Governance

Directors' Remuneration Statement

The approach to Directors' remuneration has been undertaken taking account of the regulatory environment, shareholder needs and market requirements, as well as individual team roles.



The Directors' Remuneration Statement deals with the remuneration for those Directors in place when the Company was listed on AIM in May 2016. During the year, a number of Directors in the Company resigned prior to the Company's securities being listed on AIM. The Director's Remuneration Report only discloses the individual remuneration of Directors who have served since the Company's securities have been listed on AIM. The aggregate remuneration of the Directors who served prior to IPO, but subsequently resigned was £0.1m.

Remuneration and Corporate Social Responsibility Committee

The Board has appointed a Remuneration Committee ("the Committee") which is chaired by Joanne Lake (Independent NED), and comprises Peter Ward (NED) and Stephen Karle (Independent Chairman). Dave Belmont (Company Secretary) also attends all meetings. The Committee was established as a direct consequence of the Company's successful listing on the AIM Market in May 2016.

The terms of reference for the Committee are available from the Company's Support Centre in Birstall.

The Committee has studied Section B of the Best Practice provisions annexed to the Listing Rules of the UK Listing Authority and has voluntarily disclosed the information given below.

This Committee's principal function is to determine the Company's policy on executive remuneration. No Director plays any part in formal decisions about their own remuneration. The HR and Communications Director and Chief Financial Officer provide relevant updates on financial and general Company remuneration matters as invited individuals only. The Committee meets periodically when it has proposals to consider – generally three times a year. In any event, the Committee would meet no less than twice a year. The Committee's policy aims primarily to attract, retain and motivate highcalibre individuals via a competitive remuneration package designed to suit the market, taking account of regulatory requirements and the need to create an appropriate mix between fixed and variable rewards (both short and long-term) for Directors. Executives' remuneration comprises basic salary, performance-related bonus, pension benefits, other benefits in kind and a deferred share bonus scheme granted pursuant to the Morses Club PLC Group.

The Remuneration Policy is due for renewal at the AGM in 2017, and the Committee will conduct a full review of the policy this year. As part of the Company's preparation for listing on AIM in May 2016, Morses Club had external assistance in developing its approach to Directors' remuneration.

Executive Remuneration Policy

The incentive arrangements currently in place include a salary, bonus, contributions to a defined contribution pension scheme and a deferred share bonus scheme, which together sit within the lower quartile of market expectations against other financial companies of a similar size. As the organisation grows, we expect that the remuneration policy will be reviewed. However, the Executive team and the Committee are both committed to prudence during the early period post-listing, and to deliver shareholder value as well as embedding the Company's strategy.

Executive remuneration was reviewed as a consequence of the IPO listing, taking account of the need to balance executive remuneration with that of the rest of the organisation.

Our remuneration policy is underpinned by core principles as outlined below.

 Remuneration is determined within the Company's risk appetite, and is subject to oversight and approval by the Remuneration Committee.

Director's Remuneration Statement

continued

- Key FCA principles, including the principles of Treating Customers
 Fairly apply throughout. Although all employees should contribute towards a commercial result, remuneration is designed to drive a 'balanced scorecard' approach, based on responsible lending principles and outstanding individual performance. Delivery of good customer outcomes is central to the Company's remuneration approach.
- Remuneration structures will be developed in line with the appropriate regulatory environment and the Company's values.

- A blend of short-term and long-term incentives will support the long-term security of the Company and its employees.
- For key roles, remuneration will take account of pay structures in the external market. Remuneration structures will reflect the size and the scope of any given role.
- Remuneration will be driven by Company as well as individual performance, with a foundation of fairness and ability to pay.

- We will communicate policies clearly and in a timely manner.

Business Context and Committee Decisions on Remuneration

The Company successfully listed on AIM in May 2016. As detailed in the report, key elements of the Company's business strategy with regard to technology, acquisitions and targeted financial performance have been delivered. We have also made significant progress in developing new products and services for our customers.

Directors' Remuneration (This section is subject to audit)

			Allowances					
		Base	and	Pension		Deferred		
Name	Role	Salary	Benefits	contribution	Bonus	Share Plan	Expenses	Total
Paul Smith	CEO	212,500	42,725	4,250	75,000	26,223	24,139	384,837
Andy Thomson	CFO	170,000	12,000	2,267	-	19,813	6,870	210,950

Non-Executive Directors (This section is subject to audit)

	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		Allowances	Expenses and
Name	Role	Base Salary	and Benefits	Emoluments
Stephen Karle	Independent Chairman	91,667	-	7,222
Sir Nigel Knowles	Independent NED	37,500	6,250	13,500
	NED and Chair of			
Joanne Lake	Remuneration Committee	37,500	6,250	12,212
	NED and Chair of Audit			
	and Risk & Compliance			
Patrick Storey	Committees	37,500	12,500	1,718
Peter Ward	NED	37,500	-	-

Non-Executive Directors do not participate in any of the Company's share incentive plans, nor do they receive any benefits or pension contributions.

Directors' Remuneration Policy Service Contracts

All Executive Directors were re-issued with a revised service contract as part of the arrangements for the IPO. Service contracts cover a continuous period (ie not a fixed-term) and a notice period of six months applies to both the Company and to individuals. There are no compensation payments for loss of office.

Letters of Appointment

Non-Executive Directors do not have service contracts but are appointed under letters of appointment. Appointments are intended to be for a three-year term with a review after the initial 12 months. All new appointments would be made following recommendations by the Nominations Committee. No compensation is payable in the event of early termination except during the notice period.

Salaries and Fees

The level of remuneration for both executive and Non-Executive Directors in FY17 was reviewed as part of the process of the IPO. This process was completed in May 2016.

Allowances and Benefits

Taxable benefits received in the period include company cars or car allowances, fuel allowances and private medical insurance.

Housing Allowance

As the CEO relocated to the area to undertake the role, a housing allowance of £14k was made available until 30 April 2017. This allowance will lapse after that date. No other relocation compensation was payable.

Life Assurance

In line with all employees, Executive Directors are entitled to life assurance equivalent to four years' salary.

Holidays

Executive Directors are entitled to 30 days' paid holiday in addition to UK public bank holidays. The holiday year runs from January to December.

Pension

Executive Directors are enrolled into the Company pension scheme. Personal contributions are matched by the Company up to a maximum of 7%.

Annual Bonus

The annual bonus is the value of the bonus earned within the year and can be up to 100% of salary, based on the performance conditions outlined below. Any earned bonus is payable in August following the year end in February, conditional on independent audit and confirmation by the Committee. The actual bonus paid in the year to 25 February 2017 is outlined in the table above.

Performance Bonus Conditions

The performance bonus is payable if the Executive Director has delivered key objectives, including targeted adjusted profit before tax, promoting good-quality customer outcomes (ie treating customers fairly), maintenance of headline customer satisfaction scores, completing key strategic projects and acquisitions, all underpinned by regulatory compliance.

Deferred Share Plan (This section is subject to audit)

Executive Directors may participate in a deferred share plan, a three-year plan (commencing 2016/17) awarded through an annual deed of grant, subject to the discretion of the Remuneration Committee. Awards under the DSP may be in the form of:

- A conditional right to acquire Ordinary Shares at no cost to the participant, or an option to acquire Ordinary Shares at no cost to the participant or a right to receive a cash amount relating to the value of a certain number of notional Ordinary Shares.
- Share awards will be subject to performance conditions which are: delivery of targeted adjusted profit before tax, total shareholder return (measured over a period of one year from Admission), satisfactory audits and compliance training, and individual executive performance.
- Awards will be granted on an annual basis.
- The issue price of the shares in May 2016 was £1.08. The maximum earnings from the deferred share bonus scheme are outlined in the table below.

Name	Role	Percentage of Salary	Share Award
Paul Smith	CEO	100	208,333
Andy Thomson	CFO	100	157,407

Awards will vest on the third anniversary following the grant date (unless determined otherwise by the Remuneration Committee). Awards will lapse should an individual leave employment, and are not transferable.

Directors' Shareholdings

The table below details the shareholdings and other share interests of the directors as at 25 February 2017.

Name	Role	Number of Ordinary Shares	Percentage Shareholding
		/	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Paul Smith	CEO	655,000	0.51
Andy Thomson	CFO	5,676,939	4.38
Stephen Karle	Chairman	227,991	0.18
Peter Ward	NED	400,000	0.31
Sir Nigel Knowles	Ind NED	23,148	0.02
Joanne Lake	Ind NED	23,148	0.02
Patrick Storey	Ind NED	23,148	0.02

All Employee Remuneration

In setting the Remuneration Policy for Directors, the pay and conditions of other employees are considered along with any increases in salary. The Committee is provided with data on the remuneration structure for those management level tiers below the Executive Directors; it uses this information to ensure a consistent approach to remuneration throughout the Company.

There is no formal consultation with employees regarding the remuneration of Executive Directors.

All employees have the opportunity to participate in our key benefits such as life assurance, private health and the Company pension scheme.

Relative Importance of Spend on Pay

Shown below is the total pay (including performance bonuses) for all Morses Club PLC employees for FY17.

Total employee remuneration £17,500,504.

Corporate Social Responsibility

The Company has not undertaken any significant CSR programmes during FY17. Based on our business model as a community lender, we are now planning our approach for FY18.