

WESTFIRST LIMITED

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 JULY 2010**

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DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2010

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 July 2010. The directors' report has been prepared taking advantage of the small company's exemption in section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The company's principal activities were those of boilerhouse management, the supply of heat, gas and electricity and lettings of New College Durham premises to external organisations.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE COMPANY'S BUSINESS

The directors do not foresee any significant changes in the level or scope of the company's operations.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The company's loss for the financial year is £1,302 (2009. profit of £4,970). The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend.

The company's parent undertaking has confirmed that it will continue to support the company for the foreseeable future.

DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

The directors who held office during the year are given below:

J Widdowson
H Becker

None of the directors held any interest in the share capital of the company.

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' 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). 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 judgements 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,
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2010 (continued)

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.

STATEMENT OF DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

So far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware. The directors have taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, have indicated their willingness to continue in office, and a resolution concerning their reappointment will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

By Order of the Board



J Widdowson
Director

3 November 2010

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WESTFIRST LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of Westfirst Limited for the year ended 31 July 2010 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet, and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities set out on pages 1 and 2 the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

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.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed, the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors; and the overall presentation of the financial statements.

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 July 2010 and of its loss for the year then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WESTFIRST LIMITED (continued)

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion

- 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; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made, or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit

Neil Austin

Neil Austin (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
Newcastle upon Tyne
5 November 2010

WESTFIRST LIMITED**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2010**

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2010</u> £	<u>2009</u> £
TURNOVER	1,2	345,632	412,324
Cost of sales		<u>(321,784)</u>	<u>(382,782)</u>
GROSS PROFIT		23,848	29,542
Administrative expenses	4	<u>(14,368)</u>	<u>(14,336)</u>
OPERATING PROFIT		9,480	15,206
Interest receivable and similar income	7	22	676
Interest payable	8	(3,341)	(6,324)
Charitable donation	9	<u>(7,463)</u>	<u>(4,588)</u>
(LOSS) / PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		(1,302)	4,970
Taxation on (loss) / profit on ordinary activities	10	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
(LOSS) / RETAINED PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	17	<u><u>(1,302)</u></u>	<u><u>4,970</u></u>

All of the activities of the company relate entirely to continuing operations

The company has no recognised gains and losses other than the loss above and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented

There is no difference between the results on ordinary activities before taxation and the results for the financial year stated above and their historical cost equivalents

WESTFIRST LIMITED**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 JULY 2010**

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2010</u> £	<u>2009</u> £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	11	<u>129,747</u>	<u>142,509</u>
		129,747	142,509
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	12	28,666	46,289
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>53,443</u>	<u>39,533</u>
		82,109	85,822
CREDITORS (amounts falling due within one year)	13	<u>(45,526)</u>	<u>(45,850)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		36,583	39,972
CREDITORS (amounts falling due after one year)	14	<u>(136,106)</u>	<u>(150,955)</u>
NET ASSETS		<u><u>30,224</u></u>	<u><u>31,526</u></u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up equity share capital	16	2,000	2,000
Profit and loss account	17	28,224	29,526
EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	18	<u><u>30,224</u></u>	<u><u>31,526</u></u>

The financial statements on pages 5 to 13 were approved by the board of directors on 3 November 2010 and signed on its behalf by



J Widdowson
Director

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**NOTES TO THE ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR
THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2010**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards. The accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis.

(b) Turnover

Turnover represents the invoiced value of goods and services, exclusive of value added tax.

(c) Deferred taxation

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events that result in an obligation to pay more tax in the future or a right to pay less tax in the future have occurred at the balance sheet date. Timing differences are differences between the company's taxable profits and its results as stated in the financial statements.

Provision for deferred taxation is made where it is probable that a liability will crystallise at the rates estimated to be effective in the future.

(d) Tangible Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets are shown at cost. The cost of fixed assets is their purchase cost, together with any incidental expenses of acquisition.

The Directors have agreed to follow the depreciation policy adopted by New College Durham. Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets, from the time they become operational, less their estimated residual value on a straight line basis over their estimated economic life as follows:

Freehold buildings – 20 years
Fixtures and Fittings – 20 years

(e) Government Grants

Government grants received for the complete or partial funding of fixed assets are treated as deferred income. The income is released to the profit and loss account over the useful economic life of the asset.

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2. TURNOVER

The company's activities are derived entirely within the United Kingdom

Analysis of Turnover:

	<u>2010</u> £	<u>2009</u> £
By activity:		
Supply of utilities	293,021	349,451
Lettings of Premises	31,719	38,934
Boilerhouse Management	<u>20,892</u>	<u>23,939</u>
	<u>345,632</u>	<u>412,324</u>

3. CASHFLOW STATEMENT

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of New College Durham and is included within the consolidated financial statements of New College Durham, which are publicly available. Consequently, the company has taken advantage of the exemption from preparing a cashflow statement under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard 1 (revised 1996)

4. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

The administrative expenses include the depreciation charge for the period of £12,762 (2009: £12,762). Auditors' remuneration for 2010 amounted to £1,000 (2009: £500)

5. DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS

None of the directors received any remuneration for services rendered to the company during the year (2009: Nil)

6. EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

There were no persons employed by the company during the year (2009: Nil)

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7 INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME

	<u>2010</u> £	<u>2009</u> £
Other interest receivable	<u>22</u>	<u>676</u>
	<u>22</u>	<u>676</u>

8. INTEREST PAYABLE

	<u>2010</u> £	<u>2009</u> £
Bank Interest	161	97
Interest payable to parent undertaking on inter-company loan	<u>3,180</u>	<u>6,227</u>
	<u>3,341</u>	<u>6,324</u>

9. CHARITABLE DONATION

	<u>2010</u> £	<u>2009</u> £
Charitable donation	<u>7,463</u>	<u>4,588</u>
	<u>7,463</u>	<u>4,588</u>

The donation represents a gift aid payment to New College Durham

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10. TAXATION ON (LOSS) / PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

The tax charge for the year comprises

	<u>2010</u> £	<u>2009</u> £
Current tax:		
UK Corporation tax on profits for the period	-	-
Adjustment in respect of previous periods	-	-
Total current tax	-	-
Deferred tax:		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	-	-
Total deferred tax	-	-
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	-	-

There is an unprovided deferred tax liability of £5,152 (2009 £5,286) arising from the difference between the net book value and written down value of fixed assets

The tax assessed for the period is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK (21%) The differences are explained below

	<u>2010</u> £	<u>2009</u> £
(Loss) / Profit on ordinary activities	(1,302)	4,970
(Loss) / Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate in the UK 21.00% (2009 21.00 %)	(273)	1,044
Effects of		
Expenditure not allowable for tax purposes	593	-
Accelerated capital allowances and other timing differences	(320)	(1,044)
Adjustments to tax charge in respect of previous period	-	-
Current tax charge for the period	-	-

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11. FIXED ASSETS

	Land and Buildings	Fixtures and Fittings	Total
	£	£	£
<u>Cost</u>			
At 1 August 2009	65,790	189,449	255,239
At 31 July 2010	<u>65,790</u>	<u>189,449</u>	<u>255,239</u>
<u>Depreciation</u>			
At 1 August 2009	29,060	83,670	112,730
Charge for year	<u>3,290</u>	<u>9,472</u>	<u>12,762</u>
At 31 July 2010	<u>32,350</u>	<u>93,142</u>	<u>125,492</u>
Net book value at 31 July 2010	<u>33,440</u>	<u>96,307</u>	<u>129,747</u>
Net book value at 31 July 2009	<u>36,730</u>	<u>105,779</u>	<u>142,509</u>

12. DEBTORS

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
	£	£
Amounts owed by parent undertaking	18,650	29,395
Other debtors	8,016	14,894
Called up share capital not paid	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
	<u>28,666</u>	<u>46,289</u>

13. CREDITORS (amounts falling due within one year)

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
	£	£
Amounts owed to parent undertaking	26,432	20,396
Other accruals and deferred income	<u>19,094</u>	<u>25,454</u>
	<u>45,526</u>	<u>45,850</u>

14. CREDITORS (amounts falling due after one year)

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
	£	£
Inter-company loans (note 15)	<u>136,106</u>	<u>150,955</u>

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15. LOANS

	<u>2010</u> £	<u>2009</u> £
Inter-company loan over 20 years	<u>136,106</u>	<u>150,955</u>

The loan balance is payable to New College Durham, the parent undertaking. The loan balance is repayable in equal instalments over 20 years. The loan is unsecured and interest is charged at 1.5% above the Co-operative Bank base rate.

16. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	<u>2010</u> £	<u>2009</u> £
Authorised		
5,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Allotted, and called up		
2,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>

17. RESERVES

	<u>Profit and Loss account</u> £
At 1 August 2009	29,526
Retained loss for the financial year	<u>(1,302)</u>
At 31 July 2010	<u>28,224</u>

18. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	<u>2010</u> £	<u>2009</u> £
(Loss) / Profit for the financial year	(1,302)	4,970
Shareholders' funds as at 1 August	<u>31,526</u>	<u>26,556</u>
Shareholders' funds as at 31 July	<u>30,224</u>	<u>31,526</u>

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19. RELATED PARTIES TRANSACTIONS

The company has taken advantage of the exemption available under Financial Reporting Standard No 8 (FRS8) and has not disclosed transactions that are with New College Durham

20. ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING

The ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party is New College Durham
Copies of the consolidated financial statements can be obtained from the Director of Finance and Managed Services, New College Durham, Framwellgate Moor, Durham, DH1 5ES