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Company name in full Darwin Solicitors (Shropshire) Limited

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### 2 Liquidator's name

Full forename(s) Paul

Surname Boyle

### 3 Liquidator's address

Building name/number 102 Sunlight House

Street

Post town Quay Street

County/Region Manchester

Postcode M 3 3 J Z

Country

### 4 Liquidator's name ①

Full forename(s) Lewis

Surname Onions

① Other liquidator  
Use this section to tell us about  
another liquidator.

### 5 Liquidator's address ②

Building name/number Allium House

Street

Post town 36 Water Street

County/Region Birmingham

Postcode B 3 1 H P

Country

② Other liquidator  
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### Liquidator's release

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Liquidator's signature

Signature

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County/Region

Postcode **M 3 3 J Z**

Country

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### Joint Liquidators' Summary of Receipts & Payments

**Paul Boyle**  
**Joint Liquidator**

# **Joint Liquidators' Final Progress Report to Creditors and Members**

**Darwin Solicitors (Shropshire) Limited t/a Darwin Matthews  
Solicitors  
- In Liquidation**

**17 February 2020**

**DARWIN SOLICITORS (SHROPSHIRE) LIMITED T/A DARWIN MATTHEWS SOLICITORS  
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**1 Introduction**

- 1.1 Paul Walker, of Harrison's Business Recovery and Insolvency Limited, 102 Sunlight House, Quay Street, Manchester M1 3JZ together with Lewis Onions of Lewis Onions Solicitors Limited, Allum House, 36 Water Street, Birmingham B3 1HP, were appointed as Joint Liquidators of Darwin Solicitors (Shropshire) Limited t/a Darwin Matthews Solicitors (the **Company**) on 10 March 2015.
- 1.2 By virtue of a Block Transfer Order, Paul Boyle of Harrison's Business Recovery and Insolvency Limited replaced Paul Walker as Joint Liquidator on 18 August 2016.
- 1.3 The trading address of the Company was 5 Swan Hill Court, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY1 1NP. The business traded under the name Darwin Matthews Solicitors.
- 1.4 The registered office of the Company was changed to 102 Sunlight House, Quay Street, Manchester, M3 3JZ and its registered number is 07117031.
- 1.5 As the liquidation is now complete, I am required to provide a progress report covering the period since my last progress report. This is my final report in the liquidation and covers the period from 10 March 2019 to 17 February 2020 (**the Period**).
- 1.6 Information about the way that we will use, and store personal data on insolvency appointments can be found at <http://harrisons.uk.com/privacy-policy>. If you are unable to download this, please contact us and a hard copy will be provided to you.

**2 Progress of the Liquidation**

- 2.1 This section of the report provides creditors with an overview of the progress made in the Period, together with information on the overall outcome of the liquidation.
- 2.2 At Appendix A, I have provided an account of my Receipts and Payments for the Period with a comparison to the directors' statement of affairs values, together with a cumulative account since my appointment also at Appendix A, which provides details of the remuneration charged and expenses incurred and paid by the Liquidators.

***Administration (including statutory compliance & reporting)***

- 2.3 As noted in my previous reports, the Liquidator must comply with certain statutory obligations under the Insolvency Act 1986 and other related legislation. Details about the work undertaken in this regard has been outlined previously and I would confirm that in the final period of the liquidation, the only matters that have affected the costs in this area to any particular extent are the final collection of work in progress and closure formalities.

***Realisation of Assets***

***Work In Progress***

- 2.4 The Statement of Affairs showed work in progress with an uncertain realisable value. The Joint Liquidator, Lewis Onions of Lewis Onions Solicitors Limited, has collected the sum of £23,392.60.
- 2.5 Since our last report, the remaining files requiring settlement at Lewis Onions Solicitors have been finalised.

***Book Debts***

- 2.6 During the Period, the Joint Liquidators have continued to pursue the book debts outstanding to the Company. A further sum of £12,659.69 was recovered in the Period, bringing total

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realisations from book debts to £31,656.54. This compares to the Statement of Affairs figure of £15,244.92 at the start of the liquidation and there will be no further realisations in this regard.

*Director's Loan Account*

- 2.7 As previously reported, a claim was submitted in the bankruptcy estate of the Director for an outstanding director's loan amount due to the Company of £56,636.00.
- 2.8 In the latest report, the Director's Trustee in bankruptcy advised that a dividend would be unlikely from the bankruptcy estate. Accordingly, no realisations are expected to be received in this regard.
- 2.9 There have been no further realisations in the Period save for bank interest of £8.04.
- 2.10 It is anticipated that the work the Liquidators and their staff have undertaken to date may bring a financial benefit to creditors. This may be a distribution to secured creditors of the Company only (from which a Prescribed Part fund may be derived for the benefit of unsecured creditors) or may, depending on realisations and the extent of any 3<sup>rd</sup> party security, result in a distribution to the preferential and/or unsecured creditors of the Company.

***Creditors (claims and distributions)***

- 2.11 Further information on the outcome for creditors in this case can be found at section 4 of this report. The Liquidators are not only required to deal with correspondence and claims from unsecured creditors, but also those of any secured and preferential creditors of the Company. This may involve separate reporting to any secured creditor and dealing with distributions from asset realisations caught under their security, most typically a debenture as well as dealing with the general handling of communications with stakeholders, such as customers and suppliers.
- 2.12 The above work will not necessarily bring any financial benefit to creditors generally and the more creditors there are on an assignment, the higher the resultant cost will usually be, however the Liquidators are required by statute to undertake this work.

***Investigations***

Since my last progress report I would advise that no further asset realisations have come to light that may be pursued by me for the benefit of creditors

**3 Outcome for Creditors**

***Secured Creditors***

The Royal bank of Scotland plc holds a fixed and floating charge over the Company's assets. At the date of the liquidation the indebtedness to the secured creditor was estimated at £46,754.42.

***Preferential Creditors***

- 3.1 A summary of preferential claims is detailed below.

| <b>Preferential claim</b>                                   | <b>Agreed Claim<br/>£</b> | <b>Statement of<br/>Affairs Claim<br/>£</b> | <b>Dividend paid<br/>p in the £1</b> |
|---|---------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Employee claims<br/>(Total number of<br/>claims = 6)</b> | <b>Nil</b>                | <b>7,614.02</b>                             | <b>Nil</b>                           |



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|   |                 |            |            |
|---|-----------------|------------|------------|
| <b>Department for<br/>Business, Energy<br/>&amp; Industrial<br/>Strategy (BEIS)</b> | <b>4,603.91</b> | <b>Nil</b> | <b>Nil</b> |
|---|-----------------|------------|------------|

I can confirm that there will be no dividend to Preferential Creditors

***Unsecured Creditors***

3.2 I received claims totalling £595,229 from 31 creditors.

I can confirm that the realisations are insufficient to declare a dividend to the unsecured creditors.

**4 Joint Liquidators' Remuneration**

- 4.1 The basis of the Liquidators' remuneration was fixed by reference to the time properly spent by him and his staff in managing the Liquidation.
- 4.2 My time costs for the Period are £4,393. This represents 19.2 hours at an average rate of £228.80 per hour. Lewis Onions time costs for the Period are £1,414. This represents 10.1 hours at an average rate of £140 per hour.
- 4.3 Attached as Appendix B is a Time Analysis which provides details of the activity costs incurred by staff grade during the Period in respect of the costs fixed by reference to time properly spent by me in managing the liquidation.
- 4.4 A narrative explanation of the work undertaken by the Liquidators during the Period can be found at section 2 of this report.
- 4.5 Also attached as Appendix B is a cumulative Time Analysis for the period from 10 March 2015 to 17 February 2020 which provides details of my time costs since the commencement of the liquidation.
- 4.6 The cumulative time costs incurred by Harrisons to 17 February 2020 are £48,618 . This represents 241.47 hours at an average rate of £201.34 per hour. A sum of £17,633.07 has been paid on account of these time costs, no further fees will be drawn.
- 4.7 The cumulative time costs incurred by Lewis Onions to 17 February 2020 are £64,750. This represents 278.2 hours at an average rate of £232.75 per hour. A sum of £21,536.92 has been paid on account of these time cost, no further fees will be drawn.
- 4.8 Attached as Appendix C is additional information in relation to the Liquidators' fees and the expenses and disbursements incurred in the liquidation.
- 4.9 A copy of 'A Creditors' Guide to Liquidators' Fees' is available on request or can be downloaded from <http://harrisons.uk.com/creditors-guide-to-fees>.

**5 Creditors' rights**

- 5.1 Within 21 days of the receipt of this report, a secured creditor, or an unsecured creditor (with the concurrence of at least 5% in value of the unsecured creditors) may request in writing that the Liquidators provide further information about his remuneration or expenses which have been itemised in this progress report.
- 5.2 Any secured creditor, or an unsecured creditor (with the concurrence of at least 10% in value of the unsecured creditors) may within 8 weeks of receipt of this progress report make an

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application to court on the grounds that, in all the circumstances, the basis fixed for the Liquidators' remuneration is inappropriate and/or the remuneration charged or the expenses incurred by the Liquidators, as set out in this progress report, are excessive.

**6 Conclusion**

- 6.1 This report together with final meetings of members and creditors will conclude my administration. Details of the final meetings and resolutions to be considered have been circulated with this report.

Yours faithfully



**Paul Boyle**  
Joint Liquidator

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**Appendix A**

**Receipts and Payments Account for the Period from 10 March 2019 to 17 February 2020 and a  
Cumulative Receipts and Payments Account for Period from 10 March 2015 to 17 February  
2020**

## Joint Liquidators' Summary of Receipts & Payments



**Paul Boyle**  
**Joint Liquidator**

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**Appendix B**

**Time Analysis for the period 10 March 2019 to 17 February 2020 and a Cumulative Time  
Analysis for the Period from 10 March 2015 to 17 February 2020**

# Time Entry - SIP9 Time & Cost Summary

DARWI001 - Darwin Solicitors (Shropshire) Limited  
All Post Appointment Project Codes  
From: 10/03/2019 To: 17/02/2020

| Classification of Work Function | Partner | Manager | Other Senior Professionals | Assistants & Support Staff | Total Hours | Time Cost (£) | Average Hourly Rate (£) |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Administration & Planning       | 0.00    | 0.00    | 12.70                      | 3.70                       | 16.40       | 3,693.00      | 225.18                  |
| Case specific matters           | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00                       | 0.00                       | 0.00        | 0.00          | 0.00                    |
| Creditors                       | 0.00    | 0.00    | 1.70                       | 0.00                       | 1.70        | 425.00        | 250.00                  |
| Investigations                  | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00                       | 0.00                       | 0.00        | 0.00          | 0.00                    |
| Realisations of Assets          | 0.00    | 0.00    | 1.10                       | 0.00                       | 1.10        | 275.00        | 250.00                  |
| Trading                         | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00                       | 0.00                       | 0.00        | 0.00          | 0.00                    |
| Total Hours                     | 0.00    | 0.00    | 15.50                      | 3.70                       | 19.20       | 4,393.00      | 228.80                  |
| Total Fees Claimed              |         |         |                            |                            |             | 7,633.07      |                         |
| Total Disbursements Claimed     |         |         |                            |                            |             | 0.00          |                         |

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| <b>SIP 9 - Time Costs Summary for the period 10/03/2019 to 17/02/2020</b> |                |                |                                   |                                       |                    |                    |                              |
|---|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Classification of work function</b>                                    | <b>Partner</b> | <b>Manager</b> | <b>Other Senior Professionals</b> | <b>Assistants &amp; Support Staff</b> | <b>Total Hours</b> | <b>Time Cost £</b> | <b>Average Hourly rate £</b> |
| <b>Administration and Planning</b>  | 0              | 0              | 0                                 | 10                                    | 10                 | 1,400.00           | 140.00                       |
| Investigations  | 0              | 0              | 0                                 | 0                                     | 0                  | 0                  | 0                            |
| <b>Realisation of assets</b>  | 0              | 0              | 0                                 | 0.1                                   | 0.1                | 14.00              | £140.00                      |
| Trading   | 0              | 0              | 0                                 | 0                                     | 0                  | 0                  | 0                            |
| <b>Creditors</b>  | 0              | 0              | 0                                 | 0                                     | 0                  | 0                  | 0                            |
| Case Specific matters (Specify)   | 0              | 0              | 0                                 | 0                                     | 0                  | 0                  | 0                            |
| <b>Total hours</b>  | 0              | 0              | 0                                 | 10.1                                  | 10.1               | 1,414.00           |                              |
| Total fees claimed (£)  | -              | -              | -                                 | -                                     | -                  |                    |                              |

# Time Entry - SIP9 Time & Cost Summary

DARWI001 - Darwin Solicitors (Shropshire) Limited  
All Post Appointment Project Codes  
From: 10/03/2015 To: 17/02/2020

| Classification of Work Function | Partner | Manager | Other Senior Professionals | Assistants & Support Staff | Total Hours | Time Cost (£) | Average Hourly Rate (£) |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Administration & Planning       | 16.50   | 9.47    | 106.20                     | 55.80                      | 187.97      | 37,808.00     | 201.14                  |
| Case specific matters           | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00                       | 0.00                       | 0.00        | 0.00          | 0.00                    |
| Creditors                       | 0.10    | 0.60    | 27.40                      | 0.60                       | 28.70       | 5,441.00      | 189.58                  |
| Investigations                  | 0.00    | 0.00    | 1.30                       | 0.00                       | 1.30        | 260.00        | 200.00                  |
| Realisations of Assets          | 1.00    | 2.50    | 20.00                      | 0.00                       | 23.50       | 5,109.00      | 217.40                  |
| Trading                         | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00                       | 0.00                       | 0.00        | 0.00          | 0.00                    |
| Total Hours                     | 17.60   | 12.57   | 154.90                     | 56.40                      | 241.47      | 48,618.00     | 201.34                  |
| Total Fees Claimed              |         |         |                            |                            |             | 17,633.07     |                         |
| Total Disbursements Claimed     |         |         |                            |                            |             | 1,830.79      |                         |



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| <b>SIP 9 - Time Costs Summary for the period 10/03/2015 to 09/03/2018</b> |                |                |                                   |                                       |                    |                    |                              |
|---|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Classification of work function</b>                                    | <b>Partner</b> | <b>Manager</b> | <b>Other Senior Professionals</b> | <b>Assistants &amp; Support Staff</b> | <b>Total Hours</b> | <b>Time Cost £</b> | <b>Average Hourly rate £</b> |
| <b>Administration and Planning</b>  | 0              | 75.7           | 14.8                              | 47.5                                  | 138                | 32,163.50          | 233.07                       |
| Investigations  | 0              | 0              | 0                                 | 0                                     | 0                  | 0                  | 0                            |
| <b>Realisation of assets</b>  | 0              | 50.4           | 68                                | 21.5                                  | 139.9              | 32,498.00          | £232.29                      |
| Trading   | 0              | 0              | 0                                 | 0                                     | 0                  | 0                  | 0                            |
| <b>Creditors</b>  | 0              | 0.3            | 0                                 | 0                                     | 0.3                | 88.5               | 295                          |
| Case Specific matters (Specify)   | 0              | 0              | 0                                 | 0                                     | 0                  | 0                  | 0                            |
| <b>Total hours</b>  | 0              | 126.4          | 82.8                              | 69                                    | 278.2              | 64,750.00          | 232.75                       |
| Total fees claimed (£)  | -              | -              | -                                 | -                                     | -                  | -                  | -                            |

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**Appendix C**

**Additional Information in Relation to the Joint Liquidators' Fees, Expenses & Disbursements**

**1 Staff Allocation and the Use of Sub-Contractors**

- 1.1 The general approach to resourcing our assignments is to allocate staff with the skills and experience to meet the specific requirements of the case.
- 1.2 The constitution of the case team will usually consist of a Partner, a Manager, and an Administrator or Assistant. The exact constitution of the case team will depend on the anticipated size and complexity of the assignment and the experience requirements of the assignment.
- 1.3 We have not utilised the services of any sub-contractors in this case.

**2 Professional Advisors**

- 2.1 On this assignment we have used the professional advisors listed below. We have also indicated alongside, the basis of our fee arrangement with them, which is subject to review on a regular basis.

| <b>Name of Professional Advisor</b>                       | <b>Basis of Fee Arrangement</b> |
|---|---------------------------------|
| AUA Insolvency Risk Services (insurance)                  | Risk Based Premium              |
| Asset Management Services (valuation and disposal advice) | Percentage of Realisations      |

- 2.2 Our choice was based on our perception of their experience and ability to perform this type of work, the complexity and nature of the assignment and the basis of our fee arrangement with them.

**3 Joint Liquidators' Expenses & Disbursements**

***Summary of Joint Liquidators' expenses***

- 3.2 Details of the expenses paid by the Liquidator during the Period can be found in the Receipts and Payments account at Appendix A. An outline of the total expenses paid during the Liquidation can be found in the Receipts and Payments account at Appendix A.
- 3.3 Category 1 disbursements do not require approval by creditors. The type of disbursements that may be charged as a Category 1 disbursement to a case generally comprise of external supplies of incidental services specifically identifiable to the case, such as postage, case advertising, invoiced travel and external printing, room hire and document storage. Also chargeable will be any properly reimbursed expenses incurred by personnel in connection with the case.
- 3.4 Category 2 disbursements do require approval from creditors. These are costs which are directly referable to the appointment in question but are not payments which are made to an independent third party and may include shared or allocated costs that can be allocated to the appointment on a proper and reasonable basis such as internal room hire, document storage or business mileage. Details of Category 2 disbursements charged by this firm (where appropriate) were provided at the time the Liquidators' fees were approved by creditors.

**4 Charge-Out Rates**

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- 4.1      Harrisons Business Recovery and Insolvency Limited's current charge-out rates effective from 1 April each year are detailed below. Please note this firm records its time in minimum units of six minutes.

|  | <b>2018/2019</b> | <b>2019/2020</b> |
|--|------------------|------------------|
|  | <b>£</b>         | <b>£</b>         |
| <b>Directors</b>                           | <b>305 – 550</b> | <b>305 – 750</b> |
| <b>Managers</b>                            | <b>250 – 350</b> | <b>250 – 350</b> |
| <b>Senior Case Supervisors</b>             | <b>175 – 250</b> | <b>175 – 250</b> |
| <b>Case Supervisors</b>                    | <b>125 – 205</b> | <b>125 – 205</b> |
| <b>Assistants/Trainee Case Supervisors</b> | <b>100 – 150</b> | <b>100 – 150</b> |