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Brighton Energy Limited

Report and Accounts

31 March 2024

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Brighton Energy Limited
Society Information

Directors

Mr W Cottrell
Ms S Paskins
Mr D Tow
Mr P Davies
Mr G Sauer
Mr S Condie

Secretary

Mr D Tow

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Brighton Energy Limited
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Directors' Report

The directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Principal activities

The Society's principal activity during the year continued to be the production of community owned renewable energy.

Directors

The following persons served as directors during the year:

Mr W Cottrell
Ms S Paskins
Mr D Tow
Mr P Davies
Mr G Sauer
Mr S Condie

Directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the report and accounts in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The law governing Registered Societies requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the society as at the balance sheet date and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended. In preparing these accounts, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the society will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper books of account such as are necessary to give a true and fair view of the society's state of affairs and to explain its financial transactions. The directors must also establish and maintain a satisfactory system of control of its books of account, its cash holdings and all its receipts and remittances, and hence are also responsible for safeguarding the assets and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Reporting Criteria

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014.

This report was approved by the board on _____ and signed on its behalf.

Director's signature

Director's name

**Independent reporting accountant's report to the Directors on the unaudited
accounts of Brighton Energy Limited**

We report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 set out on pages 4 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of the committee of management and the independent reporting accountant

The society's committee of management is responsible for the preparation of the accounts, and they consider that the society is exempt from an audit. It is our responsibility to carry out procedures designed to enable us to report our opinion.

Basis of opinion

Our procedures consisted of comparing the accounts with the books of account kept by the society and making such limited enquiries of the officers of the society as we considered necessary for the purpose of this report. These procedures provide the only assurance expressed in our opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion:

- the revenue account and balance sheet for year ended 31 March 2024 are in agreement with the books of account kept by the society under section 75 of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014;
- having regard only to, and on the basis of the information contained in the books of account, the revenue account and balance sheet for the year ended 31 March 2024 comply with the requirements of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014; and
- the society met the financial criteria enabling it to disapply the requirement to have an audit of the accounts for the year specified in section 84 of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014.

*Third Sector Accountancy Limited
Reporting Accountants
Statutory Auditor
Holyoake House
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Date

Brighton Energy Limited
Revenue Account
for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Turnover		643,089	515,503
Cost of sales		(29,768)	(37,128)
Gross surplus		<u>613,321</u>	<u>478,375</u>
Operating expenses		(775,459)	(814,579)
Other operating income		409,448	487,571
Operating surplus	4	<u>247,310</u>	<u>151,367</u>
Loss on the disposal of tangible fixed assets		(425)	-
Interest receivable		3,634	189
Interest payable	5	(19,598)	(1,499)
Surplus before taxation		<u>230,921</u>	<u>150,057</u>
Tax on surplus	6	(13,882)	(2,016)
Surplus for the financial year		<u>217,039</u>	<u>148,041</u>

Brighton Energy Limited
Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	7	3,564,340	3,119,432
Current assets			
Debtors	8	167,202	244,464
Cash at bank and in hand		627,782	297,008
		<u>794,984</u>	<u>541,472</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(66,738)	(64,543)
Net current assets		<u>728,246</u>	<u>476,929</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>4,292,586</u>	<u>3,596,361</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	10	(715,150)	(24,940)
Provisions for liabilities	11	(46,670)	(32,788)
Net assets		<u>3,530,766</u>	<u>3,538,633</u>
Capital and reserves			
Share capital	12	3,302,573	3,383,490
Retained Surplus		228,193	155,143
Shareholders' funds		<u>3,530,766</u>	<u>3,538,633</u>

The directors are satisfied that the Society is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 84 of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014.

The members passed a resolution in general meeting to disapply the requirement to have the accounts audited.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014.

Approved by the board on _____

 Director's signature

 Director's signature

 Secretary's signature

 Director's name

 Director's name

 Secretary's name

Brighton Energy Limited
Statement of Changes in Equity
for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Share capital	Revenue account	Total
	£	£	£
At 1 April 2022	3,017,979	156,805	3,174,784
Surplus for the financial year		148,041	148,041
Share Interest		(149,703)	(149,703)
Shares issued	397,800		397,800
Shares redeemed	(32,289)		(32,289)
At 31 March 2023	<u>3,383,490</u>	<u>155,143</u>	<u>3,538,633</u>
At 1 April 2023	3,383,490	155,143	3,538,633
Surplus for the financial year		217,039	217,039
Share Interest		(143,989)	(143,989)
Shares issued	2,000		2,000
Shares redeemed	(82,917)		(82,917)
At 31 March 2024	<u>3,302,573</u>	<u>228,193</u>	<u>3,530,766</u>

Brighton Energy Limited
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2024

1 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below. These have remained unchanged from the previous year and have been consistently applied within the accounts.

General information

Brighton Energy Limited is a registered society incorporated in England within the United Kingdom. The address of the registered office is given on Page 1 of these financial statements. Brighton Energy Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102.

Basis of preparation

These statements have been prepared under FRS 102 Section1A - small entities and there were no material departures from that standard. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Turnover

Turnover represents Feed In Tariff and other electricity generating income, net of value added tax where applicable, derived from the generation of electricity from renewable energy installations.

Depreciation

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives.

Plant and machinery	4%/5% straight line
EV Chargers	10% straight line

Deferred Taxation

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences between the recognition of income and expenses in the financial statements and their inclusion in tax assessments. Unrelieved tax losses and other deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits. Deferred tax is measured using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date and that are expected to apply to the reversal of the timing difference, except for revalued land and investment property where the tax rate that applies to the sale of the asset is used. Current and deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

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Government grants or assistance

Government grants are recognised in the income and expenditure account in an appropriate manner that matches them with the expenditure towards which they are intended to contribute. Grants for immediate financial support or to cover costs already incurred are recognised immediately in the income and expenditure account. Grants towards general activities of the entity over a specific period are recognised in the income and expenditure account over that period. Grants towards fixed assets are recognised over the expected useful lives of the related assets and are treated as deferred income and released to the income and expenditure account over the useful life of the asset concerned.

All grants in the income and expenditure account are recognised when all conditions for receipt have been complied with.

Non-Government grants

Non-government grants and donations are recognised in the income and expenditure account once the entity has become entitled to the funds.

2 Employees

The average monthly number of persons (including directors) employed by the society during the year was 4 (2023 - 3)

3 Other operating income

	2024	2023
	£	£
Consultancy income	-	44,830
Grant income	387,848	434,488
Other income	21,600	8,253
	<u>409,448</u>	<u>487,571</u>

Grant income is all made up of grants for the ERDF (European Regional Development Fund) project. The project will deliver a target of 2.1MW of PV in the Coast to Capital region supported by ERDF funding over 3 years. To do this the society provides grants to Small and Medium Size Enterprises (SMEs) which they use to instal PV systems on their properties.

Other income is compensation from SolarEdge for their equipment failing.

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4 Operating Surplus	2024	2023
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	208,689	180,891
Grant awards paid to SMEs	312,737	401,652
	<u>521,426</u>	<u>582,543</u>

The cost of Grant awards paid to 15 different Small and Medium size Enterprises (SMEs) was covered by grants from the ERDF project.

5 Interest Payable	2024	2023
	£	£
Interest payable on loans	765	1,499
Interest payable on bonds	18,833	-
	<u>19,598</u>	<u>1,499</u>

6 Tax on Surplus	2024	2023
	£	£
The tax charge/(credit) on the surplus after interest is as follows:		
UK Deferred Taxation	13,882	2,016
	<u>13,882</u>	<u>2,016</u>

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7 Tangible fixed assets

	Assets under construction	Plant and machinery	Computer equipment
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 April 2023	51,229	3,926,065	390
Additions	653,479	-	1,543
Disposals	-	-	-
Reclassified	(685,334)	685,334	-
At 31 March 2024	<u>19,374</u>	<u>4,611,399</u>	<u>1,933</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2023	-	889,439	390
Charge for the year	-	204,763	163
Surplus on revaluation	-	-	-
On disposals	-	-	-
At 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>1,094,202</u>	<u>553</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2024	<u>19,374</u>	<u>3,517,197</u>	<u>1,380</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>51,229</u>	<u>3,036,626</u>	<u>-</u>

	EV Chargers	Total
	£	£
Cost		
At 1 April 2023	37,630	4,015,314
Additions	-	655,022
Surplus on revaluation	-	-
Disposals	(1,825)	(1,825)
Reclassified	-	-
At 31 March 2024	<u>35,805</u>	<u>4,668,511</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2023	6,053	895,882
Charge for the year	3,763	208,689
Surplus on revaluation	-	-
On disposals	(400)	(400)
At 31 March 2024	<u>9,416</u>	<u>1,104,171</u>
Net book value		
At 31 March 2024	<u>26,389</u>	<u>3,564,340</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>31,577</u>	<u>3,119,432</u>

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8 Debtors	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	35,840	23,130
Accrued Income	88,330	207,728
Prepaid expenses	7,313	13,031
VAT debtors	35,144	-
Rent deposit	575	575
	<u>167,202</u>	<u>244,464</u>
Amounts due after more than one year included above	<u>575</u>	<u>575</u>

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank loans	10,140	9,884
Loan from related party	-	12,384
Trade creditors	8,378	10,034
Accruals	44,918	23,546
Other taxes and social security costs	-	5,393
Other creditors	3,302	3,302
	<u>66,738</u>	<u>64,543</u>

During the year to 31/3/19 the society received an unsecured short term loan from Sue Paskins for £11,875. Sue Paskins is also a director of the society. The interest rate is 5% and this was repaid in May 2023.

10 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank loans	14,800	24,940
Bonds	700,350	-
	<u>715,150</u>	<u>24,940</u>

During the year to 31/3/20 the society received an unsecured Bounce Back Loan from The Co-operative Bank of £50,000. There is no interest or fees for the first year and after that the interest rate is 2.5%. The term for the loan is 6 years and the amount due in more than 5 years is £0 (2023 £0).

	£	£
11 Deferred Taxation		
Brought forward	32,788	30,772
Charged in the year	13,882	2,016
Carried forward	<u>46,670</u>	<u>32,788</u>

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12 Share Capital	2024	2023
	£	£
Members' Shares	3,302,273	3,380,747
Share capital to be repaid	300	2,743
	<u>3,302,573</u>	<u>3,383,490</u>

All shares have a nominal value of £1 and cannot be transferred. Shares may be redeemed at par at the discretion of the board. Interest may be paid on shares at the discretion of the board. Shares do not entitle the shareholder to the assets in the event of a winding up, but shareholders are entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting.

The Society has 10 different classes of share, they all have the same right of voting at Annual General Meeting. They have different rights to share interest, although all interest payments depend on the discretion of the board.

13 Reserves Policy

The directors maintain £50,000 into an equipment fund for replacing inverters on sites as they come out of warranty. They have also set aside an annual £40,000 budget for ongoing project development.

14 Related party transactions

The Society has a related party relationship with Sue Paskins, one of the directors of the society. The Society entered a loan agreement with Sue Paskins during 2019.

	2024	2023
	£	£
Loan Outstanding	-	12,469

The interest rate is 5% and the term is 5 years from the drawdown date. This will be repaid in full in May 2023.

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15 Lease Commitments

The society is committed to 40 leases over a period of 25 years. The consideration for the leases is a discount in the electricity charged to the occupiers of the buildings. Neither the rent payable under the leases in the form of discounted sales, nor the related income, has been recognised in the accounts as it is not possible to measure.

If this were recognised in the accounts there would be no difference to the result for the year, as the rent recognised under the leases would exactly match the extra income recognised.

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Detailed Revenue Account
for the year ended 31 March 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Sales		
Feed in tariff	226,249	212,002
Electricity sales	387,102	284,798
Embedded Benefits	21,489	12,989
REGOs	3,594	1,154
EV Charging	4,655	4,560
	<u>643,089</u>	<u>515,503</u>
Cost of sales		
Metering	3,267	2,646
Maintenance	23,964	36,881
Rent to sites	2,537	2,551
FIT Admin	-	(4,950)
	<u>29,768</u>	<u>37,128</u>
Operating expenses		
Wages and salaries	130,740	130,100
Freelance admin costs	18,872	17,302
Office Rent	6,780	6,630
Travel and meeting costs	3,895	1,388
Administrative charge	22,807	18,724
Operations and management	22,175	13,015
Telephone and fax	438	442
Postage	296	378
Profit Share	3,967	3,833
Advertising & Marketing	3,097	898
Subscriptions	1,466	829
Bank charges	54	73
Insurance	14,288	10,041
Project development	16,724	21,744
Depreciation	208,689	180,891
Grant awards paid to SMEs	312,737	401,652
Community Fund	2,150	1,500
Sundry expenses	4,254	4,059
Accountancy fees	1,185	1,080
Solicitors fees	845	-
	<u>775,459</u>	<u>814,579</u>
Other operating income		
Other operating income	21,600	53,083
Grant Income	387,848	434,488
	<u>409,448</u>	<u>487,571</u>