firm and the recipient of a payment. Payments to Associates are subject to the same level of approval as the office holder's fees and category 2 expenses (see table on the next page for further details).

Leonard Curtis Legal Limited (LC Legal) are part of the Leonard Curtis group; as such they are an "Associate" of LC. Where LC Legal are instructed to assist an office-holder in a particular matter from 1 March 2022 onwards, details of their proposed costs will be provided to creditors and specific approval for payment will be sought.

Additionally, Pelstar Limited (Pelstar) provides insolvency case management software and document hosting facilities to LC. Until 31 December 2022, LC employed an individual who is married to a director of Pelstar, and as such, whilst not meeting the legal definition of "Associate", we were aware that there was a perceived association between LC and Pelstar and specific approval of their costs were sought accordingly. As this individual is no longer employed by LC, this is no longer required and Pelstar costs invoiced with effect from 1 January 2023 will be paid without prior approval.

Use of Professional Advisors

Details of any professional advisor(s) used will be given in reports to creditors. Unless otherwise indicated the fee arrangement for each is based on hourly charge out rates, which are reviewed on a regular basis, together with the recovery of relevant disbursements.

The choice of professional advisors is based around a number of factors including, but not restricted to, their expertise in a particular field, the complexity or otherwise of the assignment and their geographic location.

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Use of Subcontractors

Where we subcontract out work that could otherwise be carried out by the office holder or his/her staff, this will be drawn to the attention of creditors in any report which incorporates a request for approval of the basis upon which remuneration may be charged. An explanation of why the work has been subcontracted out will also be provided.

Categorisation of Expenses

We are required to provide creditors with an estimate of the expenses we expect to be incurred in respect of an assignment and report back to them on actual expenses incurred and paid in our periodic progress reports. There are two broad categories of expenses: standard expenses and case specific expenses. These are explained in more detail below:

- a) Standard Expenses – this category includes expenses which are payable in order to comply with legal or regulatory requirements and therefore will generally be incurred on every case. They will include:

Type	Description	Amount																								
AML checks via Smartsearch	Electronic client verification in compliance with the Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing and Transfer of Funds (Information on the Payer) Regulations 2017	£5.00 plus VAT per search Note that with effect from 1 April 2021, these costs are no longer recovered from the estate.																								
Bond / Bordereau fee via AUA Insolvency Services	Insurance bond to protect the insolvent entity against any losses suffered as a result of the fraud or dishonesty of the IP	£10.00 to £1,200.00 dependent on value of assets within case																								
Company searches via Companies House	Extraction of company information from Companies House	£1.00 per document unless document can be accessed via the free service																								
Document hosting via Pelstar Limited	Hosting of documents via a secure portal for access by creditors/shareholders. Costs are charged per upload plus VAT and are generally dependent upon the number of creditors. The costs are commensurate with those charged by other providers of comparable services.	<table><tr><th>Type</th><th>First 100</th><th>Every addtl 10</th></tr><tr><td>ADM</td><td>£14.00</td><td>£1.40</td></tr><tr><td>CVL</td><td>£7.00</td><td>£0.70</td></tr><tr><td>MVL</td><td>£7.00</td><td>£0.70</td></tr><tr><td>CPL</td><td>£7.00</td><td>£0.70</td></tr><tr><td>CVA</td><td>£10.00</td><td>£1.00</td></tr><tr><td>BKY</td><td>£10.00</td><td>£1.00</td></tr><tr><td>IVA</td><td colspan="2">£10 p.a. or £25 for life of case</td></tr></table>	Type	First 100	Every addtl 10	ADM	£14.00	£1.40	CVL	£7.00	£0.70	MVL	£7.00	£0.70	CPL	£7.00	£0.70	CVA	£10.00	£1.00	BKY	£10.00	£1.00	IVA	£10 p.a. or £25 for life of case	
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Postage via Royal Mail or Postworks	Cost of posting documents which are directly attributable to a case to external recipients	Calculated in accordance with applicable supplier rates and dependent on the number of pages and whether the document is sent by international, first or second class post.																								
Post re-direction via Royal Mail	Redirection of post from Company's premises to office-holders' address	0-3 months £216.00 3-6 months £321.00 6-12 months £519.00																								
Statutory advertising via advertising agents	Advertising of appointment, notice of meetings etc. - London Gazette - Other	£91.80 - £102.00 plus VAT per advert Dependent upon advert and publication																								
Storage costs	Costs of storage of case books and records	£5.07 plus VAT per box per annum plus handling charges																								

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- b) Case-specific expenses – this category includes expenses (other than office-holders' fees) which are likely to be payable on every case but which will vary depending upon the nature and complexity of the case and the assets to be realised. They will include but may not be restricted to:

Type	Description	Amount
Agents' fees	Costs of appointed agents in valuing and realising assets	Time costs plus disbursements plus VAT
Debt Collection fees	Costs of appointed debt collectors in realising debts	Generally agreed as a % of realisations plus disbursements plus VAT
Legal fees	Costs of appointed solicitors. Will generally comprise advice on validity of appointment, drafting of sale contracts, advice on retention of title issues and advice on any reviewable transactions. Where the solicitor appointed is LC Legal, any fee payable for work completed is classed as a payment to an associate and requires specific creditor / committee approval as detailed above.	Time costs plus disbursements plus VAT
Other expenses	See Category 1 and 2 expenses notes below	See Category 1 and 2 expenses notes below

Please note that expenses are generally categorised as Category 1 or Category 2:

- a) Category 1 expenses: These are payments to independent third parties providing the service to which the expense relate. These may include, for example, advertising, external room hire, storage costs, postage costs, telephone charges, travel expenses (excl. mileage), and equivalent costs reimbursed to the office holder or his or her staff. Category 1 expenses may be paid without prior approval.
- b) Category 2 expenses: These are costs that are directly referable to the appointment in question, but not paid to an independent third party. They may include costs which have an element of shared cost. The following items of expenditure are recharged on this basis and are charged at HMRC approved rates:

Business mileage

45p per mile

Payments to Associates (as defined above) are categorised by LC in the same way as Category 2 expenses. Category 2 expenses and payments to Associates may only be drawn if they have been approved in the same manner as an office holder's remuneration

Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016
Rule 14.4

Proof of Debt – General Form

CREDITORS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION

RELEVANT DATE FOR CLAIMS: 13 DECEMBER 2021

Please e-mail completed form to:

recovery@leonardcurtis.co.uk quoting ref: H992Q/JC/PROOF

Name of Company in Liquidation:

HOME-START CHESHIRE

Company registration number:

05448194

[Liquidation only]

1 Name of creditor
(If a company, provide the company registration number).

2 Correspondence address of creditor (including any email address)

3 Total amount of claim (£)
(include any Value Added Tax)

4 If amount in 3 above includes (£)
outstanding uncapitalised interest, state amount.

5 Details of how and when the debt was incurred.
(If you need more space, attach a continuation sheet to this form)

6 Details of any security held, the value of the security and the date it was given.

7 Details of any reservation of title claimed in respect of goods supplied to which the debt relates.

8 Details of any document by reference to which the debt can be substantiated

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9 Signature of creditor
(or person authorised to act on the creditor's behalf)

10 Date of signature

11 Address of person signing if different from 2 above

12 Name in BLOCK LETTERS:

13 Position with, or relation to, creditor

Admitted to vote for

Amount (£)

Date

Admitted for dividend for

Amount (£)

Date

Liquidator

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Notes:

1. There is no need to attach them now but the office holder may ask you to produce any document or other evidence which is considered necessary to substantiate the whole or any part of the claim, as may the chairman or convenor of any qualifying decision procedure.

2. This form can be authenticated for submission by email by entering your name in block capitals and sending the form as an attachment from an email address which clearly identifies you or has been previously notified to the office holder. If completing on behalf of a company, please state your relationship to the company.

3. Please e-mail completed form to:

recovery@leonardcurtis.co.uk quoting ref: H992Q/JC/PROOF

**LEONARD CURTIS
PRIVACY NOTICE FOR CREDITORS**

Information we collect and hold about you

By requesting details of your claim in this insolvency, we may collect Personal Data from you, particularly if you are a consumer creditor, a sole trader or are lodging a claim in your personal capacity.

Personal Data is information relating to a living individual. Whenever Personal Data is processed, collected, recorded, stored or disposed of it must be done within the terms of the General Data Protection Regulation ("the GDPR"). Examples of Personal Data include but may not be limited to your name, address, telephone number and email contact details.

If you do not provide us with the information we require, this may adversely affect our ability to deal with your claim, but we would ask you not to submit more Personal Data than we request from you.

Legal justification for processing your Personal Data

The processing of your Personal Data by us is necessary to enable us to comply with legal obligations under the Insolvency Act 1986 and associated legislation which we are subject to as Insolvency Practitioners.

How we use your information

All information you supply to us is required to enable us to comply with our duties under the Insolvency Act 1986 and associated legislation. It will be used to enable us to assess the extent of the insolvent entity's liabilities, to allow you to vote on any decision procedures, to enable us to communicate with you, to process your claim and to pay any dividends which may be due to you from the insolvent estate.

Who we share your information with

We may be required to share some of your Personal Data with other creditors. The data which will be shared with other creditors will be limited to that specifically required to be disclosed under insolvency legislation.

We may share some of your information with our Data Processors. Data Processors include solicitors, accountants and employment law specialists who assist us with our duties where required. We will only share your information with our Data Processors if we require their specialist advice. All of our Data Processors are subject to written contracts with us to ensure that your Personal Data is processed only in accordance with the GDPR.

How long will we hold your Personal Data for?

We will need to hold your Personal Data for a period of time after the insolvency has been concluded. This is to enable us to deal with any queries which might arise. Our Records Management Policy requires us to destroy our physical files 6 years after closure of the case. Electronic data files will be removed from our Case Management System 6 years after conclusion of the case but may be held on our server for a longer period of time but with restricted access.

Your rights in respect of your Personal Data

You have the right to request access to your Personal Data and to require it to be corrected or erased. You also have the right to request a restriction in the way we process your Personal Data or to object to its processing. You should be aware however that we may not be able to comply with your request if this would affect our ability to comply with our legal obligations.

You have the right to Data Portability. This is a right to have the Personal Data we hold about you to be provided to you in a commonly used and machine-readable format so that you can transfer that Data to another organisation in a way that is not too onerous to upload the Data.

Your right to complain

You have the right to be confident that we are handling your Personal Data responsibly and in line with good practice. If you have a concern about the way we are handling your Personal Data you should contact our Privacy Manager in the first instance.

If you are unable to resolve your concerns with us, you have the right to complain to the Information Commissioners' Office. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK6 5AF or on 0303 123 1113.

Contacting us

If you have any questions relating to the processing of your Personal Data, please write to our Privacy Manager at Leonard Curtis, 5th Floor, Grove House, 248A Marylebone Road, London NW1 6BB Alternatively our Privacy Manager can be contacted by telephone on 0207 535 7000 or by email: privacy@leonardcurtis.co.uk.

Data Controller: LEONARD CURTIS