

Newcastle law firm Sintons toasts strong year as revenues rise 11%

Newcastle law firm Sintons is toasting another year of strong financial growth after seeing turnover rise more than 11%.

All staff members received a turnover-based bonus for the third year running following the results for the year ended March 2024, which have now been published to show an 11.5% increase in turnover, from £16.2m to £18.1m. Operating profit increased marginally from £6.36m to £6.59m, while staffing levels increased from 145 to 163 by year end, a figure that has since risen.

The firm said it aims to expand its team further during 2025, with plans to continue its successful apprenticeship programme. Recruitment is also already under way for more legal specialists to join its team. A report within the accounts highlights the seven-figure refurbishment of its city centre office, which has just been completed.

It said: "In another financial year when the firm achieved a double-digit increase in turnover and a further 22 colleagues joined the business, Sintons continues to grow as the members invest further in ensuring that the firm has the best people, the best premises and the best systems to meet, and exceed, the expectations of our clients.

"The extensive redevelopment of the firm's head office in Newcastle started during the year, with a project time of approximately nine months and a budgeted spend of approximately £1.8m. This is a bold reimagining of the way in which we work and the facilities we can provide to clients.

"The redevelopment being carried out provides the firm with an

outstanding working environment for our people, a client dedicated suite and a colleague hub. This investment not only emphasises our commitment to the North East community, which the firm is proud to call home, but our confidence in the future direction of the firm.

“Our colleagues are the firm’s greatest asset and we thank them for their continued commitment and dedication to the firm. We were delighted to be in a position to pay, for the third year running, the maximum bonus to all our colleagues under our firmwide bonus scheme.”

Following publication of the accounts, managing partner Chris Welch said: “We’re grateful to have recorded another successful financial year, thanks to our outstanding people and the support of our clients. All areas of the business have performed exceptionally well, from our business-focused teams which support companies with all their legal requirements, through to our personal and family law experts and our colleagues who are helping those who have suffered traumatic and life-changing injuries.

“Having the best people as part of our team is vital to our success. We welcomed a wealth of new colleagues to the business in the last financial year and we’ve added a further 40 colleagues in 2024, strengthening the excellent legal support we provide to businesses and to individuals.

“We’re also investing in the next generation of legal talent, and alongside our graduate recruitment programme we play a major role in the North East Solicitor Apprenticeship Programme, designed to provide different routes for people to qualify as lawyers.”

Every year Sintons also raises money for charity, with the team donating more than £30,000 to The People’s Kitchen. It has also raised over £8,000 since April for the Percy Hedley Foundation, the firm’s designated charity for the next two

years.