

The Joint Administrators' Progress Report from 7 March 2025 to 6 September 2025

Nigel Fredericks Limited
- in administration

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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
AMA	Accelerated mergers and acquisitions
Atlantic	Atlantic Risk Management Services Limited
Company	Nigel Fredericks Limited – in Administration
DBT	Department for Business and Trade
DSW	Dow Schofield Watts
DVLA	Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency
Firm / PwC	PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
HMRC	HM Revenue & Customs
IA86	Insolvency Act 1986
The Insolvency Service	An executive agency of the Department of Business and Trade
IR16	Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016
Joint Administrators / we / us / our	Rachael Maria Wilkinson and Zelf Hussain
LTO	Licence to occupy
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
Property	11a Carlisle Road, London
Proposals	The Joint Administrators' statement of proposals for achieving the purpose of the administrations, dated 14 September 2018
Purchaser	Nigel Fredericks Trading Limited (previously in Administration and dissolved on 15 September 2022), purchased the Company's business and assets as disclosed in the Joint Administrators Proposals dated 14 September 2018
RBS	The Royal Bank of Scotland Commercial Services Limited
Section 455 Tax	A corporation tax charge on loans or advances made by close companies to their shareholders (participants), repayable once the loan is cleared.
Secured Creditors	Creditors with security in respect of their debt, in accordance with section 248 IA86; in this case, National Westminster Bank plc, RBS and Lombard North Central plc
SIP 2	Investigations by Office Holders in Administrations and Insolvent Liquidations and the Submission of Conduct Reports by Office Holders

SIP 9	Statement of Insolvency Practice 9: Payments to insolvency office holders and their associates from an estate
SIP 16	Statement of Insolvency Practice 16: Pre-packaged sales in administrations
SoA	The Statement of Affairs signed by Nigel Tottman on 16 October 2018
TUPE	Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment)
Unsecured creditors	Creditors who are neither secured nor preferential

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Key messages

Why we've sent you this report

We're pleased to let you know that our work in the administration of the Company is now complete and so, we set out below our final report. We also include details of the work done in the period since we last reported.

You can still view our earlier reports on our website at www.pwc.co.uk/nigel. Please get in touch with Hannah Wilks on 0113 289 4000 if you need any of the passwords to access the reports.

How much creditors have received

The following table summarises the final outcome for creditors:

Class of creditor	Actual paid (p in £)	Previous estimate (p in £)
Secured creditors	65	65
Preferential creditors	Nil	Nil
Unsecured creditors	Nil	Nil

Secured creditors

The Secured Creditors were owed £8.7m (including amounts owed under the invoice discounting facility) at the date of our appointment. As previously advised, we did not anticipate that they would be repaid in full, and we now confirm the final position.

In November 2023, an interim distribution of £500k was made, followed by a final distribution of approximately £334k during the reporting period, bringing total payments from the administration estate to c.£834k.

As stated above, the Company's book debts had been assigned to RBS under an invoice finance agreement, with collections initially made by the Purchaser and subsequently by Atlantic. A total of £4.9m was recovered under this facility, meaning RBS received overall recoveries of c.£5.7m, representing approximately 65% of their total lending.

Preferential creditors

We did not anticipate that there would be any preferential claims against the Company as all employees transferred to the Purchaser as part of the sale of the business and assets, and therefore no arrears of wages or unpaid holiday pay became due by the Company. No ordinary preferential claims have been received and no distributions have been made.

Please note that, as the appointment was made in 2018, any claims held by HMRC rank as unsecured and not preferential. This is because the case falls after the removal of Crown preference in September 2003 (under the Enterprise Act 2002) and before the reintroduction of Crown preference in December 2020 (under the Finance Act 2020).

Unsecured creditors

The Prescribed Part provisions do not apply in this case as all realisable assets are secured by floating charges registered prior to 15 September 2003, when the Prescribed Part provisions came into force. As such, there are no assets from which to ring-fence the Prescribed Part, and there were insufficient asset realisations available for an unsecured distribution.

What you need to do

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

What happens next

In line with our Proposals approved by creditors, on 6 October 2025 we filed notice of move from administration to dissolution. The Company will be dissolved three months after the notice has been registered by the Registrar of Companies.

Dissolution was the most appropriate exit route as the Joint Administrators have realised all assets of the Company, and distributed the funds in the administration to the Secured Creditors.

As resolved by the Secured Creditors we will be discharged from liability in respect of any of our actions as Joint Administrators when our appointment ceases to have effect.

Overview of our work and progress since we last reported

Why we were appointed

A chronological overview of the events which led to our appointment is as follows:

- The Company, incorporated on 27 August 1942, processed and sold meat products to the hospitality and events sector, employing 287 staff across two sites in North London and Mansfield.
- Significant capital investment expanded manufacturing capacity from four to six units during FY17, largely financed through third-party lease agreements, resulting in monthly repayments of around £70k.
- The fall in the value of the pound after the UK's EU referendum increased the cost of imported meat, raising raw material costs and reducing profitability, as the Company could not fully pass these costs to customers.
- In early 2018, sector difficulties led to a roughly 50% reduction in credit insurance limits for suppliers, increasing working capital needs as suppliers demanded quicker payments.
- Declining profitability, higher finance lease costs, and reduced credit insurance combined to create significant cash flow pressures, causing the Company to exceed its invoice discounting facility limit with RBS by August 2018.
- RBS engaged PwC to review the cash flow requirements of the business and carry out a contingency planning exercise, to advise on the options available to the Company. While a sale of the Company's shares was explored, no acceptable bids emerged and a sale of the business and assets on an accelerated timescale was the only viable solution.
- A pre-packaged sale to the Purchaser completed on 7 September 2018, immediately following our appointment as administrators.

Asset realisation

Asset realisations are now complete and no further realisations will be made. An overview of all asset realisations made during the administration follows.

Pre-packaged sale of businesses and assets

Following the appointment of the Joint Administrators on 7 September 2018, a sale was completed involving substantially all of the assets of the Company. The net consideration for the transaction, detailed below, was £23,033.29, exclusive of VAT. For further details regarding the sale of the businesses and assets to the Purchaser, you can access the Joint Administrators' SIP16 disclosure in our Proposals.

	£
Plant and equipment	749,991.00
Business information	1.00
Customer contracts	1.00
Goodwill	1.00
Information technology	1.00
Intellectual property rights	1.00
TV licence	1.00
Source codes	1.00
Stock	1.00
Supplier contracts	1.00
Less:	
Value of stock supplied to the business pre-appointment - Note 1	(577,802.71)
Arrears of wages for weekly staff for period to 7 September 2018	(149,164.00)
Net cash	23,033.29

Note 1 - during the sale process up to the point that exclusivity was granted to the preferred bidder, RBS continued to fund the critical working capital needs of the business. The preferred bidder, in exchange for 10 days'

exclusivity, provided stock to the Company to allow it to continue to trade while an agreement for the sale of the business and certain assets was reached. An adjustment was made to the sale price for stock supplied by the bidder prior to completion of the sale.

Assets excluded from the pre-packaged sale

Book debts owed to RBS

The Company's book debts were assigned to RBS under an invoice finance agreement. Debts were initially collected by the Purchaser and subsequently by Atlantic. A total of £4.9m has been collected and realised by RBS and no further realisations are anticipated. As the sum collected was less than the total sum owing to RBS, no surplus funds have been made available to the administration estate.

Directors' loan accounts / director's bankruptcy estate

One of the assets of the Company excluded from the sale of the business and assets was a directors' loan account with an estimated value of £4.1m. This primarily included sums owed by Mr Nigel Tottman, plus a smaller amount owed by another director which was partially recovered by way of a refund of dividends paid (see *Refund of dividends*). We set out below the steps taken by the Administrators to recover sums owed by Nigel Tottman.

Following ongoing negotiations with the director, the Company petitioned the Court for a bankruptcy order against Mr Tottman in respect of the outstanding director's loan account. In December 2020, the High Court of Justice issued a bankruptcy order against Mr Tottman with insolvency practitioners from Smith and Williamson LLP (now S&W Partners) acting as Trustees. We recovered c.£45k from the Trustees in respect of legal fees paid by the Company in support of our petition, as ordered by the Court.

In July 2023, we received the first dividend payment out of the bankruptcy estate in the sum of £303,610.

In 2024, the Trustees accepted an offer of £2.35m for the sale of the director's property and it was anticipated that the Company would receive a distribution from the estate in respect of the equity realised. It is of note that the offer price accepted was significantly lower than the mortgagee's initial estimate of £4.06m owing to the property not having been fully renovated as anticipated. Later in 2024 / early 2025, this sale fell through due to a boundary dispute and the requirement for remedial works to be undertaken. Following this, the Trustees anticipated that, taking into account the continued increase of the mortgage balance, there would be no equity for the benefit of the director's unsecured creditors, which included the Company, once the property was eventually remarketed and sold. The Trustees therefore advised of their intention to pay a final dividend.

In May 2025, we received a final dividend payment from the bankruptcy estate in the sum of £56,453.03. There will be no further realisations from this source.

Total realisations from the director's bankruptcy estate amount to £360,062.65.

Licence to occupy

We granted the Purchaser a licence to occupy the Company's seven leasehold premises until 28 February 2019 whilst it arranged assignment of the leases with the relevant landlords. We also granted a licence to occupy the freehold property at 11a Carlisle Road for the same period. As the Purchaser's negotiations took longer than expected, we granted further LTOs in respect of the various properties until 31 March 2019. Under the terms of the licence, we collected rent from the Purchaser and settled landlords' invoices out of these funds on a monthly basis. LTOs were extended further for one property to 31 May 2019 and until the end of June 2019 in respect of two of the leased properties.

On 13 June 2019, the Purchaser went into administration and DSW were appointed administrators. The insolvency of the Purchaser resulted in complications with regard to completing assignments, lease transfers, and negotiations with landlords of leases which had not been assigned to the Purchaser at the time of its insolvency. We liaised with DSW and our solicitors in respect of unsecured claims landlords may have for rent due after the date of surrender and prior to the insolvency of the Purchaser.

During the period from March 2019 to June 2019 we completed an assignment of the leases in respect of three properties and leases in respect of the remaining properties were surrendered.

Managing the property portfolio has been one of the more time consuming areas of our work.

Sale of Property (Company's beneficial share)

The Company had a beneficial interest in the Property, which was legally owned by Mr Nigel Tottman. Following the sale of the Property in May 2019, the Company realised £382,200 in respect of its 26% beneficial share. After deducting the Company's share of agents' costs, net proceeds of £372,202 were applied towards the outstanding directors' loan account, in accordance with the agreement with Mr Tottman. The balance of proceeds was transferred to the Trustees of Mr Tottman's bankruptcy, minus a sum of £1,677 which related to the VAT element on agent's fees that Mr Tottman should be able to recover, and which should therefore not be borne by the Company.

Insurance claims and refunds

An amount of £781 in relation to a pre-appointment insurance claim has been realised into the Administration estate and an amount of £287 has been realised by way of a refund on a policy.

Sundry debts and refunds

Several rates refunds have been realised from the Council totalling £4,637.57, with the assistance of specialist agents. A refund of £2,397.58 has been realised into the Administration estate following the cancellation of a policy held by the Company.

Bank interest received gross

£51,668.16 of bank interest has been realised into the Administration estate during the period of the administration, of which £989.96 has been received since we last reported.

Refund of dividends

A sum of £35,000 has been recovered from one of the Company's directors in relation to dividends paid when the Company did not have adequate distributable reserves.

Section 455 Tax repayable

Section 455 tax is a corporation tax charge on loans or advances made by close companies to their shareholders (participators), repayable once the loan is cleared. Following the bankruptcy of Mr. Tottman, our specialist tax team reviewed the potential recovery of funds relating to the repayment of Section 455 tax paid pre-appointment on the directors' loan account. This liability, thought to be potentially in excess of £300k, was understood to become repayable approximately nine months after the end of the period in which the Company received the final distribution from the bankruptcy estate, following which the Joint Administrators would write off any remaining directors' loan balances.

It was originally our intention to await the final dividend from Mr Tottman's bankruptcy estate and write off the loan, enabling recovery of the Section 455 tax paid by the Company. However, given the actual level of realisations achieved in the bankruptcy estate was lower than initially anticipated, a lesser amount of the directors' loan balance has been paid down. Having reviewed the position, we have latterly concluded that the additional liabilities that would be triggered when pursuing a tax recovery would be expected to exceed the potential repayment. On this basis, no further action has been taken and the matter is now closed.

Prepayments and deposits

The directors' SoA included an estimated realisable value for pre-payments and deposits; no realisations have been made in this regard. £70,000 of this balance related to a rent deposit on the Property, which formed part of the Company's claim in the bankruptcy of Mr Tottman.

Pre-appointment bank accounts

A total of £1,793.22 has been received from NatWest as a refund of the balance remaining on the pre-appointment current account.

Pre-appointment VAT refund

Having carried out a review of our records from early on in the administration, we sought to reclaim VAT paid by the Company prior to our appointment. Upon providing additional information requested by HMRC, £95,676.32 has been successfully realised.

Corporation tax refund - Terminal loss relief

We submitted a successful terminal loss relief claim for the recovery of corporation tax paid prior to the Company's insolvency, resulting in a net realisation of £166,201.10.

Tax and VAT

Corporation tax

During this reporting period, we submitted Corporation Tax returns for the following periods:-

- 1 October 2023 to 30 September 2024 - a payment of £4,274.50 was remitted to HMRC; and
- 1 October 2024 to 2 April 2025 (the closure period) - a payment of £1,322.75 was remitted to HMRC in full and final settlement.

No further tax returns were required to be submitted by the Company and therefore no further payments were made.

VAT

As reported previously, the Company is now deregistered for VAT purposes, but is still able to recover VAT from HMRC by submitting VAT426 forms.

During the period, we submitted a final VAT 426 return following the payment of all final costs. The VAT has been assigned to the Firm in partial payment of our final fees in order to allow for the efficient and timely closure of the administration.

Tax clearance

We have fulfilled our duties as proper officers for tax during the administration and filed VAT and corporation tax returns for all relevant accounting periods, including the final return. No PAYE / NI liabilities have arisen in the administration as anticipated, owing to all employees and workers of the Company having been transferred to the Purchaser in accordance with TUPE. HMRC has raised no queries on our returns or deregistration application and we can confirm that HMRC has not objected to the administration ending.

Connected party transactions

No assets have been disposed of by the Joint Administrators to a party (person or company) with a connection to the directors, shareholders or secured creditors of the Company or their associates.

Approval of our Proposals

We issued to creditors our Proposals dated 14 September 2018 for achieving the purpose of administration.

As we stated in our Proposals that we thought the Company had insufficient assets to pay a dividend to unsecured creditors, this meant we did not need to seek a decision from creditors regarding the approval of our Proposals and our Proposals would be treated as approved if creditors did not seek a decision in the required manner. As creditors did not request a decision to be sought, our Proposals were treated as approved on 28 September 2018.

We attach a summary of our Proposals at Appendix A.

Investigations and actions

We have complied with our duties and submitted a conduct report for the Company to DBT. No further investigations have been required following this submission and nothing has come to our attention to suggest that we need to do any more work in line with our duties under the Company director's Disqualification Act 1986 and SIP 2.

Other issues

When we last reported, the key outstanding matters in the administration were as follows:

- Issue our tax return for FY24 and any subsequent returns required;
- Monitor VAT receivable account and submit VAT426 as/when needed;
- Await receipt of funds in respect of the final dividend arising from the director's bankruptcy;
- Make a distribution to the Secured Creditors under the relevant security;
- Prepare and submit our 6 monthly progress report; and
- Deal with the closure of the case.

We've now completed our work to resolve these matters as explained above.

Our final receipts and payments account

We set out in Appendix B an account of our receipts and payments for the period from 7 March 2025 to 6 September 2025 and from 7 September 2025 to 6 October 2025.

Our expenses

We set out in Appendix C a statement of the final expenses that we incurred to the date covered by this report.

Our fees

We set out in Appendix D an update on our remuneration which covers our fees and other related matters.

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 IR16. This information can also be found in the guide to fees at:

<https://www.icaew.com/-/media/corporate/files/regulations/insolvency/creditors-guides/2021/administration-creditor-fee-guide-1-april-2021.ashx>

You can also get a copy free of charge by telephoning Hannah Wilks on 0113 289 4000.

What we still need to do

The administration of the Company is now complete.

Since the realisation of assets has been concluded and final distributions have been made, we consider dissolution to be the most appropriate exit route.

This is our final report and the Company will be dissolved three months after the notice of move from administration to dissolution has been registered at Companies House. As resolved by the relevant class of creditor we will be discharged from liability in respect of any of our actions as Joint Administrators when our appointment ceases to have effect.

If you've got any questions, please get in touch with the case team at 0113 289 4000.

Yours faithfully

For and on behalf of the Companies



Rachael Wilkinson
Joint Administrator

Appendix A: Summary of our Proposals

The Joint Administrators' statement of proposals (Proposals) for achieving the purpose of the administration, dated 14 September 2018, included the following key points:

1. The Joint Administrators pursued objective (b) of the statutory purpose of administration, which is achieving a better result for the Company's creditors as a whole than would be likely if the Company were wound up (without first being in administration). Objective (a), rescuing the Company as a going concern, was not viable, and objective (c), realising assets only for the benefit of secured or preferential creditors, was not required in the circumstances
2. Immediately following the appointment, the sale of substantially all of the Company's businesses and assets was completed to Nigel Fredericks Trading Limited (the Purchaser). Further detail on the AMA process and the transaction is set out in the SIP 16 statement accompanying the Proposals, available to download from the case website.
3. As part of the pre-packaged sale, all employees transferred to the Purchaser under TUPE Regulations, mitigating potential employee claims for arrears of wages, holiday pay and redundancy against the Company.
4. Certain assets, predominantly being the book debts and directors' loan account, were excluded from the pre-packaged sale. These assets remained for the Joint Administrators to realise during the course of the administration.
5. Based on the Company's financial position, we did not think that the Secured Creditors would be repaid in full and we were not aware of any preferential creditor claims. Further, we did not anticipate that there would be any dividend for unsecured creditors. In particular, the Prescribed Part was not available because the relevant floating charges had been created prior to 15 September 2003
6. At the time we issued our Proposals, we anticipated that once we had finished our work, we would file a notice of dissolution with the Registrar of Companies and the Company would be dissolved three months later. However, if we thought that there would be matters that should be investigated or other matters better conducted in a liquidation rather than in the administration, we would instead apply for a court order ending the administration and for the Company to be wound up.
7. In the very unlikely event that realisations permitted a dividend to unsecured creditors, the Company could have been placed into creditors' voluntary liquidation so that a liquidator could make such a distribution. In practice, while extensions were sought to allow the administration to be concluded, no dividend became available and no liquidation was required.

Appendix B: Receipts and payments

Directors' statement of affairs	7 September 2018 to 6 March 2025	7 March 2025 to 6 September 2025	7 September 2025 to 6 October 2025	Total 7 September 2018 to 6 October 2025
(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)
<i>Floating charge</i>				
Receipts				
Sale of business	23,033.29	-	-	23,033.29
20,000.00 Sale of Property (Company's beneficial share)	382,200.00	-	-	382,200.00
Insurance claims and refunds	1,068.21	-	-	1,068.21
Contribution from Purchaser to insurance of properties under LTO	663.52	-	-	663.52
Sundry debts and refunds	7,035.15	-	-	7,035.15
LTO receipts	237,388.41	-	-	237,388.41
Bank interest received gross	50,678.20	989.96	-	51,668.16
Refund of dividends previously received by director	35,000.00	-	-	35,000.00
Uncertain Directors' loans	303,609.62	56,453.03	-	360,062.65
Uncertain Section 455 tax repayable	-	-	-	-
150,578.38 Prepayments and deposits	-	-	-	-
Pre-appointment bank accounts	1,793.22	-	-	1,793.22
Petition related legal costs	45,039.40	-	-	45,039.40
Pre-appointment VAT refund	95,676.32	-	-	95,676.32
Corporation tax refund - Terminal loss relief	166,201.10	-	-	166,201.10
Uncertain Total receipts	1,349,386.44	57,442.99	-	1,406,829.43
Payments				
Statement of affairs cost	1,500.00	-	-	1,500.00
LTO payments including rent and insurance	223,945.85	-	-	223,945.85
Property agents' fees in respect of sale of Property	8,384.86	-	-	8,384.86
Insurance	3,138.56	-	-	3,138.56
Statutory advertising	75.00	-	-	75.00
Irrecoverable VAT	2,303.09	-	-	2,303.09
Office holders' fees	180,000.00	40,000.00	-	220,000.00
Office holders' expenses	666.91	-	22.10	689.01
Agents' fees	3,107.00	-	-	3,107.00
Agents' disbursements	1,305.00	-	-	1,305.00
Legal fees and expenses	83,492.12	-	-	83,492.12
Pre appointment legal fees and expenses	13,635.25	-	-	13,635.25
Corporation tax	5,195.14	5,678.87	-	10,874.01
Storage Costs	-	3.60	-	3.60
Floating Charge Creditor	500,000.00	-	334,398.18	834,398.18
Total payments	1,026,748.78	45,682.47	334,420.28	1,406,851.53
Net floating charge receipts	322,637.66	11,760.52	(334,420.28)	(22.00)
VAT Control Account	-	8,000.00	(8,000.00)	-
Balance held in non-interest bearing current account	322,637.66	3,760.52	(326,420.28)	(22.00)

1. Amounts shown exclude VAT.
2. Funds were moved to a non-interest bearing bank account on 2 April 2025 to enable preparation of the final tax return for the Company.
3. As explained later in this report, our fees are based on a time cost basis. The receipts and payments account above shows the amount paid.
4. There have been no payments made to us, our firm or our associates other than from the insolvent estate as shown in the receipts and payments account provided above.
5. Included within our expenses are those in relation to 'Category 2' disbursements in accordance with the policy explained in Appendix C..

Appendix C: Expenses

Expenses are amounts properly payable by us as Administrators but exclude 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 has the responsibility for agreeing the basis for payment of Category 2 expenses.

The rate for services provided by the Joint Administrators' own Firm (Category 2 expenses) may periodically rise (for example to cover annual inflationary cost increases) over the period of the administration. All other disbursements to be charged at cost.

The following tables provide details of the Category 1 expenses that have been incurred in the period of this report as disbursements by PwC and will be recharged to the case. There were no Category 2 expenses incurred in the period.

7 March 2025 to 6 September 2025

Category	Provided by	Basis of cost	Costs incurred (£)
1	PwC	Storage	0.48
1	PwC	Postage	19.70
Total			20.18

7 September 2025 to 6 October 2025

Category	Provided by	Basis of cost	Costs incurred (£)
1	PwC	Storage	0.19
Total			0.19

The expense policy set out above has been approved by the Secured Creditors.

The table below provides details of all the expenses incurred in the administration. The table should be read in conjunction with the receipts and payments account at Appendix B, which shows expenses actually paid during the periods of this report and the total paid to date.

	Brought forward from preceding period (£)	Incurred in the period 7 March 2025 to 6 September 2025 (£)	Incurred in the period 7 September 2025 to 2 October 2025 (£)	Cumulative (£)	Initial estimate (£)	Variance (£)
Statement of Affairs cost	1,500.00	-	-	1,500.00	1,500.00	-
Irrecoverable VAT	2,303.00	-	-	2,303.00	-	(2,303.00)
Legal fees	126,364.00	-	-	126,364.00	12,387.00	(113,977.00)
Pre appointment legal fees	13,585.00	-	-	13,585.00	-	(13,585.00)
Legal disbursements	3,627.00	-	-	3,627.00	328.00	(3,299.00)
Pre appointment legal disbursements	50.00	-	-	50.00	-	(50.00)
Statutory advertising	75.00	-	-	75.00	100.00	25.00
Bank charges	-	-	-	-	1,456.00	1,456.00
Insurance	3,138.56	-	-	3,138.56	4,750.00	1,611.44
Bonding	225.00	-	-	225.00	140.00	(85.00)
Professional fees including property agents	11,492.00	-	-	11,492.00	8,385.00	(3,107.00)
Agents' disbursements	1,305.00	-	-	1,305.00	-	(1,305.00)
Storage	-	-	3.60	3.60	-	(3.60)
<i>Office holder expenses</i>						
Land Registry fee	9.00	-	-	9.00	59.00	50.00
Mileage	100.00	-	-	100.00	150.00	50.00
Printing and postage	494.00	-	-	494.00	100.00	(394.00)
Travel	58.60	-	-	58.60	-	(58.60)
Other office holder expenses	7.04	20.18	0.19	27.41	1,000.00	972.59
<i>Sub total office holder expenses</i>	<i>668.64</i>	<i>20.18</i>	<i>0.19</i>	<i>689.01</i>	<i>1,309.00</i>	<i>619.99</i>
Total	164,333.20	20.18	3.79	164,357.17	30,355.00	(134,002.17)

Expenses exceeded the initial estimate provided to all creditors. This was because of the following reasons:

- The increase in total legal costs is due to the Purchaser's insolvency and the associated costs incurred in dealing with complexities relating to property leases which were yet to be assigned or surrendered. This is explained more in the report above at *Licence to Occupy*.
- The Company's share of property agents' fee in respect of the sale of the property was higher than initially anticipated. The fee was calculated as a percentage of sale proceeds which exceeded the initial expectation; this increase in property related costs was partially offset by lower than anticipated insurance costs.
- In addition, we have incurred further legal costs in pursuing recoveries from the directors' loans account and in applying for the four extensions of the Administration, including longer than expected dealings with the Court due to COVID-19 and more extensive witness statement requirements. As a result, the legal fees figure in our expenses table is higher than that shown in our receipts and payments account at Appendix B. However, we have recovered a sum of c.£45k in legal fees associated with the bankruptcy application (to recover the directors' loan account) as these were treated as an expense of the bankruptcy proceedings.

Appendix D: Remuneration update

Our fees were approved on a time costs basis by all of the Secured Creditors on 18 July 2019. We've drawn fees of £220,000 plus VAT in line with the approval given, as shown on the enclosed receipts and payments account.

The time cost charges incurred in the period covered by this report are as follows:

- For the period 7 March 2025 to 6 September 2025: £65,749.63; and
- For the period 7 September 2025 to 6 October 2025: £14,305.00;

These amounts do not necessarily reflect how much we drew as fees for these periods.

Our time costs exceeded our initial estimate of £394,496, which is the amount approved by the Secured Creditors as fee approving body. We did not seek approval to exceed the fees estimate.

Our time costs to date have exceeded our original estimate in some work categories, but are under the initial estimate in others. Overall, our time costs have exceeded the estimated budget for the following reasons:

- Extra work in relation to the LTO as a result of the Purchaser going into Administration;
- Complexities relating to assigning and surrendering property leases, that had not been anticipated at the time that our fees estimate had been provided to creditors;
- Dealing with a number of legal technicalities in pursuing recoveries from the directors' loan;
- Extra work carried out by our tax specialists assessing a number of options for recovery of tax and dealing with HMRC queries;
- Dealing with a number of unexpected DVLA penalty notices as previously reported;
- Dealing with the complexities of the above matters also meant that the Administration had to be extended four times resulting in significantly higher statutory and compliance costs that we had not initially anticipated; and
- Liaising with the Trustees of the director's bankruptcy in order to monitor the expected timing and dividend due to the Administration estate. The delays in selling the director's property in the bankruptcy resulted in unexpected delays in receiving the dividend in the Administration estate of the Company, and further extensions of the Administration being sought as this was the only outstanding matter preventing the Administration from concluding.

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

Our hours and average rates

Below is an analysis of our time costs for the periods of this report and also cumulative time costs from 7 September 2018 to 6 October 2025 together with a comparison against our initial estimate.

SIP 9 table for the period 7 March 2025 to 6 September 2025

Category of work	Partner	Director	Senior Manager	Manager	Senior Associate	Associate / Other	Offshore Professionals	Total Hours	Total cost (£)	Average hourly rate (£/hour)
Accounting and treasury	-	-	-	1.15	1.40	2.75	0.60	5.90	3,029.50	513.47
Assets	-	-	0.05	0.05	0.90	-	-	1.00	598.75	598.75
Closure procedures	-	-	-	3.95	-	-	-	3.95	2,725.88	690.10
Creditors	-	-	0.20	2.80	0.50	-	-	3.50	2,812.75	803.64
Statutory and compliance	0.50	1.75	4.80	10.35	8.15	-	15.00	40.55	25,926.25	639.36
Strategy and planning	-	1.25	1.85	5.25	2.20	-	7.20	17.75	11,230.25	632.69
Tax and VAT	-	-	-	15.75	7.55	1.00	-	24.30	19,426.25	799.43
Total time costs	0.50	3.00	6.90	39.30	20.70	3.75	22.80	96.95	65,749.63	678.18

SIP 9 table for the period 7 September 2025 to 6 October 2025

Category of work	Partner	Director	Senior Manager	Manager	Senior Associate	Associate/ Other	Offshore Professionals	Total Hours	Total cost (£)	Average hourly rate (£/hour)
Accounting and treasury	-	-	-	1.00	-	0.10	3.30	4.40	2,218.00	504.09
Closure procedures	-	-	-	11.60	-	-	-	11.60	9,164.00	790.00
Statutory and compliance	-	-	-	3.70	-	-	-	3.70	2,923.00	790.00
Total timecosts	-	-	-	16.30	-	0.10	3.30	19.70	14,305.00	726.14

SIP 9 table for the total post-appointment period to 6 October 2025

Category of work	Total hours to 6 October 2025	Total cost to 6 October 2025 (£)	Average hourly rate (£/hour)	Initial estimate of total hours	Initial estimate of total cost (£)	Initial estimate of average hourly rate (£/hour)	Variance - hours	Variance - cost (£)
Accounting and treasury	163.15	50,296.65	308.28	83.00	20,849.00	253.00	(80.15)	(29,447.65)
Assets	272.37	104,934.85	385.27	229.00	80,961.00	354.00	(43.37)	(23,973.85)
Closure procedures	15.80	12,129.88	767.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	(15.80)	(12,129.88)
Creditors	172.07	49,850.10	289.71	204.00	49,073.00	241.00	31.93	(777.10)
Employees and pension	36.94	13,849.50	374.92	36.00	11,785.00	328.00	(0.94)	(2,064.50)
Investigations	35.75	9,954.70	278.45	47.00	11,632.00	245.00	11.25	1,677.30
Statutory and compliance	1,045.98	436,473.15	417.29	403.00	127,182.00	315.00	(642.98)	(309,291.15)
Strategy and planning	170.80	61,735.50	361.45	129.00	44,384.00	344.00	(41.80)	(17,351.50)
Tax and VAT	494.50	237,217.60	479.71	144.00	48,630.00	338.00	(350.50)	(188,587.60)
Total	2,407.36	976,441.93	405.61	1,275.00	394,496.00	309.41	(1,132.36)	(581,945.93)

The reason for variances to our initial estimate is set out above.

Our time charging policy and hourly rates

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

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

We set out below the maximum charge-out rates per hour for the grades of our staff who worked on the administration.

Grade	Up to 30 June 2025 £	From 1 July 2025 £
Partner	1,050	1,110
Appointment-taking Director	1,000	1,060
Director (not appointee)	950	980
Insolvency Specialist SM	920	960
Senior Manager	875	900
Manager	750	790
Senior Associate	575	600
Associate	400	420
Support Staff	160	-

We call on colleagues such as those in our Tax, VAT, Real Estate and Pensions departments where we need their expert advice. We may also utilise Technology Specialists from the wider Restructuring & Insolvency team or other parts of our firm. Their specialist charge-out rates vary but the following are the maximum rates by grade per hour.

Grade	Up to 30 June 2025 £	From 1 July 2025 £
Partner	1,965	2,065
Director	1,815	1,910
Senior Manager	1,485	1,560
Manager	1,080	1,135
Senior Associate/Consultant	765	805
Associate/Assistant Consultant	415	440
Support staff	235	370

In common with many professional firms, our scale rates may rise eg to cover annual inflationary cost increases.

Payments to associates

No payments have been made to associates or any party who could reasonably be perceived as an associate during the periods of this report. Relevant parties have been chosen due to their specific area of expertise or technical knowledge and payments to those parties have been based on standard commercial terms.

Our work in the periods of this report

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

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"> Carrying out periodic bank reconciliations and managing investment of funds Processing receipts, payments and journals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure proper and secure stewardship of funds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required by statute
Assets		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liaising with Trustees in relation to progress of the bankruptcy of the director, and responding to queries Dealing with dividend received from the bankrupt estate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To maximise realisations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To maximise distributions to creditors
Creditors		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparing and making the final distribution to the Secured Creditors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure the correct distribution of funds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure accurate records are kept To return funds to creditors
Closure procedures		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparing pre-closure review Preparing our final report to creditors, members and the Registrar Taking bank account off non-interest-bearing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure all closure matters are dealt with 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required by statute To ensure orderly case closure
Statutory and compliance		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issuing our 6-monthly progress report to creditors, members and the Registrar of Companies to March 2025 Filing all case related documents and correspondence Managing case information database Updating case checklists and diary management system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure effective management of the case 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required by statute
Strategy and Planning		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining estimated outcome statement Holding regular team meetings regarding the progression of the Administration Case progression meetings with Joint Administrators 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure case progression and management in a timely manner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To maximise efficiency and return to creditors
Tax and VAT		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparing and submitting the final tax return to HMRC Preparing and submitting the final VAT 426 to HMRC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To discharge our statutory duty as Joint Administrators 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required by statute

Our future work

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

Work to be undertaken	Estimated future time costs £	What, if any, financial benefit will the work provide to creditors OR whether it is required by statute
Accounting and treasury		
• Closing bank account	300	• Required by statute
Statutory and compliance		
• Filing appropriate notices to Companies House including the notice of move to dissolution	1,500	• Required by statute
• Completing the final review summary and closure checklist		
Closure		
• Issuing the final report to all relevant stakeholders	1,000	• Required by statute
• Ensuring all case files are complete and accurate, and the case systems are closed		• To ensure orderly case closure

Our relationships

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

Details of subcontracted work

No work has been sub-contracted to other parties.

Legal and other professional firms

We instructed the following professionals on this case:

Service provided	Name of firm / organisation	Reason selected	Basis of fees
Legal services, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appointment related matters• Matters related to assignment of leases on properties• Sale of business contracts	Shoosmiths LLP	Industry knowledge	Time costs
Legal services, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application to Court to extend the Administration	Spencer West LLP	Industry knowledge	Time costs
Legal services, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recovery of directors' loan account• Application to Court to extend the Administration	BDB Pitmans	Industry knowledge	Time costs
Legal Counsel services in relation to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recovery of directors' loan account	Max Cole of Ely Place Chambers (instructed by BDB Pitmans on our behalf)	Expertise and competitive fees	Fixed fee

Property agents in relation to:	Lambert Smith Hampton Group LLP	Industry knowledge	Fixed fee and percentage of realisations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property valuation • Marketing the property and arranging viewings • Reviewing offers received • Liaising with solicitors and interested parties • Issuing heads of terms to relevant parties 			

Appendix E: Other information

Court details for the administration:	High Court of Justice, Business and Property Courts of England & Wales, Insolvency & Companies List (ChD) Case number 7347 of 2018
Company's registered name:	Nigel Fredericks Limited
Trading name:	Nigel Fredericks Limited
Registered number:	00375784
Registered address:	8th Floor Central Square, 29 Wellington Street, Leeds, West Yorkshire, LS1 4DL
Date of the Joint Administrators' appointment:	7 September 2018
Joint Administrators' names, addresses and contact details:	Rachael Maria Wilkinson of PwC LLP, 3 Forbury Place, 23 Forbury Road, Reading, RG1 3JH Zelf Hussain of PwC LLP, 7 More London Riverside, London, SE1 2RT Telephone: 0113 289 4000
Extension(s) to the initial period of appointment:	1. Twelve-month extension by creditors' approval to 6 September 2020 2. Twelve-month extension granted by the Court to 6 September 2021 3. Thirty-one month extension granted by the Court to 6 April 2024 4. Twenty-four month extension granted by the Court to 6 April 2026