Registered number: 2328467

## ARRIVA LONDON SOUTH LIMITED

Annual report and financial statements

For the Year Ended 31 December 2017



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# Strategic report For the Year Ended 31 December 2017

The directors present their Strategic report on the affairs of Arriva London South Limited (the "company") for the year ended 31 December 2017.

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the company continues to be the operation of bus services.

## **REVIEW OF BUSINESS**

During the year trading remained in line with expectation against a challenging economic and tendering environment.

The company's statement of comprehensive income on page 8 shows a profit on ordinary activities before taxation for the year of £3,580,000 (2016: £16,000). The increase in profit before tax was primarily due to the company successfully winning a number of new routes and improved performance.

At the balance sheet date, the company had net assets of £45,047,000 (2016: £41,316,000). The increase in net assets reflects the retained profits for the year and an increase in the fair value of derivatives.

The company's funding position will allow it to spend £12,400,000 on capital expenditure in 2018.

The directors consider the state of the company's affairs to be satisfactory.

#### PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The management of the business and the execution of the company's strategy are subject to a number of risks. The key business risks and uncertainties affecting the company are considered to relate to local and national competition and factors which would cause a decline in the market. Further discussion of these risks and uncertainties in the context of the group as a whole, is provided in the annual report of the UK intermediate parent company, Arriva plc, which does not form part of this report.

#### **FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS**

The directors expect that the company will continue to see more challenges in 2018, with a number of competitors challenging for new routes up for tender and an ever increasing focus on price given restrained Transport for London budgets.

Investments are being made across engineering, fleet and garages to ensure the company is equipped to deal with the changing requirements of Transport for London, whether they require hybrid vehicles or electrification. The company will carry on working with Transport for London to ensure performance continues to improve, environmental considerations are met and we are the 'Operator of choice' in the London bus market.

The directors remain confident that the company will continue to trade in line with expectations in the future.

# Strategic report (continued) For the Year Ended 31 December 2017

#### **KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

The Management Board of Deutsche Bahn AG, the company's ultimate parent company, manage the group's operations on a divisional basis. For this reason, the company's directors believe that analysis using key performance indicators for the company is not necessary or appropriate for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business of Arriva London South Limited. The development performance and position of the group, including this company, is discussed in the Deutsche Bahn Integrated Report which does not form part of this report.

This report was approved by the board on 14 August 2018 and signed by order of the board.

R Scowen Director

## Directors' report For the Year Ended 31 December 2017

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017.

#### **RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS**

The profit for the year amounted to £2,874,000 (2016 - £51,000).

The company did not pay a dividend during the current and previous financial year.

#### **DIRECTORS**

The directors who served during the year, and up to the date of signing the financial statements, were:

P J Batty

R Scowen

IR Tarran (resigned 29 June 2018)

H S Notay (appointed 2 January 2018)

P S Adcock (resigned 7 July 2017)

P A J S Ayers (appointed 21 February 2017)

A Kang (appointed 5 April 2017, resigned 28 August 2017)

A Jones (appointed 11 September 2017)

#### FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

Details of financial risk management objectives and policies are shown in the annual report of the UK intermediate parent company, Arriva plc, which does not form part of this report.

#### **EMPLOYEE INVOLVEMENT**

The company recognises that its employees are key to its success and is committed to creating a working environment where everyone has the opportunity to learn, develop and contribute to the success of the company, working within a common set of values.

The company continues to aim to be an employer of choice and to employ a diverse workforce with the skills, abilities and attitudes to meet business objectives and needs. The company's aim is to provide appropriate remuneration, benefits and conditions of employment which will serve to attract, retain, motivate and reward such employees.

The company has, subject to the restraints of commercial confidentiality, continued its policy of employee involvement, by making information available to employees on a regular basis regarding recent and probable future developments and business activities.

#### **DISABLED EMPLOYEES**

The company continues to give full and fair consideration to applications for employment by disabled persons, having regard to their respective aptitudes and abilities. The company's policy includes, where applicable, the continued employment of those who may become disabled during their employment.

#### MATTERS COVERED IN THE STRATEGIC REPORT

Details of future developments have been disclosed in the Strategic report.

## Directors' report For the Year Ended 31 December 2017

#### DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic report, the Directors' report and the audited financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare audited financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the audited financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), comprising Financial Reporting Standard 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework' (FRS 101). Under Company law the directors must not approve the audited 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 audited financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (comprising FRS 101) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the audited 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 audited financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The directors 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.

#### **DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS**

Each of the persons who are directors at the time when this Directors' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware, and
- that director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

This report was approved by the board on 14 August 2018 and by order of the board.

R Scowen Director

Independent auditors' report to the members of Arriva London South Limited

#### Report on the audit of the financial statements

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion, Arriva London South Limited's financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2017 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework", and applicable law); and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements, included within the Annual report and financial statements (the "Annual Report"), which comprise: the Balance sheet as at 31 December 2017; the Statement of comprehensive income, the Statement of changes in equity for the year then ended; and the notes to the financial statements, which include a description of the significant accounting policies.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ("ISAs (UK)") and applicable law. Our responsibilities under ISAs (UK) are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Independence

We remained independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, which includes the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which ISAs (UK) require us to report to you when:

- the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the 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.

However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this statement is not a guarantee as to the company's ability to continue as a going concern.

#### Independent auditors' report to the members of Arriva London South Limited

## Reporting on other information

The other information comprises all of the information in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, any form of assurance 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 an apparent material inconsistency or material misstatement, we are required to perform procedures to conclude whether there is a material misstatement of 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 based on these responsibilities.

With respect to the Strategic Report and Directors' Report, we also considered whether the disclosures required by the UK Companies Act 2006 have been included.

Based on the responsibilities described above and our work undertaken in the course of the audit, ISAs (UK) require us also to report certain opinions and matters as described below.

Strategic Report and Directors! Report

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, the information given in the Strategic Report and Directors' Report for the year ended 31 December 2017 is consistent with the financial statements and has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we did not identify any material misstatements in the Strategic Report and Directors' Report.

### Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit

Responsibilities of the directors for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement in respect of the financial statements set out on page 4, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable framework and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. The directors are also responsible for such internal control as they 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.

Auditors' 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 auditors' 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.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the FRC's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditors' report.

### Independent auditors' report to the members of Arriva London South Limited

#### Use of this report

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the company's members as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

## Other required reporting

## Companies Act 2006 exception reporting

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 by the company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- · certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns.

We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

Michael Jeffrey (Senior Statutory Auditor)

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for and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors

Newcastle upon Tyne

14 August 2018

# Statement of comprehensive income For the Year Ended 31 December 2017

Note	2017	0046
MOTE	£000	2016 £000
4	112,974	96,450
	(95,068)	(85, 763)
_		
	17,906	10,687
_	(13,934)	(10,623)
5	3,972	64
8 _	(392)	(48)
	3,580	16
9 _	(706)	35
=	2,874	51
·		
	1,032	6,025
17	(175)	(1,089)
_	857	4,936
<u>.</u>	3,731	4,987
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### Balance sheet As at 31 December 2017

			<del></del>		
	Note		2017 £000		2016 £000
Fixed assets	•				
Intangible assets	10		628		479
Tangible assets	11		71,269		57,891
			71,897		58,370
Current assets					
Stocks	12	471		455	
Debtors: Amounts due more than one year	13	736		557	
Debtors	13	7,984		14,252	
Cash at bank and in hand		2		1	
		9,193		15,265	
Creditors: Amounts due within one year	14	(20,080)		(31,742)	
Net current liabilities			(10,887)	<del></del>	(16,477)
Total assets less current liabilities			61,010		41,893
Creditors: Amounts due more than one year	15		(15,073)		(440)
Deferred taxation	17	(890)		(137)	, ,
			(890)		(137)
Net assets			45,047		41,316
Capital and reserves		•		•	
Called up share capital	18		3,992		3,992
Share premium account			41,491		41,491
Cash flow hedge reserve			461		(396)
Profit and loss account			(897)		(3,771)
Total shareholders' funds			45,047		41,316

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf on 14 August 2018.

R Scowen Director

# Statement of changes in equity For the Year Ended 31 December 2017

	Called up share capital £000	Share premium £000	Cash flow hedge reserve £000	Profit and loss account £000	Total shareholders' funds £000
At 1 January 2017	3,992	41,491	(396)	(3,771)	41,316
Comprehensive income for the year					
Profit for the financial year		<u> </u>		2,874	2,874
Changes in market value of cash flow hedges	-		1,032	<u>-</u>	1,032
Deferred tax attributable to changes in market value of cash flow hedges	_	· ·	(175)		(175)
Other comprehensive income					
for the year	-		857	-	857
Total comprehensive income for the year	•	-	857	2,874	3,731
At 31 December 2017	3,992	41,491	461	(897)	45,047

# Statement of changes in equity For the Year Ended 31 December 2016

	Called up share capital £000	Share premium £000	£000	Profit and loss account £000	Total shareholders' (deficit) / funds £000
At 1 January 2016	3,992	3,991	(5,332)	(3,822)	(1,171)
Comprehensive income for the year					
Profit for the financial year			-	51	51
Changes in market value of cash flow hedges	-	-	6,025	_	6,025
Deferred tax attributable to changes in market value of cash flow hedges	_	-	(1,089)		(1,089)
Other comprehensive income			(.,		
for the year	-	-	4,936	-	4,936
Total comprehensive income fo the year	r	-	4,936	51	4,987
Contributions by and distributions to shareholders					
Shares issued during the year	-	37,500	-	-	37,500
At 31 December 2016	3,992	41,491	(396)	(3,771)	41,316

# Notes to the financial statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2017

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### 1.1 BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework' (FRS 101) and the Companies Act 2006. The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below and have been consistently applied to all years, unless otherwise stated. The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis under the historic cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of derivative financial assets and financial liabilities measured at fair value through cash flow hedge reserve, and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

#### 1.2 TURNOVER

Turnover consists of the gross revenue for road passenger transport together with the aggregate amounts receivable for other goods and services supplied in the ordinary course of the business, excluding value added tax. Income is accrued where it is earned in an earlier period to that in which it is billed or received in cash.

Income is deferred where it is received in an earlier period than that to which it relates.

#### 1.3 INTANGIBLE ASSETS AND AMORTISATION

Intangible assets, which relate to licences for the use of the Arriva brand name, are being amortised through the statement of comprehensive income over the licence period of 15 years.

Intangible assets, which relate to the mobilisation costs of new bus routes, are included at cost less accumulated amortisation. The costs are capitalised when incurred and amortised when the bus route is fully operational. Amortisation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset.

Amortisation charges are included within administration expenses in the statement of comprehensive income.

#### 1.4 STOCKS

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks.

# Notes to the financial statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2017

#### ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### 1.5 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Cost includes the original purchase price of the asset and the costs attributable to bringing the asset to its working condition for its intended use.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Freehold property - Str

Straight line over the shorter of 50 years or

term of the lease

Plant, machinery, fixtures and

motor vehicles

10% to 48% straight line

Public service vehicles

straight line over periods up to 15 years

#### 1.6 LEASING

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged in the statement of comprehensive income on a straight line basis over the lease term.

#### 1.7 DEBTORS

Trade and other debtors are initially measured at fair value. Receivables for which there are substantial objective indications of an impairment are adjusted appropriately.

Trade and other debtors are considered to be impaired when there is objective evidence that the estimated future cash flows associated with the asset have been affected. In addition, certain trade and other debtors that are not considered to be individually impaired, may be assessed for impairment on a collective basis.

Loans and other non derivative financial assets, with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market, are included within current assets, except for maturities greater than 12 months after the end of the reporting period. Those loans and other debtors which are deemed payable more than 12 months after the balance sheet date, are classed debtors due more than one year.

# Notes to the financial statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2017

# 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### **1.8 CASH**

Cash balances comprise cash in hand and all bank balances and are stated in the balance sheet at fair value. The company does not hold any cash equivalents.

#### 1.9 CREDITORS

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods / services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business and are initially stated at fair value.

#### 1.10 PENSIONS

During the year the UK intermediate parent company, Arriva plc, operated a contract based pension scheme, which covered employees of the company. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in independently administered funds. Contributions payable under the contract based scheme are charged to the statement of comprehensive income as they arise.

Arriva London North Limited also operates a defined benefit pension scheme. The assets of the defined benefit scheme are held separately from those of the company in independently administered funds. As the company is unable to identify its share of the assets and liabilities of the group scheme, it accounts for contributions as if they were to a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable by the company are charged to the statement of comprehensive income in the period in which they fall due.

# Notes to the financial statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2017

# 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### 1.11 FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARD 101 - REDUCED DISCLOSURE EXEMPTIONS

The company has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions under FRS 101:

- the requirements of IFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures
- the requirements of paragraphs 91-99 of IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement
  - paragraph 79(a)(iv) of IAS 1;
  - paragraph 73(e) of IAS 16 Property, Plant and Equipment;
  - paragraph 118(e) of IAS 38 Intangible Assets;
- the requirements of paragraphs 10(d), 10(f), 16, 38A, 38B, 38C, 38D, 40A, 40B, 40C, 40D,
   111 and 134-136 of IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements
- the requirements of IAS 7 Statement of Cash Flows
- the requirements of paragraphs 30 and 31 of IAS 8 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors
- the requirements of paragraph 17 of IAS 24 Related Party Disclosures
- the requirements in IAS 24 Related Party Disclosures to disclose related party transactions entered into between two or more members of a group, provided that any subsidiary which is a party to the transaction is wholly owned by such a member
- the requirements of paragraphs 134(d)-134(f) and 135(c)-135(e) of IAS 36 Impairment of Assets

The company is a qualifying entity for the purpose of FRS 101 and Note 22 gives details of the company's ultimate parent and from where its consolidated financial statements, prepared in accordance with IFRS, may be obtained.

FRS 101 sets out a reduced disclosure framework for a "qualifying entity" as defined in the standard which permits a qualifying entity to apply the recognition, measurement and disclosure requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the EU, but makes amendments where necessary in order to comply with the Companies Act 2006.

The company has notified its shareholders in writing about, and they do not object to, the use of the disclosure exemptions used by the company in these financial statements, the most significant of which are summarised above.

The equivalent disclosures are included in the consolidated financial statements of the ultimate parent company, Deutsche Bahn AG, in accordance with the application guidance of FRS 100. "Application of financial reporting requirements".

# Notes to the financial statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2017

## ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### 1.12 CURRENT AND DEFERRED TAXATION

The tax charge in the statement of comprehensive income represents the sum of the tax currently payable and the deferred tax charge for the year. Tax is recognised within the statement of comprehensive income, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in shareholders' funds.

The current taxation payable is based on the taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit can differ from profit before tax as reported in the statement of comprehensive income because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years, or that are never taxable or deductible. The company's liability for current taxation is calculated using rates prevailing during the year.

Where companies within the UK Group make payments for tax losses where the amount paid exceeds the tax value of the losses, any excess is reported as a movement through equity.

Deferred taxation is recognised on the temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognised for all taxable temporary differences and deferred tax assets are recognised for all deductible temporary timing differences to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which deductible temporary differences can be utilised.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each balance sheet date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered.

Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period when the liability is settled or the asset is realised, using rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date. Deferred tax is charged or credited in the statement of comprehensive income, except when it relates to items charged or credited directly to equity, in which case deferred tax is also dealt with in equity.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current taxation assets against current taxation liabilities and when the deferred taxation assets and liabilities relate to taxation levied by the same taxation authority, and the company intends to settle its current taxation assets and liabilities on a net basis.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

# Notes to the financial statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2017

# 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### 1.13 DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Derivative financial instruments are recognised as a financial asset or a financial liability in the balance sheet at the trade date. Derivative financial instruments are initially and subsequently measured at fair value. At the point at which the contract is taken out, derivative financial instruments are classified as a hedging instrument for hedging cash flows arising from a contractual obligation or an expected transaction. Cash flow hedges are used to provide protection against fluctuations in the cash flows of financial assets or liabilities or anticipated transactions. When future cash flows are hedged, the hedging instruments are recognised with their fair value. Changes in value are initially recognised in shareholders' equity with no impact on the statement of comprehensive income, and are only recognised in the statement of comprehensive income at the point at which the corresponding losses or profits from the underlying hedged item have an impact on the statement of comprehensive income or the transaction expires.

Derivatives are measured using common methods such as option price or present value models, because their fair values are not traded on an active market. No parameters from non-observable markets are used for measurement purposes, no credit risk adjustment is used for the present value of hedged transactions.

# Notes to the financial statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2017

# 2. JUDGEMENTS IN APPLYING ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Application of certain company accounting policies required management to make judgements, assumptions and estimates concerning the future as detailed below.

#### 2.1 Useful economic lives of tangible fixed assets

The annual depreciation charge for tangible fixed assets is sensitive to changes in the estimated useful economic lives and residual values of the assets. The useful economic lives and residual values are reassessed annually. They are amended when necessary to reflect current estimates, based on technological advancement, future investments, economic utilisation and the physical condition of the assets. See Note 11 for the carrying amount of the tangible fixed assets and Note 1.5 for the useful economic lives for each class of assets.

#### 2.2 Stock provisioning

The recoverability of the cost of stock is considered and when calculating a stock provision, management consider the nature and condition of the stock as well as applying assumptions around anticipated future usage of the stock or recoverability. See Note 12 for the carrying amount of the stock.

## 2.3 Impairment of debtors

The company make an estimate of the recoverable value of trade and other debtors. When assessing impairment of trade and other debtors, management considers factors including the ageing profile of debtors and historical experience. See Note 13 for the carrying amount of debtors.

#### 3. GENERAL INFORMATION

The company is a private limited company, incorporated and domiciled in the United Kingdom.

The registered company number is 2328467 and the address of the registered office is 1 Admiral Way, Doxford International Business Park, Sunderland, SR3 3XP.

# Notes to the financial statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2017

## 4. TURNOVER

The whole of the turnover is attributable to the company's principal activity.

All turnover arose within the United Kingdom.

## 5. OPERATING PROFIT

The operating profit is stated after charging:

	•	2017	2016
		£000	£000
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets - owned		7,277	4,546
Amortisation of intangible assets	a	309 (	240
Cost of stocks recognised as an expense		13,920	13,134
Operating lease rentals	* *		
- land and buildings		185	166
- other lease payments	•	1,140	2,171

During the year, no director received any emoluments in respect of their services to the company (2016: £Nil). The company made a profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets of £9,000 (2016: £Nil).

## 6. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

During the current and previous financial year, the audit fees were borne by Arriva London North Limited, a fellow group undertaking.

# Notes to the financial statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2017

7.	STAFF COSTS		
	Staff costs were as follows:		
		2017 £000	2016 £000
	Wages and salaries	58,442	51,854
	Social security costs	5,996	5,317
	Other pension costs (Note 20)	2,209	1,718
		66,647	58,889
	The average monthly number of employees, including the directors, during  Drivers  Engineering  Administrative	the year was as fol 2017 No. 1,431 83 92	2016 No. 1,214 80 140
		1,606	1,434
8.	INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES		
٠		2017 £000	2016 £000
	Interest payable to group undertakings	392	48
		392	48

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## 9. TAXATION ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

4			•		
	•			2017	2016
				£000	. £000
Corporation tax	•		·		
Current tax on profit for the year	7			76	(818)
Adjustments in respect of previous years	• .			52	5
Total current tax charge / (credit)		•	• • •	128	(813)
Deferred tax	·		•	,	•
Origination and reversal of timing differences				619	789
Adjustments in respect of previous years				(41)	(11)
Total deferred tax charge (Note 17)				578	778
Total taxation charge / (credit) on profit on	ordinary a	ctivities		706,	(35)
			•		<del></del>

## FACTORS AFFECTING TAX CHARGE / (CREDIT) FOR THE YEAR

The tax assessed for the year is higher than (2016 - lower than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19.25% (2016 - 20%). The differences are explained below:

	, ple	2017 £000		2016 £000
Profit on ordinary activities before tax		3,580		16
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19.25% (2016: 20%)		689	<del></del>	3
Effects of:	+			
Non-tax deductible amortisation of intangible fixed assets		46	· .	48
Depreciation in respect of ineligible assets	•	41		22
Adjustments to tax charge in respect of prior years		11	;	(6)
Impact of rate change on deferred tax	* -	(81)	, r	(102)
Total tax charge / (credit) for the year		706		(35)

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## 9. TAXATION ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

#### **FACTORS THAT MAY AFFECT FUTURE TAX CHARGES**

On 16 March 2016, the Chancellor announced that the main rate of UK Corporation Tax would reduce further to 17% on 1 April 2020. This change was enacted on 15 September 2016.

## 10. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	Mobilisation costs £000	Licences £000	Total £000
COST			,
At 1 January 2017		3,600	3,600
Additions	458	<u>•</u>	458
At 31 December 2017	458	3,600	4,058
AMORTISATION			
At 1 January 2017	-	3,121	3,121
Charge for the year	69	240	309
At 31 December 2017	69	3,361	3,430
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 December 2017	389	239	628
At 31 December 2016	-	479	479

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## 11. TANGIBLE ASSETS

		Plant,		
		machinery, fixtures and	Public	
	Freehold	motor	service	
		vehicles	vehicles	Total
	property £000	£000	£000	£000
Cost				
At 1 January 2017	15,880	6,754	47,266	69,900
Additions	722	52	25,033	25,807
Disposals	-	(192)	(7,914)	(8,106)
At 31 December 2017	16,602	6,614	64,385	87,601
Accumulated depreciation				
At 1 January 2017	107	2,612	9,290	12,009
Charge for the year	227	534	6,516	7,277
Disposals		-	(2,954)	(2,954)
At 31 December 2017	334	3,146	12,852	16,332
Net book value	<del></del>	<del>-</del>		
At 31 December 2017	16,268	3,468	51,533	71,269
At 31 December 2016	15,773	4,142	37,976	<u> </u>

## 12. STOCKS

	471	455
Raw materials and consumables	471	455
	2017 £000	2016 £000

# Notes to the financial statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2017

13.	DEBTORS		
		2017 £000	2016 £000
	Amounts due more than one year		
	Derivative financial instruments (Note 16)	736	557
		736	557
		2017 £000	2016 £000
	Amounts due within one year		
	Amounts owed by group undertakings	1,468	8,815
	Other debtors	72	87
	Prepayments and accrued income	6,121	4,383
	Group relief payable	-	818
	Derivative financial instruments (Note 16)	323	149
		7,984	14,252
14.	CREDITORS: Amounts due within one year		
		2017 £000	2016 £000
	Amounts owed to group undertakings	13,939	24,707
	Corporation tax	76	-
	Accruals and deferred income	5,682	6,290
	Derivative financial instruments (Note 16)	383	745
		20,080	31,742

## Notes to the financial statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2017

#### 15. CREDITORS: Amounts due more than one year

	2017 £000	2016 £000
Amounts owed to group undertakings	14,950	•
Derivative financial instruments (Note 16)	123	440
	15,073	440

#### 16. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Derivative financial instruments relate to cash flow hedges which are valued on a marked to market basis at the balance sheet date. Energy price hedging has been entered into with the intention to reduce price fluctuations attributable to energy sourcing.

The payments from energy derivatives are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income in the periods in which they fall due.

The effectiveness of the hedge is assessed prospectively using linear regression. The retrospective effectiveness measurement is carried out as of every balance sheet date by means of linear regression. The ineffectiveness is also calculated using the dollar-offset method. Under this method, the changes in the market values of the underlying are compared with the changes in the market value of the hedging instrument. The resultant quotient determines the inefficiency.

The inefficiencies of cash flow hedges of the energy price derivatives recognised in the statement of comprehensive income are £Nil (2016 £Nil).

The amounts recognised within the financial statements are as follows:

	2017	2016
	£000	£000
Debtors: Amounts due within one year	323	149
Debtors: Amounts due more than one year	736	557
Creditors: Amounts due within one year	(383)	(745)
Creditors: Amounts due more than one year	(123)	(440)
	553	(479)

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17.	DEFERRED TAX LIABILITY		
		2017 £000	2016 £000
	Deferred tax liability / (asset) at 1 January	137	(1,730)
	Charged to comprehensive income (Note 9) Charged to other comprehensive income	578 175	778 1,089
	Deferred tax liability at 31 December	890	137
	The liability for deferred tax is made up as follows:	-	
		2017 £000	2016 £000
	Differences between capital allowances and fixed asset depreciation	796	219
	Derivative financial instruments	94	(82) 
		890 ====================================	137
18.	SHARE CAPITAL		
		2017 £000	2016 £000
	Authorised		
	15,000,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each (2016: 15,000,000)	15,000	15,000
	Allotted, called up and fully paid		
	3,992,001 Ordinary shares of £1 each (2016: 3,992,000)	3,992	3,992

During the previous financial year, the company issued 1 ordinary share with a nominal value of £1 for a consideration of £37,500,000.

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#### 19. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

At 31 December 2017 the company had capital commitments as follows:

	2017 £000	2016 £000
Expenditure contracted to spend	9,500	<del>-</del>
	9,500	

The above commitments represent commitment expenditure on new vehicles.

#### 20. PENSION COMMITMENTS

At 31 December 2017 the UK intermediate parent company, Arriva plc, operated a contract based pension scheme providing benefits to certain employees within Arriva London South Limited and Arriva London North Limited operated a defined benefit pension scheme, to which the company contributed. The schemes are financed through separate Trustee administered funds managed by independent professional fund managers on behalf of the Trustees.

Contributions to the defined benefit pension scheme, the Arriva London North and Arriva London South Pension Scheme, are based upon actuarial advice following the most recent actuarial valuation of the fund. The latest actuarial valuation was performed as at 5th April 2015, using the Projected Unit Method.

The pension cost for the year represents contributions payable by the company to both schemes and amounts to £2,209,000 (2016: £1,718,000).

#### IAS 19 'Employee benefits' (revised 2011)

The company makes contributions to a defined benefit scheme, the Arriva London North and Arriva London South Pension scheme. Other companies within the Arriva group make contributions to the scheme, therefore it is not possible for the company to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2017. As the company is unable to identify its share of the assets and liabilities of the group scheme, it accounts for contributions as if they were to a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable by the company are charged to the statement of comprehensive income in the year in which they fall due.

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#### 21. COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES

At 31 December 2017 the company had future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2017 £000	2016 £000
Land and buildings		
Not later than 1 year	195	183
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	736	733
Later than 5 years	625	771
Total land and building commitments	1,556	1,687
Other leases	,	
Not later than 1 year	1,287	1,123
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	2,293	1,186
Later than 5 years	-	236
Total other lease commitments	3,580	2,545

#### 22. ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING AND CONTROLLING PARTY

The immediate parent company is Arriva UK Bus Holdings Limited (formerly Arriva (2007) Limited).

The ultimate parent company and ultimate controlling party is Deutsche Bahn AG, a company registered in Germany, which has prepared group financial statements incorporating the results of Arriva London South Limited.

Copies of these financial statements can be obtained from Potsdamer Platz 2, 10785 Berlin.

Deutsche Bahn AG is the largest and smallest group to consolidate the financial statements of Arriva London South Limited.

Information on Arriva London South Limited can be obtained from their registered address 1 Admiral Way, Doxford International Business Park, Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, SR3 3XP.

Transactions with other companies in the Deutsche Bahn Group are not specifically disclosed as the company has taken advantage of the exemption available under paragraph 17 of IAS 24 'Related party disclosures' for wholly-owned subsidiaries.