# Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2019

Company number: 02387816



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# **Company information**

Company number 02387816

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## Strategic report

#### Business review and principal activities

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Severn Trent Plc.

The Company does not trade. Its principal activity is to receive finance income from amounts due from other companies in the Severn Trent Group.

Severn Trent Plc manages its operations on a divisional basis and the Company's 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 Business Services segment, which includes this company, is discussed in Severn Trent Plc's Annual Report and Financial Statements (which does not form part of this report).

#### Results and dividends

The Company's profit for the financial year after taxation was £48,000 (2018: £38,000). The Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend.

#### Principal risks and uncertainties

Treasury management

The Severn Trent Group manages its treasury operations on a group basis. Financial risk management is performed by Severn Trent's Group Treasury department. This includes assessment and mitigation of price risk, credit risk, liquidity risk and interest rate cash flow risk. The Group's treasury management policies and operations are discussed in Severn Trent Plc's Annual Report and Financial Statements (which does not form part of this report).

#### Financial position and going concern

As at 31 March 2019, the Company has a net assets position of £3,229,000 (2018: £3,181,000). The Company has net current assets £3,000 (2018: £350,000) therefore the financial position of the Company is satisfactory.

The Directors have considered the financial position and future prospects of the Company. The Company participates in the group's pooled banking arrangements and receives funding from the Sevem Trent Group in the form of intra-group loans. When existing loans reach maturity the appropriate funding will be established as required to ensure such obligations can be met. After making enquiries, the Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the report and annual financial statements.

By order of the Soard

G Eagle

Company Secretary 4 December 2019

# **Directors' report**

The Directors present their annual report and the financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2019.

#### Matters included in the Strategic report

The following matters are included in the Company's Strategic report on the preceding page:

- · Business review and principal activities of the Company
- · Results and dividends
- · Principal risks and uncertainties
- · Financial position and going concern

#### **Directors**

The Directors who served during the year and to the date of this report are shown on page 1.

No emoluments were paid by the Company in respect of the services of the Directors to the Company. Their emoluments are paid by other companies within the Severn Trent Group.

#### Post balance sheet events

There have been no significant post balance sheet events.

#### **Directors' indemnities**

The Company's Articles of Association provide that Directors of the Company shall be indemnified by the Company against any costs incurred by them in carrying out their duties including defending any proceedings arising out of their positions as Directors in which they are acquitted or judgement is given in their favour or relief from any liability is granted to them by the court. These indemnities were in force throughout the year and up to the date of signing of the financial statements.

#### **Environment**

The Company recognises the importance of its environmental responsibilities, monitors its impact on the environment and designs and implements policies to reduce any damage that might be caused by its activities. The Company operates in accordance with the group policies of Severn Trent Plc which are described in the group's Annual Report and Financial Statements (which does not form part of this report).

# **Directors' report (continued)**

#### 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 FRS101 '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.

Approved and signed on behalf of the Board

R C McPheely Director

4 December 2019

# Income statement

# For the year ended 31 March 2019

	Note	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Net operating income	3	_	2
Profit before interest and tax		_	2
Finance income	6	58	44
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		58	46
Current tax	7	(5)	(2)
Deferred tax	7	(5)	(6)
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	7	(10)	(8)
Profit for the financial year		48	38

All results are from discontinued operations in both the current and preceding year.

The Company has no recognised gains or losses other than the results above and therefore no separate statement of comprehensive income has been presented.

# **Balance sheet**

## At 31 March 2019

		2019	2018
	Note	£'000	£'000
Non-current assets			
Deferred tax	8	26	31
Trade and other receivables	9	3,200	2,800
		3,226	2,831
Current assets			
Trade and other receivables	9	166	257
Cash and cash equivalents		142	443
		308	700
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	10	(72)	(119)
Current tax payable		(233)	(231)
		(305)	(350)
Net current assets		3	350
Net assets		3,229	3,181
Equity			
Called up share capital	11	10,000	10,000
Retained earnings		(6,771)	(6,819)
Total equity		3,229	3,181

For the year ended 31 March 2019 the Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 479A of the Companies Act 2006 (the "Act") relating to subsidiary companies.

The members have not required the Company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 4 December 2019. They were signed on its behalf by:

R C McPheely

Director

4 December 2019

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# Statement of changes in equity For the year ended 31 March 2019

		Retained earnings	Total
	£,000	£'000	£'000
At 1 April 2017	10,000	(6,857)	3,143
Total comprehensive income for the year	<u> </u>	38	38
At 31 March 2018	10,000	(6,819)	3,181
Total comprehensive income for the year		48	48
At 31 March 2019	10,000	(6,771)	3,229

#### Notes to the financial statements

#### 1. Accounting policies

#### a) Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis (see Strategic report) under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities (including derivative instruments) at fair value, and in accordance with applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards and comply with the requirements of the United Kingdom Companies Act 2006 (the "Act"). The principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently in the current and preceding year are set out below.

The Company is a private company limited by shares incorporated in the United Kingdom under the Companies Act 2006 and is registered in England and Wales.

#### b) Basis of preparation

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Severn Trent Plc and is included in the consolidated financial statements of Severn Trent Plc.

The Company meets the definition of a qualifying entity under FRS 100 'Application of Financial Reporting Requirements'. Accordingly, the Company has elected to apply FRS 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework'. Therefore the recognition and measurement requirements of EU-adopted IFRS have been applied, with amendments where necessary in order to comply with the Companies Act 2006 and The Large and Medium-sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (SI 2008/410) as these are Companies Act 2006 accounts.

As permitted by FRS 101, the Company has taken advantage of the disclosure exemptions available under that standard in relation to share based payment, financial instruments, capital management, presentation of comparative information in respect of certain assets, presentation of a cash flow statement, standards not yet effective, impairment of assets and related party transactions.

Where required, equivalent disclosures are given in the Group financial statements of Severn Trent Plc which are available to the public and can be obtained as set out in note 14.

#### c) Finance and similar income

Interest income is accrued on a time basis by reference to the principal outstanding and at the effective interest rate applicable. Interest income is included in finance income.

#### d) Taxation

Current tax payable is based on taxable profit for the year and is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date. Taxable profit differs from net profit as reported in the income statement because it excludes items of income and expenses that are taxable or deductible in other years and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible.

Deferred taxation is provided in full on taxable temporary differences between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. Deferred taxation is measured on a non-discounted basis using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date and are expected to apply when the related deferred tax asset is realised or the deferred tax liability is settled.

A deferred tax asset is only recognised to the extent it is probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available in the future to utilise it.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities.

#### e) Foreign currency

Foreign currency transactions arising during the year are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling on the date of the transaction. All profits and losses on exchange arising during the year are dealt with through the income statement.

# Notes to the financial statements (continued)

## 2. Critical accounting judgments and sources of estimation uncertainty

In the process of applying the Company's accounting policies, no critical accounting judgments or accounting estimates were required.

#### 3. Operating income

	2019	2018
	£'000	£'000
Other operating income	<del>-</del>	2

## 4. Employee numbers

The average number of employees (including Executive Directors) during the year was nil (2018: nil).

#### 5. Directors' remuneration

The Directors received no emoluments for their services to the Company. The emoluments of the Directors are paid by other companies within the Severn Trent Group.

#### 6. Finance income

	2019	2018
	£'000	£'000
Interest income earned on:		
- amounts due from group undertakings	58	44

#### 7. Taxation

# a) Analysis of tax charge in the year

2019	2018
£'000	£'000
5	2
5	2
5	6
5	6
10	8
	£'000 5 5 5 5

The Company earns profits primarily in the UK. Therefore the tax rate used for tax on profit on ordinary activities is the standard rate for UK corporation tax.

#### b) Factors affecting the tax charge in the year

The tax charge for the current year is lower than (2018: lower than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2018: 19%).

The differences are explained below:

	2019	2018
	£'000	£'000
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	58	46
Tax at the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK 19% (2018: 19%)	11	9
Current year impact of rate change	(1)	(1)
Total tax charge for the year	10	8

# Notes to the financial statements (continued)

## 8. Deferred tax

An analysis of the movement in the deferred tax asset recognised by the Company is set out below:

	Tax depreciation £'000
At 1 April 2017	37
Charge to income	(6)
At 1 April 2018	31
Charge to income	(5)
At 31 March 2019	26

### 9. Trade and other receivables

	2019	2018
	£'000_	£'000
Current assets		
Trade receivables	213	213
Doubtful debt provision	(69)	(69)
Net trade receivables	144	144
Amounts receivable from other fellow group undertakings under loan agreements	22	16
Prepayments		97
	166	257
	2019	2018
	£'000	£'000
Non-current assets		
Amounts receivable from group undertakings under loan agreements	3,200	2,800

The Company has a facility of up to £5,000,000 available to Severn Trent Investment Holdings Limited. The loan is unsecured with a margin of 1.025% set against 6m LIBOR, with a maturity date of 21 May 2021.

## 10. Trade and other payables

	2019	2018
	£'000	£'000
Current liabilities		
Other payables	10	10
Social security and other taxes	_	47
Accruals	62	62
	72	119

3,200

2,800

# Notes to the financial statements (continued)

## 11. Share capital

	2019	2018
	£'000	£'000
Total issued and fully paid		
10,000,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	10,000	10,000

#### 12. Contingent liabilities

The banking arrangements of the Company operate on a pooled basis with certain fellow group undertakings. Under these arrangements participating companies guarantee each other's balances only to the extent that their credit balances can be offset against overdrawn balances of other Severn Trent Group companies.

At 31 March 2019 the Company's maximum exposure under these arrangements was £142,000 (2018: £443,000).

#### 13. Related party transactions

There have been no transactions with the Directors of the Company during the last financial year.

In accordance with the exemption allowed by FRS 101, no disclosure is made of transactions with other wholly owned member companies which are consolidated into the Severn Trent Plc Group.

#### 14. Ultimate parent undertaking

The immediate parent undertaking is Severn Trent (W&S) Limited.

The ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party is Severn Trent Plc, which is the parent undertaking and controlling party of the smallest and largest group to consolidate these financial statements. Copies of the Severn Trent Plc consolidated financial statements can be obtained from Severn Trent Plc's registrars at Equiniti, Aspect House, Spencer Road, Lancing, West Sussex, BN99 6DA.