## **Yorkshire Water Services Finance Limited**

Annual report and financial statements Registered number 04636719 Year ended 31 March 2020

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### **Directors and advisers**

### **Directors**

E M Barber K O H Smith

### **Independent auditor**

Deloitte LLP Statutory Auditor 1 City Square Leeds LS1 2AL

### **Registered office**

Western House Halifax Road Bradford West Yorkshire BD6 2SZ

### **Bankers**

National Westminster Bank PLC Leeds City Office 8 Park Row Leeds LS1 5HD

### Strategic report

The directors present their strategic report on the company for the year ended 31 March 2020.

### Principal activities and review of the business and future expectations

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Kelda Holdings Limited and operates as part of the Kelda group's regulated water and wastewater business.

The principal activity of the company continues to be that of managing finance previously raised for use in the business of its immediate parent company, Yorkshire Water Services Limited ('Yorkshire Water' or 'YWS'). On 3 July 2008, the company became principal debtor under bonds previously held by Kelda Group Limited which are unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by Yorkshire Water.

On 24 July 2009 the whole business securitisation ('WBS') of Yorkshire Water and its subsidiaries was completed, providing a permanent and stable platform for the long term financing of Yorkshire Water. The WBS created the Yorkshire Water Financing Group ('YWFG'), originally comprising Yorkshire Water, Yorkshire Water Services Holdings Limited, Yorkshire Water Services Finance Limited ('the company'), Yorkshire Water Services Odsal Finance Holdings Limited, Yorkshire Water Services Odsal Finance Limited ('YWSOF') and Yorkshire Water Services Bradford Finance Limited. On 16 August 2018, the latter three companies, being incorporated in the Cayman Islands and wholly and exclusively UK tax resident, were replaced by a new UK incorporated financing subsidiary, Yorkshire Water Finance Plc ('YWF'), by being substituted as the issuer of approximately £3 billion of listed bonds and private notes, and subsequently placed into liquidation.

Certain bonds held by the company at 31 March 2009 were exchanged for bonds held by YWSOF in July 2009 with substantially similar terms and conditions. YWF was substituted as the issuer of these bonds in August 2018.

No new debt has been raised by the company since the WBS. Future debt will be raised by other companies within the Yorkshire Water Financing Group.

#### Performance and future outlook

During the year to 31 March 2020 the company continued to focus on delivering excellent internal services and performed in line with management expectations.

It is anticipated that the company will continue to follow the same model for the foreseeable future.

### **Key performance indicators**

Kelda Holdings Limited manages its operations on a divisional basis and the company directors do not believe that further key performance indicators for the company are necessary to enhance the understanding of the development, performance or position of the business. The performance of the regulated water and wastewater business, which includes this company, is discussed in Kelda Holdings Limited's Annual Report and Financial Statements (which does not form part of this report).

#### Principal risks and uncertainties

The risks which the company are exposed to include interest rate, credit, liquidity and market risk in relation to financial instruments and are discussed in the directors' report. The principal risks and uncertainties for the Kelda Holdings group, and how these are mitigated, are discussed in the Kelda Holdings Limited Annual Report and Financial Statements (which does not form part of this report).

### Strategic report (continued)

### Financial risk management

The objectives when managing capital are to safeguard the Yorkshire Water Financing Group's (the "securitised group") ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide benefits to stakeholders and returns to investors, and to maintain an optimal capital structure. In order to do this, the company's debt and assets, and the liquidity of these, are assessed jointly with the other companies that form the securitised group.

When monitoring capital risk, the securitised group considers interest cover measures and gearing, expressed as the ratio of net debt to Regulatory Capital Value ("RCV") of Yorkshire Water.

Any surplus funds or amounts required to be held in reserve are entirely invested in liquid short term instruments with long term ratings of at least A/A/A2 and/or short term ratings of at least A1/F1/P1 with Standard & Poor's, Fitch and Moody's respectively.

Maximum exposure relating to financial assets is represented by carrying value as at the balance sheet date.

### Statement by the directors in performance of their statutory duties in accordance with s172(1) Companies Act 2006

The directors consider that they have acted in the way they consider, in good faith, would be most likely to promote the success of the company for the benefit of its members as a whole and having regard (amongst other matters) to factors (a) to (f) of s172 Companies Act 2006, in the decisions taken during the year ended 31 March 2020. The company's principal activity is that of a financing company. It does not have employees, business relationships with suppliers, customers or others, and its operations do not impact on the community or the environment. Through their actions, the directors operate the company in a manner consistent with Kelda group's high standards of business conduct. The company's ultimate holding company is Kelda Holdings Limited, a copy of whose s172(1) Statement can be found in its 2020 annual report and financial statements. This statement sets out how the group's decisions and policies affect employees, customers and other stakeholders, suppliers and the impact of the group's operations on the community and the environment.

Approved by the board and signed on its behalf by:

E M Barber Director

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28 July 2020

### **Directors' report**

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 March 2020.

#### Results

The company's result for the year was a loss after taxation of £2,166,000 (2019: loss of £8,000). As at 31 March 2020, the company has a net liabilities position of £2,126,000 (2019: net assets £40,000).

All outstanding intercompany loan receivable balances have been assessed for expected credit losses, which have been estimated based on a forward-looking economic assessment in line with the requirements of IFRS 9. The impairment of £2,166,000 has been included within results shown above and does not increase the net debt position of the group as a whole.

### Proposed dividend

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (2019: £nil).

#### **Future developments**

The directors' view on the company's future outlook is discussed in the strategic report on page 2.

#### Post balance sheet event

On 18th March 2020 Yorkshire Water, Yorkshire Water Finance Plc and Yorkshire Water Services Finance Limited launched a consent request to amend the terms of the securitised financing arrangements to reflect changes in Ofwat's approach to revenue reprofiling, including the introduction of redefined interest cover ratios. On 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020, the companies announced that the Majority Creditors had voted in favour of the proposed changes. These changes will be incorporated in future investor reports and covenant certificates that will be published in accordance with the requirements of the securitised financing arrangements.

### Going concern

The company's business activities, together with the likely factors to affect its future development, performance and position are set out in the strategic report.

The directors believe that preparing the financial statements on the going concern basis is appropriate given the interdependencies between the company and its parent, Yorkshire Water Services Limited (YWS). Yorkshire Water Services Finance Limited is a financing company with the principal activity of managing finance previously raised for use in the business of YWS. Under the terms of the company's financing arrangement, YWS guarantees all the company's borrowings and derivatives, therefore whilst YWS continues in operation, the group company is able to ensure that all financing obligations are met. As part of determining if the going concern assumption is appropriate for this company, the directors have challenged and scrutinised the ability of YWS to continue as a going concern including a review of severe but reasonably possible scenarios.

YWS had available a combination of cash and committed undrawn bank facilities totalling £762.6m at 31 March 2020 (2019: £557.3m), comprising £500.2m undrawn committed bank facilities and £262.4m of cash and cash equivalents. The directors have considered the business plan and the cash position of YWS, specifically the sufficiency of the funds available to fund the operating and capital investment activities of the company for the 12 months from the date of signing the financial statements and the impact of Covid-19 on the company. In addition, YWS has an indefinite licence to operate as a water and sewerage operator terminable with a 25 year notice period. The securitised financing arrangements, of which this company is a part of, includes covenants with 'trigger' and 'default' thresholds, which are reported bi-annually and are explained fully within the YWS annual report and financial statements. In summary though, a baseline model, established from YWS's business plan, shows sufficient liquidity and clear headroom for debt covenants, when considering 'trigger' as well as 'default' thresholds. Whilst in a reasonably possible downside sensitivity to that base case, YWS could hit a 'trigger' event, this would not affect YWS's ability to continue to trade.

As a result of this analysis, the directors believe that despite the high level of uncertainty due to the early stages of the economic impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, the strength of the mitigations available are such that there are no material uncertainties that could cast significant doubt over the ability of YWS to continue as a going concern, and therefore in turn the ability of the company to continue as a going concern. The directors have adopted the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

### Financial risk management

The company is exposed to interest rate, credit, liquidity and market risk in relation to financial instruments. These risks are discussed in detail in note 14 to these financial statements.

### **Directors' report** (continued)

#### **Directors**

The directors listed below have served the company throughout the year and up to the date of approval of the financial statements, unless otherwise stated:

R Flint (resigned 12 September 2019) E M Barber K O H Smith

#### **Directors' indemnities**

As permitted by the Articles of Association, the directors have the benefit of an indemnity which is a qualifying third party indemnity provision as defined by Section 234 of the Companies Act 2006. The indemnity was in force throughout the last financial year and is currently in force. The company also purchased and maintained throughout the financial year Directors' and Officers' liability insurance in respect of itself and its directors.

### Disclosure of information to independent auditor

As at the date of this report, as far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware and the directors have taken all the steps that they ought to have as directors, in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of this information. This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of s418 of the Companies Act 2006.

### **Independent auditor**

The auditor, Deloitte LLP, has indicated their willingness to continue in office and the board has passed a resolution confirming their reappointment.

#### Directors' responsibilities statement

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

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law), including FRS 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework". Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue
  in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

### Directors' report (continued)

Approved by the board and signed on its behalf by:

E M Barber

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Director

28 July 2020

### Report on the audit of the financial statements

### 1. Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements of Yorkshire Water Services Finance Limited (the 'company'):

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 March 2020 and of its loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework"; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements which comprise:

- the profit and loss account;
- the balance sheet:
- the statement of changes in equity; and
- the related notes 1 to 17.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

### 2. Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report.

We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the Financial Reporting Council's (the 'FRC's') Ethical Standard as applied to listed public interest entities, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We confirm that the non-audit services prohibited by the FRC's Ethical Standard were not provided to the company.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### 3. Summary of our audit approach

### **Key audit matters**

The key audit matters that we identified in the current year were:

- Recoverability of receivables from Group undertakings
- Going Concern

Within this report, key audit matters are identified as follows:

Newly identified



Increased level of risk



Similar level of risk



Decreased level of risk

### **Materiality**

The materiality that we used in the current year was £8m (2019: £18.3m). Materiality represents approximately 0.9% of total assets (2019: 2%).

### **Scoping**

Our audit scoping covered 100% of the company's net assets, profit before tax and EBITDA.

## our approach

Significant changes in Going Concern is a new key audit matter for the current year as a result of the significant level of judgement surrounding forecasting cash flows due to COVID-19.

### 4. Conclusions relating to going concern

We are required by ISAs (UK) to report in respect of the following matters where:

- We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.
- the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the directors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

### 5. Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period and include the most significant assessed risks of material misstatement (whether or not due to fraud) that we identified. These matters included those which had the greatest effect on: the overall audit strategy, the allocation of resources in the audit; and directing the efforts of the engagement team.

These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

## 5.1. Recoverability of receivables from Group undertakings



### **Key audit matter** description

Yorkshire Water Services Finance Limited is part of the Kelda Holdings Limited Group (the "Group").

Receivables from Group undertakings are stated in the balance sheet at £930m (2019: £913m).

There is judgement involved in determining the recoverability of these receivables from Group undertakings based on the financial position and future prospects of the entities which Yorkshire Water Services Finance Limited has loaned amounts to. This takes into consideration a range of factors such as the trading performance of the Group, the ability of the Group to secure financing and the Group's ability to respond to changing demands of the regulated market.

For further details of the amounts receivable from group companies please see note 9 of the financial statements and note 1 for the accounting policies in relation to intercompany loans.

### How the scope of our audit responded to the key audit matter

We challenged the directors' judgements regarding the appropriateness of the carrying value through understanding the forecast trading performance of the Group in order to assess the ability of the Group undertakings to repay the receivable amounts. This included an assessment of the valuation of the infrastructure assets held by Yorkshire Water Services which ultimately support the future trading performance and cash flows of the Group.

We have reviewed management's IFRS 9 workings to consider credit risk within intercompany balances by assessing the underlying net asset position of the counterparty and the availability and liquidity of those assets. We have then reperformed the analysis to consider any debtors that may prima facie appear to be impaired.

We also reviewed the historical accuracy of the Group's forecasts by comparing the actual results of previous periods to original forecasts.

### **Key observations**

Based on the work performed we concluded that receivables from Group undertakings are appropriately stated.

## 5.2. Going Concern



### **Key audit matter** description

As set out in the Director's report, the going concern conclusion for this company is dependent on the going concern assessment of its parent, Yorkshire Water Services Limited (YWS). Therefore we have identified a key audit matter in relation to the going concern of YWS.

Given the ongoing uncertainty and volatility in the economy as a result of Covid-19, together with the Competition and Markets Authority ('CMA') appeal YWS has made in respect of Ofwat's Final Determination ('the FD') for the period 2020-2025, there is an increased level of judgement in relation to the cashflow forecasts underpinning the going concern assumption for YWS and as a

consequence, the company.

Management's business plan for the purpose of the YWS going concern review reflects the FD, taking no account of any potential upside that may arise as a result of the CMA appeal. Management has then applied sensitivities to that model to assess the impact of reasonably possible downside scenarios, including those triggered by Covid-19. This has allowed management to assess the potential impact of Covid-19 on the original business plan's profit or loss, liquidity and cash flows. Management has concluded that in the worst reasonably possible downside scenario, the company has sufficient liquidity for the going concern period but would breach a 'trigger' interest cover covenant on the banking covenants at March 2021. The 'trigger' covenant acts as an early warning system to the lenders but does not represent a default. As part of their going concern conclusions, management have considered a number of mitigating activities that could be performed to restore ratios above the trigger level.

Management's going concern considerations for both YWS and therefore the company and the conclusions thereof are disclosed in note 1.

# How the scope of our audit responded to the key audit matter

The procedures we have performed are as follows:

- understood the process management have undergone to revise YWS forecasts and perform their going concern review;
- agreed the starting business plan to models used for YWS impairment testing;
- challenged the assumptions made to determine the sensitivities and revised forecasts for YWS, including the potential impact of Covid-19 on revenue and costs by agreeing to supporting evidence such as budgets, post year end results and third party quotations;
- understood the final YWS forecast position and the implication this has on the interest cover ratio covenants;
- challenged the assumptions made around mitigating activities, including verifying agreements with the bank in relation to post year end interest restructuring;
- reviewed historical accuracy of management's forecasting process, noting the increased level of forecasting difficulty in the current climate;
- reviewed the maturity profile of the company's debt and the liquidity for the going concern period;
- assessed the contradictory evidence that would suggest a different position to that taken by management is more appropriate, including consideration of market position, latest third party economic forecasts and FY21 results to date;
- understood the interdependencies between the company and YWS; and
- reviewed the disclosures included in the accounts to confirm that they
  appropriately disclose the assumptions made and the judgements included in
  the going concern review.

### **Key observations**

We consider the the adoption of the going concern basis, and the related disclosures provided by management, to be appropriate.

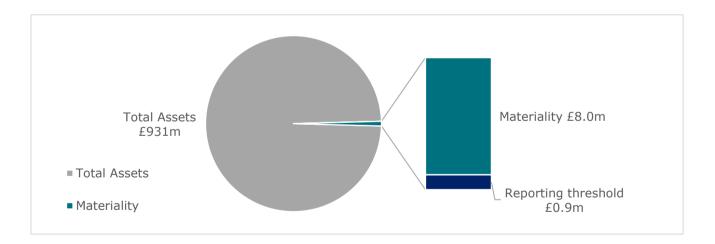
### 6. Our application of materiality

### 6.1. Materiality

We define materiality as the magnitude of misstatement in the financial statements that makes it probable that the economic decisions of a reasonably knowledgeable person would be changed or influenced. We use materiality both in planning the scope of our audit work and in evaluating the results of our work.

Based on our professional judgement, we determined materiality for the financial statements as a whole as follows:

Materiality	£8m (2019: £18.3m)
Basis for determining materiality	In determining materiality we considered the primary purpose of the Company is to provide financing to Yorkshire Water Services Limited. Accordingly the company's balance sheet strength is considered to be the key financial metric of relevance to the users of the financial statements. We have therefore used total assets as the benchmark. Using a percentage of 1% results in a materiality of £19.3m (2019: £18.3m). However, the company is also a component of the consolidated financial statements of Kelda Holdings Limited. As required by ISAs (UK), the component materiality applied to the company was determined as £8m (2019: £8m), an amount lower than the materiality applied to the consolidated financial statements as a whole. Moreover, in both the current year and prior year, all work for the statutory audit of the company was also performed at this materiality.  As such, the materiality applied in the audit of the financial statements for the company was £8m, which equates to approximately 0.2% of total current assets.



### 6.2. Performance materiality

We set performance materiality at a level lower than materiality to reduce the probability that, in aggregate, uncorrected and undetected misstatements exceed the materiality for the financial statements as a whole. Performance materiality was set at 70% of materiality for the 2020 audit (2019: 70%). In determining performance materiality, we considered factors including:

- our risk assessment, including our assessment of the overall control environment and that we consider it appropriate to rely on controls over a number of business processes; and
- our past experience of the audit, which has indicated a low number of corrected and uncorrected misstatements identified in prior periods.

### 6.3. Error reporting threshold

We agreed with the Board of Directors that we would report to them all audit differences in excess of £0.9m (2019: £0.9m), as well as differences below that threshold that, in our view, warranted reporting on qualitative grounds. We also report to the board on disclosure matters that we identified when assessing the overall presentation of the financial statements.

### 7. An overview of the scope of our audit

### 7.1. Scoping

Our audit was scoped by obtaining an understanding of the entity and its environment, including internal control and assessing the risks of material misstatement. Audit work to respond to the risks of material misstatement was performed directly by the audit engagement.

### 8. Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

### 9. Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

# 10. Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in

accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Details of the extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations are set out below.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the FRC's website at: <a href="https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities">www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities</a>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

# 11. Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

We identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and then design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### 11.1. Identifying and assessing potential risks related to irregularities

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we considered the following:

- the nature of the industry and sector, control environment and business performance including the design of the company's remuneration policies;
- results of our enquiries of management, internal audit and the board of directors about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities;
- any matters we identified having obtained and reviewed the company's documentation of their policies and procedures relating to:
  - identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance
  - detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
  - the internal controls established to mitigate risks of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- the matters discussed among the audit engagement team on how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud.

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.

We also obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that the company operates in, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included the UK Companies Act, Listing Rules and tax legislation.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the company's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty. These included the operating and environmental regulations relevant to the Company.

### 11.2 Audit response to risks identified

As a result of performing the above, we did not identify any key audit matters related to the potential risk of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.

Our procedures to respond to risks identified included the following:

- reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- enquiring of management, the board of directors and in-house / external legal counsel concerning actual and potential litigation and claims;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance and reviewing internal audit reports;
- in addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members including internal specialists, and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

### Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

# 12. Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the strategic report and the directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the strategic report and the directors' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified any material misstatements in the strategic report or the directors' report.

### 13. Matters on which we are required to report by exception

### 13.1. Adequacy of explanations received and accounting records

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns.

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

### 13.2. Directors' remuneration

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are also required to report if in our opinion certain disclosures of directors' remuneration have not been made.

We have nothing to report in respect of this matter.

### 14. Other matters

#### 14.1. Auditor tenure

Following the recommendation of the board we were appointed by the Company on 10 October 2017 to audit the financial statements of the Company for the period ending 31 March 2018 and subsequent financial periods.

Our total uninterrupted period of engagement is 3 years, covering periods from our appointment through to the period ended 31 March 2020.

**14.2.** Consistency of the audit report with the additional report to the Board of Directors

Our audit opinion is consistent with the additional report to the Board of Directors we are required to provide in accordance with ISAs (UK).

### 15. Use of our report

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Jane Boardman, BSc FCA (Senior statutory auditor)

For and on behalf of Deloitte LLP

Statutory Auditor

Leeds, United Kingdom

28 July 2020

### **Profit and loss account**

for the year ended 31 March 2020

Note	e	2020	2019
		£'000	£'000
Impairment of intercompany receivables		(2,166)	-
Interest receivable and similar income	5	42,745	57,747
Interest payable and similar expenses 7	7 .	(42,745)	(57,757)
Loss before taxation		(2,166)	(10)
Taxation 8	8	-	2
Loss for the year		(2,166)	(8)

There are no other items of comprehensive income or expense in the current or prior year therefore no separate statement of comprehensive income has been presented.

# Balance sheet as at 31 March 2020

Note	2020 £'000	2019 £'000
9	929,894 1,440	912,642 1,409
10	931,334 (7,590)	914,051 (7,541)
_	923,744	906,510
_	923,744	906,510
11	(925,870)	(906,470)
_	(2,126)	40
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13	50	50
13	(2,176)	(10)
=	(2,126)	40
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These financial statements on pages 16 to 30 were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 28 July 2020 and were signed on its behalf by:

E M Barber

kg Ball

Director

Company registered number: 04636719

# Statement of changes in equity for the year ended 31 March 2020

	Called up share capital £'000	Profit and loss account £'000	Total shareholders' funds £'000
Balance at 1 April 2019	50	(10)	40
<b>Total comprehensive expense for the year</b> Loss for the financial year	-	(2,166)	(2,166)
Total comprehensive expense for the financial year		(2,166)	(2,166)
Balance at 31 March 2020	50	(2,176)	(2,126)
	Called up share capital £'000	Profit and loss account £'000	Total shareholders' funds £'000
Balance at 1 April 2018	50	(2)	48
Total comprehensive expense for the year Loss for the financial year	-	(8)	(8)
Total comprehensive expense for the financial year		(8)	(8)
Balance at 31 March 2019	50	(10)	40

### Notes to the financial statements

### 1 Accounting policies

Yorkshire Water Services Finance Limited (the "company") is a private company limited by shares, incorporated in England and Wales and resident for tax in the UK.

These financial statements were prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework ("FRS 101") and the Companies Act 2006 as applicable to companies using FRS 101.

In preparing these financial statements, the company applies the recognition, measurement and disclosure requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the EU ("Adopted IFRSs"), but makes amendments where necessary in order to comply with Companies Act 2006 and has set out below where advantage of the FRS 101 disclosure exemptions has been taken.

Kelda Eurobond Co Limited, a parent company incorporated in England and Wales, includes the company in its consolidated financial statements. The consolidated financial statements of Kelda Eurobond Co Limited are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and are available to the public and may be obtained from Western House, Halifax Road, Bradford, West Yorkshire, BD6 2SZ.

In these financial statements, the company has applied the exemptions available under FRS 101 in respect of the following disclosures:

- Cash flow statement and related notes;
- Comparative period reconciliations for share capital;
- Disclosures in respect of transactions with wholly owned subsidiaries;
- The effects of new but not yet effective IFRSs; and
- Disclosures in respect of the compensation of key management personnel.

As the consolidated financial statements of Kelda Eurobond Co Limited include the equivalent disclosures, the company has also taken the exemptions under FRS 101 available in respect of the following disclosures.

• The disclosures required by IFRS 9 and IFRS 13 regarding financial instrument disclosures have not been provided apart from those which are relevant for the financial instruments which are held at fair value and are not either held as part of trading portfolio or derivatives.

The accounting policies set out below have, unless otherwise stated, been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements. No new accounting standards, that are effective for the year ended 31 March 2020, have had a material impact on the company.

Judgements made by the directors, in the application of these accounting policies that have significant effect on the financial statements and estimates with a significant risk of material adjustment in the next year are discussed in note 2.

### Measurement convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

### Going concern

The company's business activities, together with the likely factors to affect its future development, performance and position are set out in the strategic report.

The directors believe that preparing the financial statements on the going concern basis is appropriate given the interdependencies between the company and its parent, Yorkshire Water Services Limited (YWS). Yorkshire Water Services Finance Limited is a financing company with the principal activity of managing finance previously raised for use in the business of YWS. Under the terms of the company's financing arrangement, YWS guarantees all the company's borrowings and derivatives, therefore whilst YWS continues in operation, the group company is able to ensure that all financing obligations are met. As part of determining if the going concern assumption is appropriate for this company, the directors have challenged and scrutinised the ability of YWS to continue as a going concern including a review of severe but reasonably possible scenarios.

YWS had available a combination of cash and committed undrawn bank facilities totalling £762.6m at 31 March 2020 (2019: £557.3m), comprising £500.2m undrawn committed bank facilities and £262.4m of cash and cash equivalents. The directors have considered the business plan and the cash position of YWS, specifically the sufficiency of the funds available to fund the operating and capital investment activities of the company for the 12 months from the date of signing the financial statements and the impact of Covid-19 on the company. In addition, YWS has an indefinite licence to operate as a water and sewerage operator terminable with a 25 year notice period. The securitised financing arrangements, of which this company is a part of, includes covenants with 'trigger' and 'default' thresholds, which are reported bi-annually and are explained fully within the YWS annual report and financial statements. In summary though, a baseline model, established from YWS's business plan, shows sufficient liquidity and clear headroom for debt covenants, when considering 'trigger' as well as 'default' thresholds. Whilst in a reasonably possible downside sensitivity to that base case, YWS could hit a 'trigger' event, this would not affect YWS's ability to continue to trade.

As a result of this analysis, the directors believe that despite the high level of uncertainty due to the early stages of the economic impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, the strength of the mitigations available are such that there are no material uncertainties that could cast significant doubt over the ability of YWS to continue as a going concern, and therefore in turn the ability of the company to continue as a going concern. The directors have adopted the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

### Classification of financial instruments issued by the company

Financial instruments issued by the company are treated as equity only to the extent that they meet the following two conditions:

- (a) they include no contractual obligations upon the company to deliver cash or other financial assets or to exchange financial assets or financial liabilities with another party under conditions that are potentially unfavourable to the company; and
- (b) where the instrument will or may be settled in the company's own equity instruments, it is either a non-derivative that includes no obligation to deliver a variable number of the company's own equity instruments or is a derivative that will be settled by the company exchanging a fixed amount of cash or other financial assets for a fixed number of its own equity instruments.

To the extent that this definition is not met, the proceeds of issue are classified as a financial liability. Where the instrument so classified takes the legal form of the company's own shares, the amounts presented in these financial statements for called up share capital and share premium account exclude amounts in relation to those shares.

#### Non-derivative financial instruments

Non-derivative financial instruments comprise investments in equity and debt securities, trade and other debtors, cash and cash equivalents, loans and borrowings, and trade and other creditors.

### Other debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised initially at fair value. Subsequent to initial recognition they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses.

### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

Other creditors

Other creditors are recognised initially at fair value. Subsequent to initial recognition they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash balances and call deposits.

Interest-bearing borrowings

All loans and borrowings are initially recognised at fair value less directly attributable transaction costs. After initial recognition, interest-bearing loans and borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Gains and losses arising on repurchase, settlement or otherwise cancellation of liabilities are recognised respectively in investment income and finance costs.

Inflation linked borrowings are adjusted for movements in the Retail Prices Index (RPI) with reference to a base RPI established at trade date. The subsequent gain or loss on this adjustment is recognised in the profit and loss account.

#### *Impairment*

Financial assets (including other debtors)

A financial asset not carried at fair value through profit or loss is assessed at each reporting date to determine whether there is objective evidence that it is impaired.

In relation to the impairment of financial assets, IFRS 9 requires an expected credit loss model. The expected credit loss model requires the group to account for expected credit losses and changes in those expected credit losses at each reporting date to reflect changes in credit risk since initial recognition of the financial assets.

An impairment loss in respect of a financial asset measured at amortised cost is calculated as the difference between its carrying amount and the present value of the estimated future cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. For financial instruments measured at cost less impairment an impairment is calculated as the difference between its carrying amount and the best estimate of the amount that the company would receive for the asset if it were to be sold at the reporting date. Interest on the impaired asset continues to be recognised through the unwinding of the discount. When a subsequent event causes the amount of impairment loss to decrease, the decrease in impairment loss is reversed through profit or loss.

### Interest receivable and interest payable

Interest income and interest payable is recognised in profit or loss as the interest accrues using the effective interest method. This is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts and payments through the expected life of the financial instrument to the net carrying amount of the financial assets.

#### **Taxation**

Tax on the profit or loss for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in the profit and loss account except to the extent that it relates to items recognised directly in equity or other comprehensive loss, in which case it is recognised directly in equity or other comprehensive loss.

Current tax is the expected tax payable or receivable on the taxable income or loss for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

Deferred tax is provided on temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes. The following temporary differences are not provided for: the initial recognition of assets or liabilities that affect neither accounting nor taxable profit other than in a business combination, and differences relating to investments in subsidiaries to the extent that they will probably not reverse in the foreseeable future. The amount of deferred tax provided is based on the expected manner of realisation or settlement of the carrying amount of assets and liabilities, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

A deferred tax asset is recognised only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the temporary difference can be utilised.

### 2 Accounting estimates and judgements

The preparation of financial statements under FRS 101 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the company's accounting policies. There were no such areas of judgement or estimation uncertainty deemed significant in these financial statements.

### 3 Expenses and auditor's remuneration

Auditor's remuneration of £6,000 (2019: £2,000) has been borne by Yorkshire Water in relation to the audit of these financial statements. Loss before taxation includes an impairment of intercompany receivables of £2,166,000 (2019: £nil).

### 4 Staff numbers and costs

The company did not have any employees during the year ended 31 March 2020 (2019: nil).

### 5 Directors' remuneration

All the directors are employees, or directors, of other group undertakings and are remunerated by the relevant undertaking and received no emoluments in respect of their services to the company (2019: £nil).

#### 6 Interest receivable and similar income

	2020 £'000	2019 £'000
Interest income on financial assets measured at amortised cost Other	42,725 20	57,746 1
Total interest receivable and similar income	42,745	57,747

### 7 Interest payable and similar expenses

	2020 £'000	2019 £'000
Interest expense on financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	42,745	57,757
Total interest payable and similar charges	42,745	57,757

Interest payable and similar charges includes interest payable and similar charges on bank loans and overdrafts of £nil (2019: £nil) and on all other loans of £42,130,000 (2019: £40,380,000). Of the above amount £20,000 (2019: £16,771,000) was payable to group undertakings.

### 8 Taxation

	2020 £'000	2019 £'000
Current tax Total current tax result/(credit)	<u>-</u>	(2)
Tax result/(credit) on loss		(2)

The tax on loss is higher than (2019: equal to) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2019: 19%). The differences are explained below:

#### Reconciliation of tax

	2020 £'000	2019 £'000
Loss before taxation	(2,166)	(10)
Tax using the UK corporation tax rate of 19% (2019: 19%) Effects of: Non-deductible expenses	(412) 412	(2)
Total tax result/(credit) included in profit and loss	-	(2)

The corporation tax rate of 19%, enacted in the Finance Act (No 2) Act 2015 and applicable from 1 April 2017, has been used in preparing these financial statements. Whilst the intention of Budget 2016 was that the Corporation Tax rate would be set at 17% from 1 April 2020 onwards, legislation will be introduced in Finance Bill 2020 to amend the main rate of corporation tax to 19% from 1 April 2020. This change was announced in Budget 2020 and the cancellation of the enacted cut to 17% made under a Budget resolution passed on 17 March 2020. As this has statutory effect, the 19% rate for 1 April 2020 onward is substantively enacted at 17 March 2020. The company has no unrecognised deferred tax assets in the current or prior year.

9 Debtors		
	2020	2019
	£'000	£'000
Amounts owed by parent company	932,060	912,642
Expected credit loss provision	(2,166)	-
	929,894	912,642
Analysed as:		
Due within one year Due after more than one year	6,154 923,740	6,135 906,507
Due after more than one year		
	929,894	912,642
rates and have contractual repayment dates, together with accrued interest. The interest rates and match the terms of the underlying debt disclosed in note 12.  10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year  Amounts owed to parent company Other creditors	2020 £'000 1,436 6,154 7,590	2019 £'000 1,408 6,133 7,541
Amounts owed to parent company are unsecured, interest free and are repayable on demand.		
11 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		
11 Creditors: amounts faming due after more than one year	2020	2019
	£'000	£'000
Guaranteed bonds (see note 12)	925,870	906,470

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### **Notes to the financial statements** (continued)

### 12 Interest-bearing loans and borrowings

This note provides information about the contractual terms of the company's interest-bearing loans and borrowings, which are measured at amortised cost.

	2020	2019
	£'000	£'000
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		
Guaranteed bonds	925,870	906,470

Terms and debt	repayment schedule	,
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Terms and aeor repayment schedule	Currency	Nominal interest rate	Year of maturity	Face value 2020 £'000	Carrying amount 2020 £'000	Face value 2019 £'000	Carrying amount 2019 £'000
Guaranteed bond (stranded) <sup>1</sup>	GBP	5.375%	2023	200,000	5,769	200,000	5,479
Guaranteed bond (stranded) <sup>2</sup>	GBP	5.500%	2027	150,000	6,731	150,000	6,657
Guaranteed bond (stranded)	GBP	6.625%	2031	240,000	786	240,000	784
Inflation linked guaranteed bond (stranded)	GBP	3.048%	2033	100,000	(794)	100,000	(837)
Guaranteed bond	GBP	5.500%	2037	200,000	195,845	200,000	195,700
Inflation linked guaranteed bond	GBP	1.823%	2050	65,000	91,963	65,000	89,540
Inflation linked guaranteed bond	GBP	1.462%	2051	125,000	181,877	125,000	177,117
Inflation linked guaranteed bond	GBP	1.758%	2054	85,000	120,426	85,000	117,253
Inflation linked guaranteed bond	GBP	1.460%	2056	125,000	181,812	125,000	177,048
Inflation linked guaranteed bond	GBP	1.709%	2058	100,000	141,455	100,000	137,729
			_	1,390,000	925,870	1,390,000	906,470

All bonds are quoted on the London Stock Exchange.

Certain bonds, held by the company at 31 March 2020, were exchanged with the bondholders for new bonds issued by Yorkshire Water Odsal Finance Limited during 2009/10. The bonds exchanged have different nominal amounts and applicable interest rates to those of the original bonds. Yorkshire Water Finance Plc was substituted as the issuer of these bonds in August 2018 as part of the exercise to remove the Cayman Islands registered companies from the group.

Included within guaranteed bonds are amounts repayable after five years by instalments and otherwise than by instalments of £nil (2019: £nil) and £920,101,000 (2019: £900,992,000) respectively. Borrowings are secured against the assets of the YWFG.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Quoted on London, Frankfurt and Berlin stock exchanges

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Quoted on London and Frankfurt stock exchanges

### 13 Capital and reserves

2020	2019
£'000	£'000
50	50
	£'000

On 31 March 2020, £37,000 (2019: £37,000) remained unpaid in respect to ordinary shares and is included in debtors above as amounts receivable from group undertakings.

The profit and loss account represents cumulative profits or losses, net of dividends paid.

The holders of ordinary shares are entitled to receive dividends as declared from time to time and are entitled to one vote per share at meetings of the company.

### 14 Financial instruments

### Fair values of financial instruments

The table below analyses financial instruments, into a fair value hierarchy based on the valuation technique used to determine fair value.

- Level 1: quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2: inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices).
- Level 3: inputs for the assets or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

	Carrying amount 2020 £'000	Fair value 2020 £'000	Level 1 2020 £'000	Level 2 2020 £'000	Carrying amount 2019 £'000	Fair value 2019 £'000	Level 1 2019 £'000	2019 £'000
Financial liabilities measured at amortised	<b>3</b> 000	~ 000	~ 000		2000	2000	2000	2000
cost								
5.375% £200m bond 2023	5,769	7,737	-	7,737	5,479	8,075	-	8,075
5.50% £150m bond 2027	6,731	9,538	-	9,538	6,657	9,730	-	9,730
6.625% £240m bond 2031	<b>786</b>	188	-	188	784	189	-	189
3.048% £100m inflation linked bond 2033	(794)	118	-	118	(837)	116	-	116
5.50% £200m bond 2037	195,845	294,478	294,478	-	195,700	282,186	282,186	-
1.8225% £65m inflation linked bond 2050	91,963	109,700	-	109,700	89,540	114,732	-	114,732
1.462% £125m inflation linked bond 2051	181,877	202,938	-	202,938	177,117	206,912	-	206,912
1.7576% £85m inflation linked bond 2054	120,426	151,470	-	151,470	117,253	155,304	-	155,304
1.46% £125m inflation linked bond 2056	181,812	211,925	-	211,925	177,048	215,050	-	215,050
1.7085% £100m inflation linked bond 2058	141,455	183,180	-	183,180	137,729	188,580	-	188,580
Total financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	925,870	1,171,272	294,478	876,794	906,470	1,180,874	282,186	898,688
Total financial instruments	925,870	1,171,272	294,478	876,794	906,470	1,180,874	282,186	898,688

Financial assets or liabilities measured at amortised costs and whose carrying value are a reasonable approximation of fair value have not been disclosed in the fair value hierarchy above as there is no requirement to do so.

### 14 Financial instruments (continued)

Fair values of financial instruments (continued)

The following table show the valuation techniques used for Level 2 fair values.

### Financial instruments measured at amortised cost Valuation technique

Bonds

The fair values of the bonds have been determined by reference to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the company can access at the measurement date. The fair values of the bonds have been determined by reference to market values for similar instruments.

### Credit risk

Financial risk management

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the company if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations, and arises principally from the company's receivables from customers and investment securities.

Maximum exposure relating to financial assets is represented by carrying value as at the balance sheet date.

### Liquidity risk

Financial risk management

Liquidity risk is the risk that the company will not have the level of liquid funding available to meet its requirements. Maintaining an inadequate amount of liquidity and being unable to access the debt markets when required exposes the company to the risk of being unable to finance its functions, whilst maintaining excess liquidity potentially exposes the company to the risk of inefficient funding costs.

Liquidity is managed at Kelda Holdings Limited group level by ensuring debt is held with a range of durations and the maturity profile is actively managed by the group's treasury function. Existing bank covenants require the group to keep a combination of available cash and banking facilities sufficient to cover anticipated capital expenditure, operating costs and interest costs for the succeeding 12 months. This is a rolling requirement. The group extend the requirement to cover all other future outgoings. Further facilities are not expected to be required within the next year to comply with the above policy.

### 14 Financial instruments (continued)

Liquidity risk (continued)

The following are the contractual maturities of financial liabilities, including estimated interest payments and excluding the effect of netting agreements:

	2020						2019					
		Contract-				5years		Contract-				5years
	Carrying	ual cash	1 year	1 to	2 to	and	Carrying	ual cash	1 year	1 to	2 to	and
	amount	flows	or less	<2years	<5years	over	amount	flows	or less	<2years	<5years	over
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Non-derivative financial liabilities												
5.375% guaranteed bond 2023 (stranded bond)	5,769	7,806	363	363	7,080	-	5,479	8,169	363	363	7,443	-
5.50% guaranteed bond 2027 (stranded bond)	6,731	10,314	407	407	1,221	8,279	6,657	10,721	407	407	1,221	8,686
6.625% guaranteed bond 2031 (stranded bond)	786	289	11	11	33	234	784	300	11	11	33	245
3.048% inflation linked guaranteed bond 2033 (stranded bond)	(794)	78	2	2	5	69	(837)	80	2	2	5	71
5.50% guaranteed bond 2037	195,845	388,748	11,000	11,000	33,000	333,748	195,700	399,748	11,000	11,000	33,000	344,748
1.8225% inflation linked guaranteed bond 2050	91,963	142,437	1,681	1,681	5,044	134,031	89,540	140,350	1,637	1,637	4,912	132,164
1.462% inflation linked guaranteed bond 2051	181,877	265,300	2,660	2,660	7,980	252,000	177,117	260,952	2,590	2,590	7,772	248,000
1.75756% inflation linked guaranteed bond 2054	120,426	192,723	2,124	2,124	6,372	182,103	117,253	189,751	2,069	2,068	6,205	179,409
1.46% inflation linked guaranteed bond 2056	181,812	278,510	2,657	2,657	7,970	265,226	177,048	273,814	2,587	2,588	7,762	260,877
1.7085% inflation linked guaranteed bond 2058	141,455	233,707	2,425	2,425	7,275	221,582	137,729	229,958	2,362	2,362	7,085	218,149
=	925,870	1,519,912	23,330	23,330	75,980	1,397,272	906,470	1,513,843	23,028	23,028	75,438	1,392,349

#### 14 Financial instruments (continued)

#### Market risk

Financial risk management

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as foreign exchange rates, interest rates, retail price index and equity prices will affect the company's income or the value of its holdings of financial instruments.

#### Market risk - Interest rate risk

**Profile** 

At the balance sheet date, the interest rate profile of the company's interest-bearing financial instruments was:

	2020	2019
	£'000	£'000
Fixed rate instruments		
Financial liabilities	209,131	208,620
Variable rate instruments		
Financial liabilities	716,739	697,850

Fixed rate instruments include borrowing which have a fixed interest rate through to maturity. Variable rate instruments include borrowings which are adjusted for movements in the Retail Prices Index (RPI) with reference to a base RPI established at trade date. The amounts disclosed are the carrying value of borrowings.

Sensitivity analysis

The proceeds of bond issuances have been lent on to Yorkshire Water under the same terms. Any interest rate risk exposure is therefore eliminated against an equal and opposite exposure on trade and other receivables.

### Capital management

The objectives when managing capital are to safeguard the Yorkshire Water Financing Group's (the "securitised group") ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide benefits to stakeholders and returns to investors, and to maintain an optimal capital structure. In order to do this, the company's debt and assets, and the liquidity of these, are assessed jointly with the other companies that form the securitised group.

When monitoring capital risk, the securitised group considers interest cover measures and gearing, expressed as the ratio of net debt to Regulatory Capital Value ("RCV") of Yorkshire Water.

Any surplus funds or amounts required to be held in reserve are entirely invested in liquid short term instruments with long term ratings of at least A/A/A2 and/or short term ratings of at least A1/F1/P1 with Standard & Poor's, Fitch and Moody's respectively.

Maximum exposure relating to financial assets is represented by carrying value as at the balance sheet date.

### 15 Contingencies

The banking arrangements of the company operate on a pooled basis, with the main accounts of other members of the Yorkshire Water Financing Group. No losses are expected to arise as a result of this arrangement.

### 16 Ultimate parent company and ultimate controlling party

The company's immediate parent undertaking is Yorkshire Water Services Limited, incorporated in England and Wales. The ultimate parent undertaking is Kelda Holdings Limited, incorporated in Jersey and resident for tax in the UK. In the opinion of the directors, there is no ultimate controlling party.

The largest group in which the results of the company are consolidated is that headed by Kelda Holdings Limited, the registered office of which is 47 Esplanade, St Helier, Jersey, JE1 0BD, Channel Islands. The smallest group in which they are consolidated is that headed by Kelda Finance (No.1) Limited, incorporated in England and Wales, the registered office of which is the same as that of the company. The consolidated financial statements of these groups are available to the public and may be obtained from the Company Secretary, Western House, Halifax Road, Bradford, West Yorkshire, BD6 2SZ.

### 17 Post balance sheet event

On 18th March 2020 Yorkshire Water, Yorkshire Water Finance Plc and Yorkshire Water Services Finance Limited launched a consent request to amend the terms of the securitised financing arrangements to reflect changes in Ofwat's approach to revenue reprofiling, including the introduction of redefined interest cover ratios. On 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020, the companies announced that the Majority Creditors had voted in favour of the proposed changes. These changes will be incorporated in future investor reports and covenant certificates that will be published in accordance with the requirements of the securitised financing arrangements.