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Joint administrators' progress report from 6 April 2021 to 5 October 2021

BB Realisations (2018) Limited

(in administration and formerly known as Bargain Booze Limited)

Case no. 2928 of 2018

High Court of Justice

Business and Property Courts of England and Wales

Insolvency & Companies List (Chd)

26 October 2021

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Abbreviations and definitions

The following table shows the abbreviations and insolvency terms that may be used in this report:

Abbreviation or definition	Meaning
Administrators / we / us / our	Mark James Tobias (Toby) Banfield and Peter David Dickens
Brands	Conviviality Brands Limited
The Company / BBL	BB Realisations (2018) Limited
CRL	CVL Realisations (2018) Limited (formerly Conviviality Retail Logistics Limited)
Direct business	The Direct business distributed drinks across the On and Off Trade, through its Matthew Clark and Bibendum businesses, serving over 23,000 On Trade outlets, ranging from national prestige hotel chains to independent food-led pubs and restaurants. Subsidiary businesses included those known as Catalyst, Peppermint, Elastic and the Royal-warranted wine merchant, Walker & Wodehouse.
Firm / PwC	PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Group	Conviviality Plc and its subsidiaries
G.T. News	G.T. News Limited
GT Holdings	GT News (Holdings) Limited
IR16	Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016
IA86	Insolvency Act 1986
MCB	Matthew Clark Bibendum Limited (formerly known as Conviviality Group Limited)
Plc	Conviviality Plc
Preferential creditors	Claims for unpaid wages earned in the four months before the insolvency up to £800, holiday pay and unpaid pension contributions in certain circumstances
Prescribed part	The amount set aside for unsecured creditors from floating charge funds in accordance with Section 176A IA86 and the Insolvency Act 1986 (Prescribed Part) Order 2003
Proposals	Joint Administrators proposals for achieving the purpose of the administration dated 13 April 2018.
RBS	The Royal Bank of Scotland Plc
Retail business	The Retail business with over 370 franchisees operated more than 700 stores, traded primarily under the brands of Bargain Booze, Bargain Booze Select Convenience and Wine Rack. In December 2017, the Group acquired WS Retail from Palmer & Harvey McLane Limited, which traded under the Central Convenience brand.
Sch.B1 IA86	Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986
Secured creditors	Creditors with security in respect of their debt, in accordance with Section 248 IA86
SIP	Statement of Insolvency Practice. SIPs are issued to insolvency practitioners under procedures agreed between the insolvency regulatory authorities. SIPs set out principles and key compliance standards with which insolvency practitioners are required to comply.

The Lenders / Secured Creditors	Barclays Bank Plc (“Barclays”), HSBC Bank Plc (“HSBC”) and National Westminster Bank Plc (“NatWest”) as lenders under the Senior Term and Revolving Facilities Agreement; and HSBC Invoice Finance (UK) Limited, RBS Invoice Finance Limited and Barclays in their capacities as invoice discounting providers under the Receivables Financing Agreement (“RFA”)
The Purchaser / Bestway	Bestway Retail Limited (formerly Bestway Direct Limited)
Unsecured creditors	Creditors who are neither secured nor preferential
WR	WR Realisations (2018) Limited (formerly Wine Rack Limited)

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Toby Banfield and Peter Dickens have been appointed as joint administrators of BB Realisations (2018) Limited (formerly Bargain Booze Limited) to manage its affairs, business and property as agents and without personal liability. Both are licensed in the United Kingdom to act as insolvency practitioners by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales. The Joint Administrators are bound by the Insolvency Code of Ethics which can be found at: www.gov.uk/government/publications/insolvency-practitioner-code-of-ethics

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Key messages

Why we've sent you this report

I'm writing to update you on the progress of the administration of the Company in the six months from 6 April 2021 to 5 October 2021.

You can still view our earlier reports on our website at www.pwc.co.uk/conviviality.

How much creditors may receive

Secured creditor

The Secured Creditors were owed c£169m by the Group when Brands entered administration on 4 April 2018. The immediate sale of shareholdings in the Direct business to C&C Holdings (NI) Limited resulted in the repayment of £102m of this secured debt.

In addition, the Secured Creditors have recovered some of their remaining debt from the Group's Retail business, in particular from debts owed to the Retail business at the time of our appointment. We continue to expect that the Secured Creditors will suffer a significant shortfall on their lending.

Further distributions are expected from this administration and of the initial Group debt, we currently anticipate a recovery for the Secured Creditors of over 70%. We are not providing precise recovery estimates in this document for commercial reasons.

Preferential creditors

The Company's employees transferred to the Purchaser and therefore we are not anticipating (and have not received) any preferential claims in the Company.

Unsecured creditors

We previously advised that it would be prudent to assume that there will be insufficient net assets to enable a dividend to be paid to the unsecured creditors of the Company, from the Prescribed Part or otherwise. This continues to be our view.

Therefore, only the Secured Creditors have a financial interest in the outcome of the administrations.

What you need to do

This report is for your information and you don't need to do anything.

Overview of what we've done to date

As explained in our earlier reports, there was a sale of the majority of the business and assets of the Company on 6 April 2018 to the Purchaser (immediately following our appointment). Full details of the sale were included in our initial letter to creditors (containing our SIP16 report) and in our Proposals, which can still be accessed online at www.pwc.co.uk/conviviality.

Whilst we completed a sale of the business and the majority of the assets, there remained a significant amount of work to do in the administration, in particular:

- Supporting the ongoing collection of debts owed to the Company;
- Dealing with the transfer of the Company's large property portfolio to the Purchaser;
- Providing reasonable assistance to the Purchaser for the orderly transfer of the business; and
- Realising assets excluded from the initial sale to the Purchaser.

Our previous report explained the progress of the administration for the period to 5 April 2021. At that time, the key outstanding matters were as follows:

- Continue to make enquiries to establish if the G.T. News Limited credit bank account balance is an asset due to the Company;
- Continue to provide such assistance to the Lenders and Hilton Baird as may be required for the collection of the remaining debtor balances owed and the collection of any insolvent franchisee debtor receipts;
- Continue to collect and account for any pre appointment debts due to the Company (principally any pre appointment business rate and utility refunds due);
- repay the funding provided to the administrators of the Group companies by the Secured Creditors to the extent that funds allow;
- Assist with any queries into the Company's affairs made by relevant authorities and obtain consent for the joint administrators to cease to act; and
- Make interim and final distributions to the Secured Creditors.

In the next section, we provide an update on our work in these areas and (where relevant) how they have progressed.

Progress since we last reported

G.T. News Limited

As previously advised, in October 2020, we were contacted by RBS regarding a credit balance on an account in the name of G.T. News Limited, in the amount of around £490,000.

G.T. News is a wholly owned subsidiary of GT News (Holdings) Limited ("GT Holdings") which, in turn, was a wholly owned subsidiary of BBL.

Although the Secured Creditors of BBL do not have a direct financial interest in G.T. News, they would benefit from any distribution paid to BBL by GT Holdings.

During the period, we have continued to liaise with both our legal advisors and the Secured Creditors and agreed a proposal to realise the value of the funds held in G.T. News. We will provide a further update in our next report.

Based on the current available information we do not consider that there would be sufficient net realisations from the G.T. News funds to create a prescribed part distribution in BBL, therefore, the Secured Creditors remain the only class of creditor with a direct financial interest in the administration.

We are currently looking into the option of assigning any benefit in respect of the G.T. News funds to the Secured Creditors to enable the BBL administration to be moved to closure prior to the next anniversary in April 2022.

Properties

As previously advised, all properties have now either been formally transferred to the Purchaser or vacated and offered back to landlords.

We previously arranged for an indemnity to be drafted (and agreed with the Purchaser) to confirm that they will account for any further outstanding landlord rent payments. The surplus funds held have been paid to the Purchaser and the transaction can be seen in our receipts and payments account at Appendix A.

Book Debts

As previously advised, the Lenders own the Franchisee debts of the Company. On appointment, the total ledger balance was £44.9m, of which £34m was due from franchisees relating to goods sold and delivered prior to our appointment and £2.7m related to supplier income. The remaining balance of the ledger relates to intercompany debts, totalling £8.2m, which are not collectable.

The Company's debtors ledger consisted of c.490 franchisees with debts totalling £34.1m. Of this balance, £16.9m was due from the top 20 debtors, £14.5m due from the remaining franchisees and £2.6m due from those with closed stores.

Given the ongoing commercial nature of the collections process we are unable to disclose the ledger value that the actual recoveries represent. Similarly, we are unable to provide our estimate of future recoveries, in order to avoid prejudicing ongoing discussions with debtors. As the debtors are subject to a receivables finance agreement, they are owned by the Lenders, paid directly to them and the Company has no financial interest in the amount recovered.

We continue to liaise with insolvent franchisee debtors and complete the necessary paperwork to submit proof of debt forms into insolvent estates to maximise recoveries where possible.

Realisation of other assets

Pre appointment utility and business rate refunds

A further £2.7k has been recovered in the reporting period, relating to a pre-appointment utility and business rate refunds.

Connected party transactions

In accordance with SIP13, we are required to disclose any known connected party transactions that occurred in the period following our appointment or any proposed connected party transactions. We can confirm that no such transactions have occurred and none are expected.

Corporation tax

During the period, we have spent time liaising with our specialist tax team at PwC to bring the tax position up to date and submit the necessary returns for the period ends April 2021 and June 21 (being the final return). The work has now been completed and we will be making arrangements to file these returns in the coming weeks along with a request to HMRC for tax clearance approval.

VAT

As administrators, we become responsible for dealing with the Company's VAT affairs and filing obligations.

We have previously deregistered the Company for VAT purposes. We will take steps to periodically recover the VAT owing to the Company in due course.

Within the period we have completed a VAT reconciliation to ensure historical VAT has been accounted for correctly during the full period of the administration to date.

Investigations and actions

In previous reports, we explained that we had complied with our duties under the Company Directors' Disqualification Act 1986 and SIP2. We also explained that (as widely reported in the media), the collapse of the Group resulted in the commencement of enquiries and/or investigations by certain regulatory bodies. During the period, we have continued to cooperate with information requests and will continue to do so.

Our receipts and payments account

We set out in Appendix A an account of our receipts and payments in the administration from 6 April 2021 to 5 October 2021.

Our expenses

We set out in Appendix B a statement of the expenses we've incurred to the date covered by this report and an estimate of our future expenses.

The statement excludes any potential tax liabilities that we may need to pay as an administration expense in due course because amounts due will depend on the position at the end of the tax accounting period.

Our fees

We set out in Appendix C an update on our remuneration which covers our fees, disbursements and other related matters in this case. As detailed further in Appendix C, the Secured Creditors have agreed an increase in the fee cap applying to our time costs on the administration of BBL by £216,220.49 to £1,448,164.31. To date we have drawn £839,564.31 as shown on the attached receipts and payments account, and will draw the balance in due course.

Pre-administration costs

You can find in Appendix D information about the approval of the unpaid pre-administration costs previously detailed in our proposals.

Creditors' rights

Creditors have the right to ask for more information within 21 days of receiving this report as set out in Rule 18.9 IR16. Any request must be in writing. Creditors can also challenge fees and expenses within eight weeks of receiving this report as set out in Rule 18.34. This information can also be found in the guide to fees at:

<https://www.r3.org.uk/technical-library/england-wales/technical-guidance/fees/more/29113/page/1/guide-to-administrators-fees/>

You can also get a copy free of charge by telephoning Andy Lilley on 07841 468130.

Secured creditor fundings

As discussed previously, the Secured Creditors are the only class of creditor with a financial interest in the outcome of the Group administrations (other than Brands where there was sufficient net floating charge realisations to generate a dividend by virtue of the statutory Prescribed Part fund). The Brands dividend has previously been paid and the administration closed.

It was necessary to enter into a Funding Agreement with the Secured Creditors to ensure each administration has sufficient funding to pay the reasonable costs incurred.

The Funding Agreement dated 9 July 2018 permitted us to retain c£4m of the sale proceeds from the sale to Bestway that were available to distribute to the Secured Creditors, for the purpose of discharging the pre-administration costs, administration expenses, our remuneration and legal costs (in each of the Group companies) up to certain limits and to be drawn at the appropriate time with the Secured Creditors' prior consent.

We have previously obtained the formal approvals from Secured Creditors to enable us to discharge the professional costs as agreed in the Funding Agreement.

Due to the additional costs that have been incurred by the joint administrators and future costs that are likely to be incurred, we obtained approval from the Secured Creditors to increase our fees estimate across the Group administrations by £608,600 from the previous fee approval consent obtained. This brings the total fee approval across the Group to £2,210,400 (plus VAT). Of this overall increase, £216,220.49 applies to the fee estimate for BBL.

What we still need to do

Whilst we continue to assist with the proposed Compulsory Winding Up of G.T.News, we do expect that the administration will be brought to a close prior to April 2022 (which is the date to which the current administration term has been extended).

The following is a summary of the work required to bring the administration to an end:

- Continue to assist with the Compulsory Winding Up of G.T.News and the assignment of any future debt due to BBL to the Lenders;
- Continue to provide such assistance to the Lenders and Hilton Baird as may be required for the collection of the remaining debtor balances owed and the collection of any insolvent franchisee debtor receipts;
- Continue to collect and account for any pre appointment debts due to the Company (principally any pre appointment business rate and utility refunds due);
- repay amounts owing under the funding agreement;
- Assist with any queries into the Company's affairs made by relevant authorities; and
- if applicable, make final distributions to the Secured Creditors.

Other work will include compliance with our statutory duties as administrators, dealing with the Company's VAT and tax affairs and other incidental tasks associated with the winding down and ultimate dissolution of the Company.

Next steps

We expect to send our next report to creditors at the end of the administration, or in 6 months time, if sooner.

If you've got any questions, please get in touch with Andy Lilley on 07841 468130.

Yours faithfully
For and on behalf of the Company



Toby Banfield
Joint administrator

Appendix A: Receipts and payments

Directors' Statement of Affairs £	Notes	Total from 6 April 2018 to 5 April 2021 £	Total from 6 April 2021 to 5 October 2021 £	Total to 5 October 2021 £
FIXED CHARGE REALISATIONS				
		2,549,496.52	-	2,549,496.52
4,025,331.41		2,130,652.74	-	2,130,652.74
		2,519,765.39	-	2,519,765.39
22,361,257.10	1	1,708,565.45	-	1,708,565.45
		15,753.34	-	15,753.34
		<u>8,924,233.44</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,924,233.44</u>
COST OF REALISATION / PAYMENTS				
	3	(20,572.23)	-	(20,572.23)
		<u>(20,572.23)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(20,572.23)</u>
DISTRIBUTION TO FIXED CHARGE HOLDER				
		(1,708,565.45)	-	(1,708,565.45)
		(6,479,614.64)	(715,481.12)	(7,195,095.76)
		<u>(8,188,180.09)</u>	<u>(715,481.12)</u>	<u>(8,903,661.21)</u>
BALANCE OF FIXED CHARGE FUNDS				
		<u>715,481.12</u>	<u>(715,481.12)</u>	<u>-</u>
FLOATING CHARGE REALISATIONS				
300,754.19		28,663.34	-	28,663.34
		111,843.01	-	111,843.01
		(122,531.69)	-	(122,531.69)
		116,108.85	-	116,108.85
		(116,108.85)	(4,000.00)	(120,108.85)
		-	(13,174.66)	(13,174.66)
		17,974.66	(17,174.66)	800.00
	2	435,957.99	-	435,957.99
1,239,778.40		1,393,546.21	-	1,393,546.21
		493,263.35	2,769.34	496,032.69
		29,985.22	-	29,985.22
3,680,499.93		292,066.80	-	292,066.80
		465,412.20	-	465,412.20
4,762,949.04		-	-	-
		<u>3,128,206.43</u>	<u>(14,405.32)</u>	<u>3,113,801.11</u>
COST OF REALISATION / PAYMENTS				
		(20,859.50)	-	(20,859.50)
	2	(749,417.00)	-	(749,417.00)
	2	(839,564.31)	-	(839,564.31)
		(101,929.00)	-	(101,929.00)
		101,929.00	-	101,929.00
	2	(68,644.68)	-	(68,644.68)
		(741,167.12)	(22,620.48)	(763,787.60)
		137,295.00	-	137,295.00
		(508.69)	(168.00)	(676.69)
		(7,838.66)	-	(7,838.66)
		(34.50)	-	(34.50)
		(75.00)	-	(75.00)
		(180.00)	(1,939.82)	(2,119.82)
		<u>(2,290,994.46)</u>	<u>(24,728.30)</u>	<u>(2,315,722.76)</u>
BALANCE OF FLOATING CHARGE FUNDS				
		<u>837,211.97</u>	<u>(39,133.62)</u>	<u>798,078.35</u>
VAT CONTROL ACCOUNT				
		35,838.92	(41,825.53)	(5,986.61)
TOTAL BALANCE AT BANK				
	4	<u>1,588,532.01</u>	<u>(796,440.27)</u>	<u>792,091.74</u>

Notes to the R&P

Note 1. The fixed charge book debts are predominantly collected and paid into accounts controlled by the secured lenders and therefore do not feature in this receipts and payments account. We have received some funds due to RFF Lenders in the administration account and the amounts distributed represent the distributions made to RFF Lenders via the pre-appointment RFF account.

Note 2. As discussed in Appendix C, the joint administrators entered a funding agreement with the secured creditors to fund the professional costs of the administrations in so far that the floating charge realisations are insufficient to cover the costs agreed. We have made reallocations to the brought forward figures between the fixed and floating charge accounts to correctly account for the funds provided in accordance with the funding agreement.

Note 3. The Company previously made a payment on behalf of Plc in respect of certain employee related costs, due to insufficient funds being held in the Plc estate to make this payment. There have been insufficient asset realisations in Plc to reimburse the Company for the payment previously made and the Plc administration is now closed. As no dividend payment is due to the unsecured creditors in respect of the Company (or Plc), the only party with an economic interest are the secured creditors. As the secured creditors are the same entities in respect of both the Company and Plc, the net effect of the payment being made by the Company on behalf of Plc is neutral (despite Plc's inability to reimburse the amount due).

Note 4. To assist with the final tax return and to enable tax clearance to be requested the funds are held in a non interest bearing account.

All amounts are shown exclusive of VAT.

Appendix B: Expenses

Expenses are amounts properly payable by us as administrators from the estate, but excludes our fees and distributions to creditors.

These include disbursements which are expenses met by and reimbursed to an office holder in connection with an insolvency appointment.

Expenses fall into two categories:

Expense	SIP 9 definition
Category 1	Payments to persons providing the service to which the expense relates who are not an associate of the office holder.
Category 2	Payments to our firm or our associates or which have an element of shared costs (for example, photocopying and mileage disbursements, or costs shared between different insolvent estates).

We don't need approval from creditors to draw Category 1 expenses as these have all been provided by third parties but we do need approval to draw Category 2 expenses. The body of creditors who approve our fees (in this case the secured creditors also have the responsibility for agreeing the policies for payment of Category 2 expenses.

Our expenses policy allows for all properly incurred expenses to be recharged to the administration and has been approved by the secured creditors.

No disbursements have arisen in the period of the report.

The table below provides details of the expenses incurred in the administration and excludes any potential tax liabilities that we may need to pay as an administration expense because amounts becoming due will depend on the position at the end of the tax accounting period.

The table should be read in conjunction with the receipts and payments account at Appendix A, which shows expenses actually paid during the period and the total paid to date.

Notes	Brought forward £	Incurred in the period £	Cumulative £	Estimated future £	Anticipated total £	Initial estimate £	Variance £
Agent's fees	20,859.50	-	20,859.50	-	20,859.50	-	(20,859.50)
Office costs, Stationery and Postage	7,838.66	-	7,838.66	-	7,838.66	12,838.66	5,000.00
Intergroup Funding	20,572.23	-	20,572.23	-	20,572.23	-	(20,572.23)
Finance / Bank interest and charges	180.00	1,939.82	2,119.82	-	2,119.82	205.00	(1,914.82)
Legal fees and expenses	1 626,492.60	22,620.48	649,113.08	5,000.00	654,113.08	332,080.06	(322,033.02)
Office holders' time costs	2 1,658,860.81	110,071.44	1,768,932.25	30,000.00	1,798,932.25	1,231,943.82	(566,988.43)
Office holders' disbursements	4,688.40	-	4,688.40	-	4,688.40	7,236.62	2,548.22
Pre-administration costs	749,417.00	-	749,417.00	-	749,417.00	749,417.00	-
Statutory advertising	75.00	-	75.00	-	75.00	75.00	-
Storage costs	34.50	-	34.50	-	34.50	64.50	30.00
Insurance	508.69	-	340.69	-	340.69	-	(340.69)
Total	3,089,527.39	134,463.74	3,223,991.13	35,000.00	3,258,991.13	2,333,860.66	(925,130.47)

Note 1. As discussed earlier in this report, the joint administrators entered a funding agreement with the secured creditors to fund the professional costs of the Group administrations in so far that the floating charge realisations are insufficient to cover the costs agreed. The fees were formerly approved on a time costs and percentage of realisations basis.

The legal fees funded by Bestway have been excluded from the expenses statement.

Note 2. The office holders' time costs have exceeded the initial fees estimate. This is due to the fact that the administration has recently been extended for a third year to provide time for the joint administrators to complete the required duties as referred to in this report. When the fees estimate was initially prepared it was not anticipated that the administration would last for this period of time. Furthermore, as a result of the additional time that we have remained in office, we have been successful in realising a number of assets that were not anticipated at the outset of the administration. As discussed further in Appendix C, we have obtained approval from the Secured Creditors to increase the fee cap to £1,448,164.31 We therefore do not anticipate recovering all the time costs shown in the above table.

We have not included the fees charged as a percentage of realisations, as these fees are fully funded by Bestway, so do not fall as a net expense on the administration.

Appendix C: Remuneration update

We confirmed in our previous progress reports, and as discussed earlier, that the Lenders have provided a single facility to ensure that there are sufficient funds in each of the Group companies (over which we have been appointed) to pay the costs of the administrations up to certain limits, as agreed with Lenders. The facility becomes available after any floating charge realisations have been utilised in the first instance.

Time cost basis

Our fees across the Group were approved on a time costs for the standard administration work and a percentage of realisations basis for the additional work for Bestway (as described below) by the Secured Creditors.

As referenced earlier in this report, due to the additional time costs that have been incurred by the joint administrators in dealing with matters other than those relating to Bestway, and the future costs that are likely to be incurred, we have obtained approval from the Secured Creditors to increase the fees estimates across the Group administrations by a total of £608,600 compared with the previous fee approval consents obtained.

Of this overall increase, £216,220.49 applies to BBL, which increases the fee cap applying to the Company to £1,448,164.31. The increased fee cap is less than the time costs incurred on the case, but we do not anticipate any further increase in the fee cap being requested. To date we have drawn fees of £839,564.31; we will bill the balance of time costs up to the revised fee cap in due course.

The time cost charges incurred in respect of the Company during the period covered by this report are £110,071.44.

We set out later details of the hours incurred in the period by the different grades of staff working on various aspects of the administration.

Percentage of realisations

As advised previously, we have performed certain work only to assist Bestway and which went beyond our obligations in the sale agreement and as joint administrators. This work has included:

- revisions to the sale agreement;
- novation of contracts and trademarks;
- protracted management of Bestway receipts into pre-appointment accounts;
- ongoing receipt of licence fees (since 4 October 2018 when the licence to occupy the various properties was extended);
- payment of rent (and certain related property costs); and
- cooperation in the assignment and/or surrender of leases.

We agreed to undertake this work on the basis that it had no adverse impact on the outcome for the creditors. Therefore we agreed that Bestway would contribute to these additional costs, including legal fees. We have recharged the costs to Bestway by reference to time costs incurred by us and our solicitors.

However, we proposed that the remuneration we actually draw for all work that Bestway pays for, is calculated as 100% of the amount received from Bestway (excluding VAT) in respect of costs incurred by our firm. As advised previously, we believe this is an appropriate basis for the following reasons:

- It is a simple mechanism that matches our fees for the work done solely for Bestway directly to the amount received from Bestway; thereby avoiding any adverse impact on the outcome for the Secured Creditors;
- At the time of determining our fees estimate (for work based on time costs), the duration of ongoing assistance to Bestway was indeterminate and therefore it would have been difficult to estimate the total time required if using the alternative time cost basis; and
- It avoids the statutory costs of additional reporting to creditors (if a time cost basis was used) and seeking further approvals from secured creditors if costs exceeded the initial fees estimate for that work.

It was for the Secured Creditors to also approve the basis of our fees for this work, even though it should not impact the outcome for them. We previously reported that approval has been obtained from the Secured Creditors.

During the period of this report fees of £4k (plus VAT) were paid for assisting Bestway with a novation agreement as referred to in our previous reports. We do not anticipate that there will be any further fees drawn on a percentage of realisations basis.

We set out later in this Appendix details of our work to date, anticipated future work, disbursements, subcontracted work and payments to associates.

Our hours and average rates

We set out in the table below an analysis of our time costs incurred in the period of this report by the type of work undertaken. Further details on the work undertaken under each of these headings is set out later in this appendix.

Aspect of assignment	Partner	Senior		Senior		Total hours	Time cost £	Average hourly rate £	
		Director	Manager	Manager	Associate				Associate
Accounting and Treasury	-	-	-	0.50	7.50	6.85	14.85	4,996.89	336.49
Assets	7.20	0.80	4.50	-	40.10	-	52.60	25,329.00	481.54
Creditors	-	-	-	0.30	2.65	0.70	3.65	1,418.70	388.68
Property	-	-	-	-	4.55	-	4.55	1,836.25	403.57
Secured creditors	0.75	9.80	-	1.50	30.15	-	42.20	20,334.75	481.87
Statutory and compliance	-	1.00	5.05	4.70	32.50	12.95	56.20	22,147.65	394.09
Strategy and planning	1.55	3.20	1.00	5.20	51.25	6.65	68.85	28,984.60	420.98
Tax	-	-	0.75	0.30	3.90	1.50	6.45	2,336.75	362.29
VAT	-	-	0.30	0.20	6.00	-	6.50	2,686.85	413.36
Total for the period	9.50	14.80	11.60	12.70	178.60	28.65	255.85	110,071.44	409.21
Brought forward from previous period							4,313.51	1,658,860.81	
Total							4,569.36	1,768,932.25	

Our time charging policy and hourly rates

We and our team charge our time for the work we need to do in the administration. We delegate tasks to suitable grades of staff, taking into account their experience and any specialist knowledge that is needed and we supervise them properly to maximise the cost effectiveness of the work done. Anything complex or important matters of exceptional responsibility are handled by our senior staff or us.

All of our staff who work on the administration (including our cashiers, support and secretarial staff) charge time directly to the case and are included in any analysis of time charged. Each grade of staff has an hourly charge out rate which is reviewed from time to time. Work carried out by our cashiers, support and secretarial staff is charged for separately and isn't included in the hourly rates charged by partners or other staff members. Time is charged in six minute units. The minimum time chargeable is three minutes (i.e. 0.05 hours). We don't charge general or overhead costs.

We set out below the maximum charge-out rates per hour for the grades of our staff who already or who are likely to work on the administration.

Grade	To 30 June 2021	From 1 July 2021 £
Partner	812	833
Director	714	735
Senior Manager	565	582
Manager	489	506
Senior Associate	395	408
Associate	252	298
Support Staff	132	136

The above rates for work of this complex nature, were agreed with the Secured Creditors in the course of entering into the Funding Agreement. In common with many professional firms, our scale rates may rise to cover annual inflationary cost increases.

Payments to associates

We have made no payments to associates or any party who could reasonably be considered to be an associate during the period covered by this report.

Our work in the period

Earlier in this section we have included an analysis of the time spent by the various grades of staff. Whilst this is not an exhaustive list, in the following table we provide more detail on the key areas of work:

Area of work	Work undertaken	Why the work was necessary	What, if any, financial benefit the work provided to creditors OR whether it was required by statute
Accounting and treasury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dealing with receipts, payments and journals. Carrying out bank reconciliations and management of the bank account. 	<p>To manage the post appointment bank accounts.</p> <p>To ensure receipts and payments are fully and accurately recorded.</p>	Ensures proper management of the funds held.
Assets (including Debtors)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying potential asset recoveries. Carrying out tasks associated with realising such assets. Correspondence with the bank, lawyers and company director regarding credit balance held in G.T. News Limited account. Corresponding with debtors. Liaising with debt collectors and solicitors. Corresponding with insolvent debtors and submitting proof of debt forms into insolvent estates as appropriate. 	<p>To ensure returns to the creditors are maximised.</p> <p>Our work in respect of the assets have resulted in significant recoveries for the benefit of Secured Creditors.</p>	Realises funds for the benefit of Secured Creditors.
Creditors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receiving and following up creditor enquiries via telephone, email and post. Reviewing and preparing correspondence to creditors and their representatives. Receipting and filing proofs of debt when not related to a dividend. Providing information to credit insurers in relation to confirmation of debt enquiries. Maintaining a dedicated website for delivery of initial and ongoing communications and reports. 	To keep creditors informed on the progress of the case.	Work is required by statute and for the proper administration of the case.
Property	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correspondence with councils in respect of outstanding business rate liabilities. Dealing with ad hoc business rate and utility correspondence received. 	Ensures efficient case progression.	To comply with our obligations under the sale and purchase agreement.
Secured Creditors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparing reports to, and holding meetings with, the Secured Creditors. Responding to Secured Creditor's queries. Making distributions in accordance with security entitlements. Liaising with the Secured Creditor's in respect of the Joint Administrators 	To keep Secured Creditors informed on the progress of the case.	To keep Secured Creditors informed of the progress of the administrations and return funds to them.

	fees and obtaining the required statutory approvals.		
Statutory and compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing and issuing periodic progress reports to creditors and the Registrar. • Dealing with records in storage. • Filing of documents. • Updating checklists and diary management system. 	To comply with our statutory obligations.	Required by statute/regulations.
Strategy and planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducting case reviews every six months. • Updating our estimated outcome statement. • Team meetings to review strategy and progress. • Maintaining fee budgets and monitoring costs. • Considering timings for key milestones and key strategic decisions. 	To ensure case progression and monitoring costs.	Controls efficiencies, time costs and ensures continued case progression towards closure.
Tax	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing tax computations and submit returns as appropriate. 	To comply with our statutory obligations.	Required by statute/regulations.
VAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completing a VAT reconciliation to ensure all VAT has been accounted for correctly and processing journals as appropriate. • Submitting an error correction notice to HMRC. • Keeping a record of VAT invoices where VAT can be recovered post deregistration. 	To comply with our statutory obligations.	Required by statute/regulations.

Our future work

We still need to do the following work to achieve the purpose of administration.

Area of work	Work undertaken	Estimated cost £	What, if any, financial benefit the work provided to creditors OR whether it was required by statute
Strategy and planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team meetings to review strategy and progress. • Maintaining fee budgets and monitoring costs. • Considering timings for key milestones and key strategic decisions. • Conducting case reviews every six months. 	1,500	Controls efficiencies, time costs and ensures continued case progression towards closure.
Accounting and treasury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dealing with receipts, payments and journals. • Carrying out bank reconciliations and management of the bank account. • Making distributions to secured creditors. • Closing bank accounts. 	1,000	Ensures proper management of the funds held.
Assets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carrying out tasks associated with realising such assets, principally business rates refunds and other sundry assets. • Correspondence with the bank, lawyers and company director regarding credit balance held in G.T. News Limited account and providing assistance in respect of the court application (including the assignment of any debt due in respect of G.T.News Limited to Lenders). • Corresponding with insolvent debtors and submitting proof of debt forms into insolvent estates as appropriate. 	10,000*	Realises funds for the benefit of creditors.
Creditors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receiving and following up creditor enquiries via 	1,000	Work is required by statute and for

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> telephone, email and post. Reviewing and preparing correspondence to creditors and their representatives. Receipting and filing proofs of debt when not related to a dividend. Providing information to credit insurers in relation to confirmation of debt enquiries. Maintaining a dedicated website for delivery of initial and ongoing communications and reports. 		the proper administration of the case.
Employees and Pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dealing with pension related matters at case closure and issuing statutory notifications. 	500	Required by statute.
Property	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to deal with ad hoc business rate and utility correspondence received. Deal with any residual leases where surrenders can't be agreed. 	1,000	To comply with our obligations under the sale and purchase agreement.
Secured creditors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparing reports to, and holding meetings with, the Secured Creditors. Responding to Secured Creditor's queries. Making distributions in accordance with security entitlements. 	2,500	To keep Secured Creditors informed of the progress of the administrations and return funds to them.
Statutory & compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparing and issuing periodic progress reports to creditors and the Registrar. Sending job files to storage. Completing checklists and diary management system. Closing down internal systems. 	10,000	Required by statute/regulations.
Tax	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparing and submitting final tax computations. Liaising with HMRC to obtain tax clearance. 	1,500	Required by statute/regulations.
VAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completing the final VAT reconciliation. Prepare VAT426 returns to recover any future input VAT as appropriate. 	1,000	Required by statute/regulations.

* the estimated future costs in respect of 'Assets' will be dependent on the time spent dealing with the G.T. News Limited potential asset realisation.

Our relationships

We have no business or personal relationships with the parties who approve our fees or who provide services to the administration where the relationship could give rise to a conflict of interest.

Legal and other professional firms

We've instructed the following professionals on this case:

Service provided	Name of firm / organisation	Reason selected	Basis of fees
Legal services, including: Appointment related matters.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DLA Piper UK LLP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industry knowledge; and previous company knowledge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time costs and disbursements
Legal advice, including: Appointment related matters; and leasehold properties/licence to occupy agreements/surrenders.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hogan Lovells International LLP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industry knowledge; and previous company knowledge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time costs and disbursements
Debtor collections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hilton-Baird Collection Services Limited 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industry knowledge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Percentage of realisations
Legal services relating to a potential credit card claim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reynolds Porter Chamberlain LLP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industry knowledge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Percentage of realisations
Property audit / rates refunds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAPA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industry knowledge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Percentage of realisations
Property audit / rates refunds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exacta Plc 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industry knowledge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Percentage of realisations

Appendix D: Other information

Court details for the administration:	High Court of Justice, Business and Property Courts of England and Wales, Insolvency & Companies List (ChD)
Court reference:	Case no. 2928 of 2018
Company's registered name:	BB Realisations (2018) Limited (formerly Bargain Booze Limited)
Registered number:	01801597
Registered address:	8 th Floor Central Square, 29 Wellington Street, Leeds, LS1 4DL
Date of the joint administrators' appointment:	6 April 2018
The European Regulation on Insolvency Proceedings (Council Regulation (EC) No. 1346/2000 of 29 May 2000):	The European Regulation on Insolvency Proceedings applies to this administration and the proceedings are main proceedings.
Split of Administrators' responsibilities:	All functions and powers of the Administrators may be exercised by all of the Administrators jointly or by any Administrator separately.
Joint Administrators' names, addresses and contact details:	Mark James Tobias Banfield, of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP 7 More London Riverside, London, SE1 2RT; Peter David Dickens of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, 1 Hardman Square, Manchester, M3 3EB
Extension(s) to the initial period of appointment:	The administration was due to end automatically on 5 April 2019. An extension of twelve months to 5 April 2020 was granted by the Secured Creditors on 14 March 2019. A further extension of twelve months to 5 April 2021 was granted by the court on 13 March 2020. A further extension of twelve months to 5 April 2022 was granted by the court on 25 March 2021.
