**Advantages and disadvantages of a public limited company**

**Advantages**

* Able to raise capital for expansion by selling additional shares
* Higher status than a public limited company so will benefit from more publicity.
* Share prices listed on the stock exchange so shareholders ca work out the value of their shares. They can buy or sell shares.
* Limited liability for shareholders.

**Disadvantages**

* Original owners lose control and ownership of the business.
* Professional directors and manager appointed to run the business may have different aims to those of the shareholders.
* Must disclose all main accounts to the public. These are often greatly publicised by the media.
* Company can be taken over if a majority of shareholders agree to bid.

**Evaluation**

These advantages and disadvantages have to be taken into account when analysing how the business operates and whether or not being a public limited company is suitable for the business.