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PRIORITY SITES INVESTMENTS LIMITED

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2019



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PRIORITY SITES INVESTMENTS LIMITED

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors of Priority Sites Investments Limited ("the Company") present their annual report together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019.

ACTIVITIES AND BUSINESS REVIEW

This Directors' report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies' exemption and therefore does not include a Strategic report.

Activity

The principal activity of the Company was that of property investment.

Review of the year

Business review

It is the intention of the directors to wind up the Company within the next 12 months. Post balance sheet events are described in note 15 to the financial statements.

Financial performance

The Company's financial performance is presented on pages 8 to 10.

The profit before taxation for the year was £2,911 (2018: loss of £87,535). The retained profit for the year was £2,358 (2018: loss of £72,255).

At the end of the year, the balance sheet showed total assets of £690,993 (2018: £716,924).

Principal risks and uncertainties

The Company seeks to minimise its exposure to financial risks other than credit risk.

Management focuses on both the overall balance sheet structure and the control, within prudent limits, of risk arising from mismatches, including currency, maturity, interest rate and liquidity. It is undertaken within limits and other policy parameters set by the Group Asset and Liability Management Committee (Group ALCO).

The Company's assets mainly comprise of amounts due from group companies and cash at bank which would expose it to interest, credit and market risk except that the counterparties are group companies and credit risk is not considered significant.

Market risk

Market risk is the potential for loss as a result of adverse changes in risk factors including interest rates and equity prices together with related parameters such as market volatilities.

Interest rate risk

Structural interest rate risk arises where assets and liabilities have different repricing maturities.

The Company manages interest rate risk by monitoring the consistency in the interest rate profile of its assets and liabilities and limiting any repricing mismatches.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Principal risks and uncertainties (continued)

Credit risk

Credit risk management seeks to match the risk of credit failure to price of credit on granting a facility whilst maintaining credit risk exposure in line with approved appetite for the risk that customers will be unable to meet their obligations to the Company.

The key principles of the group's Credit Risk Management Framework are set out below:

- Approval of all credit exposure is granted prior to any advance or extension of credit.
- An appropriate credit risk assessment of the customer and credit facilities is undertaken prior to approval of credit exposure. This includes a review of, amongst other things, the purpose of credit and sources of repayment, compliance with affordability tests, repayment history, capacity to repay, sensitivity to economic and market developments and risk-adjusted return.
- Credit risk authority is delegated by the Board and specifically granted in writing to all individuals involved in the granting of credit approval. In exercising credit authority, the individuals act independently of any related business revenue origination.
- All credit exposures, once approved, are effectively monitored and managed and reviewed periodically against approved limits. Lower quality exposures are subject to a greater frequency of analysis and assessment.

Operational risk

Operational risk is the risk of unexpected losses attributable to human error, systems failures, fraud or inadequate internal financial controls and procedures. The Company manages this risk, in line with NatWest Group plc framework, through systems and procedures to monitor transactions and positions, the documentation of transactions and periodic review by internal audit. The group also maintains contingency facilities to support operations in the event of disasters.

Directors' Duties

Section 172(1) of the Companies Act 2006 (Section 172) is one of the statutory duties that directors have and requires them to promote the success of the Company for the benefit of shareholders as a whole while taking into account the interests of other stakeholders and, in so doing, have regard to the matters set out in Section 172(1)(a) to (f). These include the long term consequences of decisions, colleague interests, the need to foster the Company's business relationships with suppliers, customers and others; the impact on community and the environment and the Company's reputation.

Directors are supported in the discharge of their duties by the Company Secretary. All directors receive guidance on their statutory duties, including Section 172(1), and were briefed on the reporting requirements introduced by the Companies (Miscellaneous Reporting) Regulations 2018 in advance of the effective date. NatWest Group has introduced a new approach to board and committee papers with greater focus on ensuring relevant stakeholder interests are clearly articulated and guidance on documenting decisions has been refreshed to ensure these are recorded in a consistent manner across NatWest Group.

Going concern

These financial statements are prepared on other than going concern basis, see note 1a) on page 11.

DIRECTORS AND SECRETARY

The present directors and secretary, who have served throughout the year except where noted below, are listed on page 1.

From 1 January 2019 to date, the following changes have taken place:

	Appointed	Resigned
Secretary		
NatWest Markets Secretarial Services Limited	30 September 2019	-
RBS Secretarial Services Limited	-	30 September 2019

DIRECTORS' REPORT

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 a Directors' report and financial statements for each financial year. Under that law, the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework, and must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs at the end of the year and 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 estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- · state whether FRS 101 has been followed; and
- make an assessment of the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. For the reasons stated in note 1a), the financial statements have not been prepared on a going concern basis but on a basis other than going concern.

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 to enable them to ensure that the Directors' Report and financial statements comply with the requirements of 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.

DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITOR

Each of the directors at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- so far as they are aware there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware; and
- directors have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any
 relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

This confirmation is given and shall be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of section 418 of the Companies Act 2006.

AUDITOR

Ernst & Young LLP has expressed its willingness to continue in office as auditor.

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on its behalf:

J M Rowr Director

Date: 23 November 2020

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PRIORITY SITES INVESTMENTS LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Priority Sites Investments Limited ("the Company") for the year ended 31 December 2019 which comprise the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Changes in Equity and the related notes 1 to 15, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including FRS 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2019 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.

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 below. 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 FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

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

Emphasis of Matter — financial statements prepared on a basis other than going concern

We draw attention to note 1a) to the financial statements which explains that the Directors intend to liquidate the Company and therefore do not consider it to be appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements. Accordingly, the financial statements have been prepared on a basis other than going concern as described in note 1a). Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Other information

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

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this 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 the other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PRIORITY SITES INVESTMENTS LIMITED

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

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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 material misstatements in the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which 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
- the directors were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 4, 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.

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.

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PRIORITY SITES INVESTMENTS LIMITED

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.

Ernst & Young LLD

Cassondra Polegri (Senior statutory auditor) for and on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP, Statutory Auditor London 26 November 2020

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME for the year ended 31 December 2019

	Notes	2019	2018
Income from discontinued operations		£	£
Turnover	3	•	5,054
Other income	4	56,038	15,022
Administrative expenses	5	(46,397)	(100,192)
Operating profit/(loss)		9,641	(80,116)
Interest payable	6	(6,730)	(7,419)
Profit/(loss) before tax		2,911	(87,535)
Tax credit	7	(553)	15,280
Profit/(loss) and total comprehensive income/(loss) for			
the year		2,358	(72,255)

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET as at 31 December 2019

	Notes	2019 £	2018 £
Current assets		<u>~</u>	
Amounts due from group companies	8	189,109	629,346
Prepayments, accrued income and other assets	9	11,540	78,695
Current tax asset		•	7,883
Cash at bank		490,344	1,000
Total assets		690,993	716,924
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	10	11,360	35,124
Current tax liability		553	-
Amounts due to group companies	11	4,558	20,000
Accruals, deferred income and other liabilities	12	11,865	1,501
Total liabilities		28,336	56,625
Equity			
Called up share capital	13	1,000	1,000
Profit and loss account		661,657	659,299
Total equity		662,657	660,299
Total liabilities and equity	_	690,993	716,924

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 23 November 2020 and signed on its behalf by:

J M Rowney Director

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY for the year ended 31 December 2019

	Profit and loss		
	Share capital	account	Total
•	£	£	£
At 1 January 2018	1,000	731,554	732,554
Loss for the year	-	(72,255)	(72,255)
At 31 December 2018	1,000	659,299	660,299
Profit for the year	-	2,358	2,358
At 31 December 2019	1,000	661,657	662,657

Total comprehensive income for the year of £2,358 (2018: loss of £72,255) was wholly attributable to the owners of the Company.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Accounting policies

a) Preparation and presentation of accounts

These financial statements are prepared:

 on other than going concern basis. Under this basis, the assets have been measured at recoverable values and liabilities at settlement values. The directors, having regard to their intention to place the Company in liquidation within the next 12 months, have prepared the accounts on a basis other than going concern. The cost of liquidation will be borne by NatWest Markets Plc.

In the first quarter of 2020, the World Health Organisation declared the Covid-19 outbreak to be a pandemic. Many governments, including the UK, have taken stringent measures to contain and/or delay the spread of the virus. Actions taken in response to the spread of Covid-19 have resulted in severe disruption to business operations and a significant increase in economic uncertainty, with more volatile asset prices and currency exchange rates, and a marked decline in long-term interest rates in developed economies.

The NatWest Markets Group (the "Group") has a well-developed business continuity plan which includes pandemic response, enabling the Group to quickly adapt to these unprecedented circumstances.

There remains significant uncertainty regarding the developments of the pandemic and the future economic recovery. The directors have considered the impact of Covid-19 on the Company and, given the decision to place the Company in liquidation within the next 12 months, the directors do not consider that the Covid-19 pandemic will have a material impact on the Company in the future; and

under Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework in accordance
with the recognition and measurement principles of International Financial Reporting Standards
issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and interpretations issued by
the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee of the IASB as adopted by the
EU (together IFRS).

The Company meets the definition of a qualifying entity under FRS 100 Application of Financial Reporting Requirements issued by the Financial Reporting Council.

The Company is incorporated in the UK and registered in England and Wales and the financial statements are presented:

- in accordance with the Companies Act 2006;
- in sterling which is the functional currency of the Company; and
- with the benefit of the disclosure exemptions permitted by FRS 101 with regard to:
 - o cash-flow statement;
 - standards not yet effective;
 - o related party transactions; and
 - disclosure requirements of IFRS 7 "Financial Instruments: Disclosure" and IFRS 13 "Fair Value Measurement".

Where required, equivalent disclosures are given in the group accounts of The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc, these accounts are available to the public and can be obtained as set out in note 14.

The intention of the Board of Directors is to liquidate the Company within the next 12 months. These events did not require the Company to remeasure, reclassify or adjust the settlement date of any assets or liabilities. IAS 1 paragraph 25 "Presentation of Financial Statements" describes the preparation of financial statements in such circumstances as being other than on a going concern basis.

The changes to IFRS that were effective from 1 January 2019 have had no material effect on the Company's Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2019.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Accounting policies (continued)

b) Revenue recognition

Rental income from operating leases is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income on a straight line basis over the lease term unless another systematic basis better represents the time pattern of the asset's use.

Investment property - Rental income from investment property is recognised on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease. Lease incentives granted are recognised as an integral part of the total rental income. Any gain or loss arising from a change in fair value is recognised in statement of comprehensive income.

c) Taxation

Income tax expense or income, comprising current tax and deferred tax, is recorded in the profit and loss account except income tax on items recognised outside profit or loss which is credited or charged to other comprehensive income or to equity as appropriate.

Current tax is income tax payable or recoverable in respect of the taxable profit or loss for the year arising in income or in equity. Provision is made for current tax at rates enacted or substantively enacted at the Balance Sheet date.

d) Financial instruments

Financial instruments are classified either by product, by business model or by reference to the IFRS default classification.

Classification by product relies on specific designation criteria which are applicable to certain classes of financial assets or circumstances where accounting mismatches would otherwise arise. Classification by business model reflects how the Company manages its financial assets to generate cash flows. A business model assessment determines if cash flows result from holding financial assets to collect the contractual cash flows; from selling those financial assets; or both.

The product classifications apply to financial assets that are either designated at fair value through profit or loss (DFV), or to equity investments designated as at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI). In all other instances, fair value through profit or loss (MFVTPL) is the default classification and measurement category for financial assets

Regular way purchases of financial assets classified as amortised cost, are recognised on the settlement date; all other regular way transactions in financial assets are recognised on the trade date.

All financial instruments are measured at fair value on initial recognition.

All liabilities not subsequently measured at fair value are measured at amortised cost.

Most financial assets are held to collect the contractual cash flows that comprise solely payments of principal and interest and are measured at amortised cost. Certain financial assets managed under a business model of both to collect contractual cash flows comprising solely of payments of principal and interest, and to sell, are measured at fair value through other comprehensive income ('FVOCI').

e) Impairment of financial assets

At each balance sheet date each financial asset measured at amortised cost or at fair value through other comprehensive income, issued financial guarantee and loan commitment is assessed for impairment. Loss allowances are forward looking, based on 12 month expected credit losses where there has not been a significant increase in credit risk rating, otherwise allowances are based on lifetime expected losses.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Accounting policies (continued)

e) Impairment of financial assets (continued)

Expected credit losses are a probability-weighted estimate of credit losses. The probability is determined by the risk of default which is applied to the cash flow estimates. In the absence of a change in credit rating, allowances are recognised when there is reduction in the net present value of expected cash flows. On a significant increase in credit risk, allowances are recognised without a change in the expected cash flows, although typically expected cash flows do also change; and expected credit losses are rebased from 12 month to lifetime expectations.

The costs of loss allowances on assets held at amortised cost are presented as impairments in the income statement. Allowances in respect financial guarantees and loan commitments are presented in administrative expenses. Contingent liabilities are presented gross of allowances except where the asset has been wholly or partially written off.

f) Derecognition

A financial asset is derecognised when the contractual right to receive cash flows from the asset has expired or when it has been transferred and the transfer qualifies for derecognition in accordance with IFRS 9 "Financial Instruments".

A financial liability is removed from the balance sheet when the obligation is discharged, cancelled, or expires.

g) Cash at bank

Cash at bank represents deposits with banks.

2. Critical accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The reported results of the Company are sensitive to the accounting policies, assumptions and estimates that underlie the preparation of its financial statements. In accordance with their responsibilities for these financial statements, there are no estimates the directors consider most important to the portrayal of the Company's performance and financial condition.

3. Turnover

	2019	2018
Rental income	<u> </u>	5,054
		 -
4. Other income		
	2019	2018
	£	£
Other income - reversal of accrued expenses no longer payable	56,038	15,022
5. Administrative expenses		•
	2019	2018
	£	£
Legal and professional fees	11,400	15,000
Management fees	•	51,356
Other charges	34,997	33,836
-	46,397	100,192

The Company does not remunerate directors nor can remuneration from elsewhere in the group be apportioned meaningfully in respect of their services to the Company.

Audit fees for the year are charged as a group service to NatWest Markets Plc and reallocated specifically to the Company, the actual audit fees for the year being the sum of £10,000 (2018: £10,000).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

6. Interest payable

•	2019	2018
	£	£
Interest payable to group companies	6,730	7,419

7. Tax

	2019 £	2018 £
Current taxation: UK corporation tax charge/(credit) for the year	553	(15,280)

The actual tax charge/(credit) differs from the expected tax charge/(credit) computed by applying the standard UK corporation tax rate of 19% (2018: 19%) as follows:

		2019	2018
		£	£
Expected tax charge/(credit)		553	(16,632)
Non-deductible items		-	1,352
Actual tax charge/(credit) for the year	•	553	(15,280)

8. Amounts due from group companies

2019	2018
£	£
188,934	629,174
175	172
189,109	629,346
	£ 188,934 175

The net group receivable position with Priority Sites Limited of £188,934 (2018: £629,174) included an Intercompany loan payable of £642,083 and rolled up interest accrued on the group loan of £291,158 due to Priority Sites Limited, which has been settled during the year. The Company is left with £188,934 (2018: £1,562,415) group receivable due from Priority Sites Limited that does not accrue interest.

9. Prepayments, accrued income and other assets

	2019	2018
	£	£
Value added tax recoverable	180	971
Prepayments	11,360	77,724
	11,540	78,695
10. Trade and other payables		

	2019	2018
	£	£
Trade payables	11,360	35,124

The fair value of all payables approximates to their carrying amount in the balance sheet.

11. Amounts due to group companies

	2019	2018
	£	£
NatWest Markets Plc	4,558	20,000

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

12. Accruals, deferred income and other liabilities

	2019 £	2018 £
Accruals	11,865	1,501
13. Share capital		
	2019	2018
Alloted, called up and fully paid: 1000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	1,000	1,000

The Company has one class of Ordinary Shares which carry no right to fixed income.

14. Related parties

UK Government

The UK Government through HM Treasury is the ultimate controlling party of NatWest Group plc. Its shareholding is managed by UK Government Investments Limited, a company it wholly owns and as a result, the UK Government and UK Government controlled bodies are related parties of the Company.

The Company enters into transactions with these bodies on an arms' length basis; they include the recovery of UK corporation tax and Value Added Tax; together with banking transactions undertaken in the normal course of banker-customer relationships.

Group companies

At 31 December 2019

The Company's immediate parent was:	Priority Sites Limited
The smallest consolidated accounts	
including the Company were prepared by:	NatWest Markets plc
The ultimate parent company was:	The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc

All parent companies are incorporated in the UK. Copies of their accounts may be obtained from Legal, Governance and Regulatory Affairs, RBS, Gogarburn, PO Box 1000, Edinburgh EH12 1HQ.

On 22 July 2020, The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc changed its name to NatWest Group plc.

15. Post balance sheet events

The directors consider Covid-19 to be a non-adjusting post balance sheet event and as such no adjustments have been made to the measurement of assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2019. Refer to note 1a) for the directors' assessment of the impact on the Company. While there remains significant uncertainty regarding the developments of Covid-19 and the future economic recovery, the directors continue to monitor this, however, at this stage do not consider there to be any material issues for the Company.