

**GREENSANDS FINANCE LIMITED**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31 MARCH 2022**

**Registered number: 11493345**

# GREENSANDS FINANCE LIMITED

## Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2022

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## STRATEGIC REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The strategic report for the year ended 31 March 2022 has been prepared in terms of Section 414C of the Companies Act 2006.

Greensands Finance Limited 'the company' (Registered No. 11493345) is incorporated in the United Kingdom and was established to complement the activities of the other companies in the Greensands Holdings group. The company acts as a holding company for Southern Water Capital Limited and Greensands Financing Plc.

The company did not trade during the year, and there is no intention for it to trade in the future. However, the company will continue to act as a holding company for the subsidiaries detailed in note 8.

### KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Greensands Finance Limited acts as an intermediate holding company for the overall group and as such does not have any KPIs as an individual company. KPIs are monitored at the group level and are disclosed in the consolidated financial statements of Greensands Holdings Limited which may be obtained from the Company Secretary at Southern House, Yeoman Road, Worthing, BN13 3NX.

Given the limited activity of the company, additional information can be found in the directors' report, which describes the business model and strategy employed by the company. The report also includes a review of the company's performance during the year, insight on future developments and information about the principal risks and uncertainties facing the company. As a result, no further information is included in this strategic report.

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:



S Boelen  
**Director**  
29 July 2022

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The directors of Greensands Finance Limited (Registered No. 11493345) present their Annual report and the audited accounts for the period ended 31 March 2022.

The directors, in preparing this directors report, have complied with s414C of the Companies Act 2006.

### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the company continued to be that of an intermediate holding company for the subsidiary undertakings disclosed in note 8 to the financial statements.

### REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS, RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The company did not trade during the year, and there is no intention for it to trade in the future. However, the company will continue to act as a holding company for the subsidiaries detailed in note 8.

During the year the company received finance income of £32.1m (2021: £32.7m), paid finance costs of £33.3m (2021: £34.6m), recorded a gain on derivatives of £3.4m (2021: loss of £11.8m) and paid professional fees of £0.2m (2021: £3.2m). The tax charge was £0.4m (2021: credit £2.6m). Therefore, the result for the period after tax was £1.6m (2021 loss after tax £14.3m).

No interim dividends were paid during the year (2021: £nil). The directors have not declared a final dividend for the year. The retained earnings for the period of £1.6m (2021: accumulated loss £14.3m) has been transferred to reserves. No further dividends have been declared post year end.

The company has net assets of £777.7m (2021: £189.2m) comprising its investment in Southern Water Capital Limited and Greensands Financing Plc of £719.4m (2021: £189.6m), amounts due from group undertakings of £741.0m (2021: £772.1m), group derivative financial assets of £0.3m (2021: liability of £3.1m) and cash of £55.0m (2021: £48.7m). These balances are offset by amounts owed to group undertakings of £687.9m (2021: £672.8m), loans and other borrowings of £49.6m (2021: £149.5m) and £0.5m (2021: £0.8m) of interest payable.

In September 2021, Macquarie Asset Management acquired a majority stake through one of its long-term infrastructure funds in the ultimate parent company Greensands Holdings Limited. This acquisition resulted in an equity injection of over £1 billion into the Greensands Group. As part of this transaction, the company issued 1,000,000 Ordinary £1 shares to the company's immediate parent, Greensands Finance Holdings Limited for a total consideration of £586.9m. In addition, the company received £43.0m from the repayment of loans from group undertakings. The total proceeds resulting from the share issue and the intercompany loan repayments were used to purchase additional shares in the company's subsidiary, Southern Water Capital Limited for a total consideration of £529.9m and to the outstanding Revolving Credit Facility loan of £100.0m.

### PRINCIPAL RISK AND UNCERTAINTIES

The principal risk that the company is exposed to is the occurrence of events that would result in an impairment to and the recoverability of its intercompany debt. Ultimately this is reliant on cash funds being available at Southern Water Services Limited to support the group.

The directors are confident that these risks are mitigated by the use of effective risk management policies employed by Southern Water Services Limited. For further details regarding these policies please refer to the strategic report of Southern Water Services Limited.

#### Trigger event risk:

The Greensands Holdings Group comprises a number of intermediary financing companies as set out below:

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 (continued)****PRINCIPAL RISK AND UNCERTAINTIES (continued)**

Corporate level	Companies
'Holdco'	Greensands Holdings Ltd (GSH) Greensands Europe (GSE) Greensands UK Limited (GSUK) Greensands Junior Finance Limited (GSJF) Southern Water (Greensands) Financing plc (SWGF) Greensands Senior Finance Limited (GSSF) Greensands Investments Limited (GSI)
'Midco'	Greensands Finance Holdings Limited (GSFH) Greensands Finance Limited (GSF Ltd) Greensands Financing plc (GSF plc) Southern Water Capital (SWC) Southern Water Investments Limited Southern Water Services Group (SWSG)
Southern Water Financing Group	SWS Group Holdings SWS Holdings Southern Water Services Limited (SWS) Southern Water Services (Finance) (SWSF) SW (Finance) I plc (SWFI) SW (Finance) II Limited (SWFII)

There is no trading activity carried out within either the 'Midco' or 'Holdco' groups. The 'Midco' is dependent upon distributions received from Southern Water Services Limited and the 'Holdco' is dependent on distributions received from the 'Midco'. Loan covenants exist at the 'Holdco', 'Midco' and SWS financing group which are designed to protect investors at each respective level.

A further credit ratings downgrade at Southern Water Services, as set out in its Annual Report and Financial Statements or a breach of the Adjusted Interest Cover Ratio at 'Midco' would result in a Trigger Event and lead to a restriction in the payment of dividends.

A Trigger Event would not impact directly on the liquidity position as analysed for the 'going concern' statement of 'Holdco' as the debt service requirement, for the 12 months from the date of signing these financial statements, can be met out of existing liquidity. However, without mitigation, it would impact future liquidity

**FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES**

The Southern Water Group manages its treasury operations on a group basis. Financial risk management is performed by Southern Water Services Limited's 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 Southern Water Services' Annual Report and Financial Statements (which does not form part of this report). The principal financial risks to which the company is exposed are interest rate, liquidity and currency risks. The Board has approved policies for the management of these risks. The company does not use derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

**Interest rate risk**

The company's interest rate risk is primarily in relation to its fixed rate borrowings (fair value risk) and floating rate borrowings (cash flow risk).

**Liquidity risk**

The company raises funds, as required, to meet the financing requirements of the group.

The company relies on its cash reserves and support from the only trading company in the group, Southern Water Services, in order to meet its debt obligations.

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 (continued)

### STREAMLINED ENERGY AND CARBON REPORT (SECR)

The company is exempt from producing the Streamlined Energy and Carbon Report (SECR) by virtue of the fact it is non-operating and does not directly consume energy. The Streamlined Energy and Carbon Report (SECR) for the group is included in the consolidated financial statements of Greensands Holdings Limited, which are available to the public and can be obtained from the Southern Water website ([www.southernwater.co.uk](http://www.southernwater.co.uk)).

### GOING CONCERN

The directors believe, after due and careful enquiry, that the company has sufficient resources for its present requirements and, therefore, consider it appropriate to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements to 31 March 2022.

In forming this assessment the directors have considered the following information:

- The financial position of the company, its cash flows, liquidity position, covenants and borrowing facilities, which are described on pages 8 to 23.
- The company's business activities, together with the factors likely to affect its future development, performance and position, which are set out on pages 2 to 5.
- This company is part of a group of companies which includes covenanted loan structures that are subject to distribution restrictions in certain circumstances, and is further described on pages 3 to 4
- This company is part of a group of companies group which has available unrestricted cash reserves of £27.5 million plus a committed and undrawn revolving credit facility of £100 million, total liquidity of £127.5 million as at 31 March 2022 (2021: £11.2 million). A further cash reserve of £27.5 million is only available to use during a standstill period. A distribution from Southern Water Services Ltd, of £17.5 million, was received 26 July 2022, and a distribution of £15.0 million was paid to Holdco group companies on 29 July 2022. These funds are sufficient to fund holding company debt service for a period of at least 12 months from the date of signing the financial statements.
- The next scheduled Midco group company debt maturity is November 2023 and comprises the £100 million RCF and £35.3m loan.
- There is a private credit rating at the Midco group.

The operating company within the group, Southern Water Services Ltd, operates in an industry that is subject to economic regulation rather than market competition. Ofwat, the economic regulator, has a statutory obligation to set price limits that it believes will enable the water companies to finance their activities.

As a consequence, the directors believe that the company is well placed to manage its business risks successfully.

The directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements

### FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The directors expect the general level of activity to remain consistent with 2022 in the forthcoming year, however there may be wider economic factors, such as the rising cost of inflation and the continued impact of the UK's departure from the European Union and COVID-19, which could affect future company dealings. However, the company is safeguarded by being a holding company not engaged in any trade. The underlying operational company Southern Water Services Limited has considered the impact of wider economic factors and disclosed this in its Annual Report which can be obtained from the Company Secretary of Southern Water Services Limited, at the registered address, Southern House, Yeoman Road, Worthing, BN13 3NX or on its website at <https://southernwater.annualreport2022.com>. Southern Water Services Limited is expected to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 (continued)

### EVENTS AFTER THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION DATE

On the 22 July 2022 the Southern Water Services Limited Board approved a distribution of £17.5m to Southern Water Capital Limited, this included a partial preference share redemption of £5.3m including accrued interest thereon to redemption, and a payment of outstanding accrued preference share interest of £12.3m. This payment will facilitate the payment of interest in 'Midco' and 'Holdco' during the 12 months from the signing of these financial statements.

Ian McAulay resigned as a director of Greensands Finance Limited on 30 June 2022 and Lawrence Gosden was appointed as a director on 1 July 2022.

### DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The directors who held office during the period and up to the date of signing the financial statements were as follows:

B Somes	Resigned as Director 8 September 2021
J Lynch	Resigned as Director 8 September 2021
H De Run	Resigned as Director 25 August 2021
M Nagle	Appointed as Director 26 April 2021, resigned as Director 8 September 2021
S Boelen	Appointed as Director 8 September 2021
I McAulay	Appointed as Director 8 September 2021, Resigned as Director 30 June 2022
W Price	Appointed as Director 8 September 2021
L Gosden	Appointed as Director 1 July 2022

### DIRECTORS' INDEMNITIES

The company maintains liability insurance for its directors and officers, which is also maintained for the directors and officers of its holding companies and fellow subsidiaries. Following shareholder approval, the company has also provided an indemnity for its directors and the company secretary, which is a qualifying third party indemnity provision for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006. An indemnity has also been provided for the directors and company secretaries of the company's holding companies and fellow subsidiaries.

### DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

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

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

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

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

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 (continued)**

**STATEMENT OF DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITOR**

Each of the persons who is a director at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- (1) so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware; and
- (2) each director has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director in order to make him/herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

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

**AUDITOR**

Deloitte LLP, have indicated their willingness to continue in office and appropriate arrangements have been put in place for them to be deemed reappointed as auditor in the absence of an Annual General Meeting.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R Manning', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

R Manning  
**Company Secretary**  
29 July 2022

**INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

	Note	Year ended 31 March 2022 £m	Year ended 31 March 2021 £m
<b>Continuing operations</b>			
Operating costs		(0.2)	(3.2)
<b>Operating loss</b>		<b>(0.2)</b>	<b>(3.2)</b>
Finance income	4	32.1	32.7
Finance costs	5	(33.3)	(34.6)
Fair value gains/(loss) on derivative financial instruments	14	3.4	(11.8)
Net finance income/(costs)		2.2	(13.7)
<b>Profit/(loss) before taxation</b>	6	<b>2.0</b>	<b>(16.9)</b>
Tax on profit/(loss)	7	(0.4)	2.6
<b>Profit/(loss) for the financial year</b>		<b>1.6</b>	<b>(14.3)</b>

There was no other comprehensive income or losses for the year ending 31 March 2021 and year ended 31 March 2022. Accordingly, no separate statement of comprehensive income is presented.

There is no material difference between the profit/(loss) for year stated above and their historical cost equivalents.

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	2022 £m	2021 £m
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Investments	8	719.4	189.6
Other non-current assets	9	738.6	726.3
Derivative financial instruments - group	14	0.3	-
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<b>1,458.3</b>	<b>915.9</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Other receivables	10	2.4	50.8
Cash and cash equivalents	11	55.0	48.7
		<b>57.4</b>	<b>99.5</b>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>1,515.7</b>	<b>1,015.4</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Other payables	12	(35.1)	(25.4)
Borrowings: amounts falling due within one year	13	-	(100.0)
		<b>(35.1)</b>	<b>(125.4)</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Derivative financial instruments - group	14	-	(3.1)
Borrowings: amounts falling due after one year	15	(702.9)	(697.7)
		<b>(702.9)</b>	<b>(700.8)</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>(738.0)</b>	<b>(826.2)</b>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<b>777.7</b>	<b>189.2</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Called up share capital	16	45.7	44.7
Share premium account	17	730.7	144.8
Retained earnings/accumulated loss	18	1.3	(0.3)
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>777.7</b>	<b>189.2</b>

The financial statements of Greensands Finance Limited (Registered No. 11493345) on pages 8 to 23 were approved by the Board of directors and authorised for issue on 29 July 2022. They were signed on its behalf by:

S Boelen  
Director

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Called up share capital (Note 16) £m	Share premium account (Note 17) £m	Retained earnings/ accumulated loss (Note 18) £m	Total £m
<b>Balance at 1 April 2020</b>	44.7	144.8	14.0	203.5
Loss for the financial year and total Comprehensive expense	-	-	(14.3)	(14.3)
<b>Balance at 31 March 2021</b>	<u>44.7</u>	<u>144.8</u>	<u>(0.3)</u>	<u>189.2</u>
Profit for the financial year and total Comprehensive income	-	-	1.6	1.6
Issue of share capital	1.0	585.9	-	586.9
<b>Balance at 31 March 2022</b>	<u>45.7</u>	<u>730.7</u>	<u>1.3</u>	<u>777.7</u>

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

### 1 Accounting policies

#### Basis of preparation

Greensands Finance Limited (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. The address of the Company's registered office is shown on page 1. The nature of the company's operations and its principal activities are set out in the Report of the Directors report on page 3.

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The company meets the definition of a qualifying entity under FRS 100 (Financial Reporting Standard 100) issued by the Financial Reporting Council (FRC). Accordingly, these financial statements were prepared in accordance with FRS 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework' incorporating the Amendments to FRS 101 issued by the FRC in July 2015 and the amendments to Company Law made by The Companies, Partnerships and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2015.

The principal accounting policies adopted, which have been applied consistently throughout the current period, are set out in this Note 1.

The financial statements are presented in pounds sterling because that is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the company operates.

Historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for the goods and services.

Fair value is the price that would be received from the sale of an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date, regardless of whether that price is directly observable or estimated using another valuation technique. In estimating the fair value of an asset or a liability, the company takes into account the characteristics of the asset or liability as if market participants would take those characteristics into account when pricing the asset or liability at the measurement date.

In addition, for financial reporting purposes, fair value measurements are categorised into Level 1, 2 or 3 based on the degree to which the inputs to the fair value measurements are observable and the significance of the inputs to the fair value measurement in its entirety, which are described as follows:

- Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date;
- Level 2 inputs are inputs, other than quoted prices included within Level 1, that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and
- Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

The financial statements contain information about Greensands Finance Limited as an individual company. The company is exempt under section 401 of the Companies Act 2006 from the requirement to prepare consolidated financial statements as it and its subsidiary undertakings are included by full consolidation in the publicly available consolidated financial statements of the holding company, Greensands Holdings Limited, from the address given in note 19.

As permitted by FRS 101, the company has taken advantage of the disclosure exemptions available under that standard in relation to presentation of a statement of cash flows, financial instruments, fair value measurement, standards not yet effective, presentation of a statement of financial position as at the beginning of the preceding period following a retrospective accounting policy application or restatement, capital management, related party transactions and impairment of assets. Where required, equivalent disclosures are given in the group financial statements of Greensands Holdings Limited.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 (continued)**

**1 Accounting policies (continued)**

**Adoption of new and revised accounting and financial reporting standards**

There have been no new or revised accounting standards adopted in the current year that had a significant or material impact on the financial statements.

**Going Concern**

The directors have undertaken a detailed review of the Company's liquidity requirements compared with the cash and facilities available, the financial covenant position including projections based on future forecasts, the current credit ratings of entities within the Group and financial risk.

The directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company will maintain adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the next 12 months and they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

**Related party disclosure**

The company has taken advantage of the exemption under FRS 101 paragraph 8(j) from the requirements of IAS 24, 'Related party disclosures', on the grounds that it is a wholly owned subsidiary of a group headed by Greensands Holdings Limited, whose financial statements are publicly available from the address in note 19.

**Investments, interest payable and similar income and expenses**

Investments held as fixed non-current assets are stated at cost, less provision, if appropriate, for any impairment in value other than a temporary impairment in value. The carrying values of fixed non-current asset investments are reviewed for impairment in periods if events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable. Dividends and other investment income is accounted for when it becomes receivable.

**Taxation**

The taxation charge in the income statement represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax.

Current taxation is based on the profit for the year as adjusted for disallowable and non-taxable items and items of income or expense which are taxable or deductible in other years. The company's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 (continued)**

Deferred taxation is tax expected to be payable on temporary differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes. Deferred taxation is provided on all temporary differences that have originated but not reversed by the end of the reporting period. It is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period when the liability is settled or the asset is realised based on tax laws and rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is regarded as probable that taxable profits will be available against which deductible temporary differences can be utilised. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when they relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority and the company intends to settle its current tax assets and liabilities on a net basis.

**Financial instruments**

The company has adopted IFRS 9 'Financial Instruments' from 1 April 2018.

IFRS 9 introduces new requirements for 1) the classification and measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities, 2) impairment for financial assets and 3) general hedge accounting. There was no material impact resulting from the application of this standard for the reasons that follow. The financial assets and liabilities held by the company were previously held at amortised cost, as described below, and there has been no change to their accounting treatment. The company has always conducted an annual impairment review of its financial assets and taken into consideration future expected cash flows. The company does not currently hedge account.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised in the company's statement of financial position when the company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value. Transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of financial assets and financial liabilities (other than financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL)) are added to or deducted from the fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities, as appropriate, on initial recognition. Transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition of financial assets or financial liabilities at FVTPL are recognised immediately in profit or loss.

**Financial assets****(i) Loans receivable**

Loans receivable that have fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market are classified as 'held to collect'. Loans receivable are measured at fair value on initial recognition and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment. Interest income is recognised by applying the effective interest rate, except for short-term receivables when the recognition of interest would be immaterial.

**(ii) Impairment of financial assets**

All debt type financial assets which are not measured at FVTPL are assessed for impairment at each reporting date using a forward looking approach by identifying expected credit losses ('ECL's). ECLs are defined as the difference between the contractual cash flows that are due in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the company expected to receive, discounted at the original effective interest rate.

Based on that analysis at the end of the reporting period, the impairment on the company's assets are considered to be immaterial and no allowance has been recognised in financial statements.

**(iii) Derecognition of financial assets**

The company derecognises a financial asset only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or when it transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset to another entity. On derecognition of a financial asset the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the sum of the consideration received and receivable and the cumulative gain or loss that had been recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity is recognised in profit or loss.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 (continued)**

**1 Accounting policies (continued)**

**Financial instruments (continued)**

**Financial liabilities**

**(i) Financial liabilities and equity**

Debt and equity instruments are classified as either financial liabilities or as equity in accordance with the substance of the contractual arrangement.

**(ii) Other financial liabilities**

Other financial liabilities, including borrowings, are initially measured at fair value, net of transaction costs. Other financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, with interest expense recognised on an effective yield basis.

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial liability and of allocating interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments through the expected life of the financial liability, or, where appropriate, a shorter period, to the net carrying amount on initial recognition.

**(iii) Derecognition of financial liabilities**

The company derecognises financial liabilities when, and only when, the company's obligations are discharged, cancelled or they expire.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 (continued)****2 Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

In the application of the company's accounting policies, which are described in note 1 above, the directors may be required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Any estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

**Critical judgements in applying the company's accounting policies**

There are no critical judgements, apart from those involving estimations (which are dealt with separately below), that the directors have made in the process of applying the Company's accounting policies on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

**Key sources of estimation uncertainty****(i) Impairment**

Investments and loans and other receivables are assessed for impairment in accordance with IFRS 9. Financial assets, other than those at FVTPL, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each balance sheet date. Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred or are expected to occur after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows of the investment have been affected.

An impairment review requires management to make estimates regarding the future cash flows of the asset under review. The Directors take into account current and expected regulated returns and these are subject to ongoing review and negotiation. Therefore there is no impairment recognised in the financial statements.

Regulatory returns are sensitive to the actual performance of Southern Water Services Limited, the only operating company in the group.

**3 Employee information**

The Company has no employees.

The services of the directors are deemed to be wholly attributable to their services to Greensands Holdings Limited. The total sum of payments received by directors for their services in the year to Greensands Holdings Limited has been recorded in the consolidated financial statements of that company, which are available to the public and can be obtained from the Southern Water website ([www.southernwater.co.uk](http://www.southernwater.co.uk)).

The directors received no emoluments during the year in respect of their services to the Greensands Finance Limited.

**4 Finance income**

	<b>Year ended 31 March 2022 £m</b>	Year ended 31 March 2021 £m
Interest receivable from Southern Water Capital Limited	<b>32.1</b>	32.7
	<b>32.1</b>	32.7

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 (continued)****5 Finance costs**

	<b>Year ended 31 March 2022 £m</b>	<b>Year ended 31 March 2021 £m</b>
Interest payable to Greensands Financing Plc	16.1	16.0
Interest payable to Greensands Finance Holdings Limited	14.5	15.3
Interest payable on loans	2.7	3.3
	<u>33.3</u>	<u>34.6</u>

For the terms attached to these loans please refer to note 13 and 15.

**6 Profit/(loss) before taxation**

In 2021 and 2022, the company audit fees were borne by Greensands Holdings Limited and not recharged to the company. The total audit fee for the group (excluding Southern Water Services) is £90,000 (2021: £80,000).

**7 Tax on profit/(loss)**

	<b>Year ended 31 March 2022 £m</b>	<b>Year ended 31 March 2021 £m</b>
<b>Current tax:</b>		
Current year	(0.4)	2.6
<b>Total current tax (charge)/credit</b>	<u>(0.4)</u>	<u>2.6</u>

The tax on (loss)/profit for the year can be reconciled to the income statement as follows:

	<b>Year ended 31 March 2022 £m</b>	<b>Year ended 31 March 2021 £m</b>
<b>Profit/(Loss) before taxation</b>	<u>2.0</u>	<u>(16.9)</u>
UK corporation tax rate at 19% (2021: 19%) on (loss)/profit for the period	(0.4)	3.2
Permanent differences	-	(0.6)
<b>Total tax (charge)/credit for the period</b>	<u>(0.4)</u>	<u>2.6</u>

**Factors that may affect future tax charges**

The Finance Bill 2021 was substantively enacted in May 2021 and the increase in main rate of UK corporation tax will change from 19% to 25%, effective 1 April 2023. Deferred tax assets and liabilities that reverse after 1st April 2023 will therefore be calculated at 25%.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 (continued)

## 8 Investments

**Shares in  
subsidiary  
undertakings  
£m**

**At cost & net book amount:**

At 1 April 2021 189.6  
Additions 529.8

**31 March 2022****719.4****Subsidiary undertakings**

Company	Class of share capital	No shares issued at £1 each	% shares held	Activity	Country of incorporation	Registered office
Greensands Financing Plc	Ordinary	50,000	100%	Holding company	UK	Southern House Yeoman Road Worthing West Sussex BN13 3NX
Southern Water Capital Limited	Ordinary class A	6,569,100	100%	Holding company	UK	Southern House, Yeoman Road, Worthing, West Sussex, BN13 3NX
	Ordinary class B	39,039,391				

The directors are satisfied that the book value of investments is supported by their underlying net assets or position within the wider group.

In September 2021, under an agreement reached with the Greensands Holding Limited's (GSH) existing shareholders, Macquarie Asset Management acquired a majority stake in GSH, investing £1 billion of equity into the group. As part of this process, the company acquired a further 1,000,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each in Southern Water Capital Limited for £529.92 per share.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 (continued)****8 Investments (continued)**

By virtue of the company's ownership of Southern Water Capital Limited it also has the following indirect holdings in subsidiary undertakings of the below companies.

<b>Company</b>	<b>Registered Office</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Southern Water Investments Limited	Southern House, Yeoman Road, Worthing	Holding company
Southern Water Services Group Limited	Southern House, Yeoman Road, Worthing	Holding company
SWS Group Holdings Limited	Southern House, Yeoman Road, Worthing	Holding company
SWS Holdings Limited	Southern House, Yeoman Road, Worthing	Holding company
Southern Water Services Limited	Southern House, Yeoman Road, Worthing	Supply of Water and Wastewater Services
Southern Water Services Finance Limited*	Ugland House, PO Box 309, George Town, Grand Cayman	To raise debt finance
SW (Finance) I PLC	Southern House, Yeoman Road, Worthing	To raise debt finance
SW (Finance) II Limited	Southern House, Yeoman Road, Worthing	To raise debt finance
Southern Water Executive Pension Scheme Trustees Limited	Southern House, Yeoman Road, Worthing	Dormant
Southern Water Pension Trustees Limited	Southern House, Yeoman Road, Worthing	Dormant
Southern Water Retail Services Limited	Southern House, Yeoman Road, Worthing	Dormant
Southern Water (NR) Limited	1 Exchange Crescent, Conference Square, Edinburgh	Holding company
Southern Water Limited	Southern House, Yeoman Road, Worthing	Holding company
Bowsprit Holdings Limited	Southern House, Yeoman Road, Worthing	Dormant
Bowsprit Property Development Limited	Southern House, Yeoman Road, Worthing	To hold property rights
Monk Rawling Limited	Southern House, Yeoman Road, Worthing	Dormant
Southern Water Industries Limited	Southern House, Yeoman Road, Worthing	Dormant
EcoClear Limited	Southern House, Yeoman Road, Worthing	Dormant

\* Southern Water Services Finance Limited is registered in the UK for tax purposes.

All of the above subsidiary companies are wholly owned by ordinary shares.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 (continued)****9 Other non-current assets**

	<b>2022</b>	2021
	<b>£m</b>	£m
<b>Loans due from Southern Water Capital Limited</b>		
£140.0m – 6 month libor plus 6.00%/5.25% 2025 (see note (ii)(a), (e) below)	<b>153.3</b>	149.0
£95.0m – Libor plus 6.00%/5.25% 2026, SONIA +0.02766% plus 5.25% (see note (ii)(b),(e) below)	<b>101.1</b>	100.9
£397.4m – 3.38% to 4.03% 2023 to 2030 (see note (ii)(c) below)	<b>398.9</b>	398.3
£49.5m – 6 month libor plus 2.50% 2025 (see note (ii)(d) below)	<b>49.6</b>	49.5
Other amounts due from Southern Water Capital (i)	<b>35.7</b>	8.7
Amounts due from Greensands Investments Limited (iv)	-	19.9
	<b><u>738.6</u></b>	<b><u>726.3</u></b>

## Notes:

- (i) All amounts due from group undertakings after one year are unsecured.
- (ii) The following loan funds have been on-lent to Southern Water Capital Limited (SWC) as part of group refinancing:
- £153.3m has accrued interest at 5.73% for the year ended 31 March 2022 and the underlying loan has a term of 7 years, maturing in 2025. During the year interest due of £4.8m was capitalised on this loan. This has triggered an interest rate margin increase on the facility as displayed in the above table.
  - £101.1m has accrued interest at 5.96% for the year ended 31 March 2022 and the underlying loan has a term of 7 years, maturing in 2026.
  - £398.9m has accrued interest across a range of 3.66% to 4.17% for the year ended 31 March 2022 and the underlying loans have terms ranging from 5 to 12 years, maturing between 2024 and 2031.
  - £49.6m has accrued interest at 2.98% for the year ended 31 March 2022 and the underlying loan has a term of 7 years, maturing in 2025.
  - In December 2021, the company completed the transition from Libor to SONIA (Sterling Overnight Index Average).
- (iii) All entities are wholly owned within the group.
- (iv) As part of a financial restructure, following Macquarie Asset Management's capital injection, Greensands Investments Limited intercompany loan was repaid in full.

**10 Other receivables**

	<b>2022</b>	2021
	<b>£m</b>	£m
Amounts due from group undertakings	<b>2.4</b>	45.8
Prepayments	-	5.0
	<b><u>2.4</u></b>	<b><u>50.8</u></b>

All remaining amounts due from group undertakings are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand.

All entities are wholly owned within the group.

**11 Cash and cash equivalents**

	<b>2022</b>	2021
	<b>£m</b>	£m
Cash and cash equivalents	<b><u>55.0</u></b>	<b><u>48.7</u></b>

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash and short-term bank deposits and include £27.5 million of restricted cash which can only be used during a standstill period following an event of default. The carrying amount of these assets is equal to their fair value.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 (continued)****12 Other payables**

	2022 £m	2021 £m
Amounts owed to group undertakings	34.6	24.6
Accrued interest	0.5	0.8
	<u>35.1</u>	<u>25.4</u>

All amounts payable to group undertakings due within one year are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand.

All entities are wholly owned within the group.

Accrued interest relates to an external loan. Further details regarding the loan and interest can be found in note 14.

**13 Borrowings: amounts falling due within one year**

	2022 £m	2021 £m
<b>Revolving credit facility</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>100.0</u>

The revolving credit facility was drawn for a rolling 6 month period and issued by external banking facilities. The interest rate is variable (1.5% margin plus 6 month Libor).

The full £100.0 million revolving credit facility is currently undrawn and is available to the company. The facility is due for renewal on 29 November 2023.

**14 Derivative financial instruments****Categories of financial instruments at fair value**

	2022 £m	2021 £m
<b>Derivative assets/ (liabilities) carried at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL):</b>		
Cross currency swaps – not hedge accounted (group)	0.3	(3.1)
<b>Total derivative financial assets/(liabilities)</b>	<u>0.3</u>	<u>(3.1)</u>

<b>Changes in value of financial instruments at fair value</b>	2022 £m	2021 £m
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Profit/(loss) for the period has been arrived at after charging:

<b>Group financial assets/ (liabilities) at fair value</b>		
Designated as FVTPL	3.4	(11.8)
<b>Fair value gains/(losses) on derivative financial instruments</b>	<u>3.4</u>	<u>(11.8)</u>

The above derivative reflects a cross currency swap entered into by the company with its wholly owned subsidiary Greensands Financing Plc. The company and Greensands Financing Plc have entered into a swap agreement on exactly the same terms as the external agreement held by Greensands Financing Plc with Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC).

The swap was entered into to mitigate the risk of foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations that the company is exposed to having raised a proportion of debt in US Dollars (USD). The swap allows the company to pay interest and the principal amount on maturity at a fixed exchange rate thereby removing uncertainty.

The valuation of the over the counter (OTC) swap has been provided by SMBC using their pricing model and method. As at 31 March 2022 the swap was in the money for the company due to GBP weakening against the USD from inception of the related loans at 31 October 2018 to 31 March 2022.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 (continued)

## 15 Borrowings: amounts falling due after one year

	2022 £m	2021 £m
<b>Loans from Greensands Financing Plc</b>		
- £175.0m – Note purchase agreement 2025 - 4.06%	174.2	170.0
- £25.0m – Note purchase agreement 2025 – 3.85%	24.8	24.8
- £75.0m – Note purchase agreement 2028 - 4.09%	74.3	74.2
- £52.0m – Note purchase agreement 2030 - 4.16%	51.6	51.5
- £35.3m – Note purchase agreement 2023 - 3.66%	35.1	35.0
- £19.6m – Note purchase agreement 2025 - 3.89%	19.5	19.4
- £19.5m – Note purchase agreement 2028 - 4.17%	19.4	19.4
Total loans and borrowings from Greensands Financing Plc	<u>398.9</u>	<u>398.3</u>
<b>Loans from Greensands Finance Holdings Limited</b>		
- £140.0m – 6 month libor plus 6.00%/5.25% 2025 (see note (ii) below)	153.3	149.0
- £95.0m – Libor plus 6.00%/5.25% 2026, SONIA +0.02766% plus 5.25% (see note (ii)(vii) below)	101.1	100.9
Total loans and borrowings from Greensands Finance Holdings Limited	<u>254.4</u>	<u>249.9</u>
Loans and other borrowings (note (i) below)		
- £50m Facility Agreement 2025 – Libor plus 2.5%	49.6	49.5
	<u>702.9</u>	<u>697.7</u>

## Notes:

- (i) The £49.6m 6 month Libor plus 2.5% were issued on 29 November 2018 and matures in 2025.
- (ii) All amounts owed to group undertakings are unsecured. Included within this balance are sums of £153.3m and £101.1m that have been passed down from the parent company, Greensands Finance Holdings Limited and have been on-lent as part of a group refinancing exercise undertaken during the year. Interest has accrued at 5.73% and 5.96% respectively for the period ended 31 March 2022.

During the year interest due of £4.8m was capitalised on the aforementioned loans. This has triggered an interest rate margin increase on the facilities as displayed in the above table.

- (iii) This loan relates to funds passed across from the company's subsidiary, Greensands Financing Plc. The balance of £398.9m has accrued interest across a range of 3.66% to 4.17% for the period ended 31 March 2022 and the underlying loans have terms ranging from 5 to 12 years, maturing between 2023 and 2030.
- (iv) It has been confirmed by Greensands Investments Limited this balance will not be called upon for 12 months from the date of these financial statements.
- (v) The remaining element of amounts due to group undertakings is unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand.
- (vi) All entities are wholly owned within the group.
- (vii) In December 2021, the company completed the transition from Libor to SONIA (Sterling Overnight Index Average).

	2022 £m	2021 £m
<b>Repayments fall due as follows:</b>		
Between two and five years	557.5	552.5
After five years not by instalments	145.4	145.2
	<u>702.9</u>	<u>697.7</u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 (continued)****16 Called up share capital**

	<b>2022</b>	2021
	<b>£m</b>	£m
<b>Authorised, allotted, called up and fully paid:</b>		
6,569,100 (2021: 5,569,100) ordinary A shares of £1 each	<b>6.6</b>	5.6
39,039,391 (2021: 39,039,391) ordinary B shares of £1 each	<b>39.1</b>	39.1
	<u><b>45.7</b></u>	<u>44.7</u>

In September 2021, 1,000,000 ordinary A shares with a nominal value of £1,000,000 was issued for cash for £586.90 per share. The consideration received by the company was £586,895,027 with a proportion of the share issues attracting a premium as disclosed below in Note 17.

Each ordinary A and B share carries the right to vote on a poll. The right to vote is determined by reference to the register of members. All dividends shall be declared and paid according to the amounts paid up on the shares. The shares do not carry any rights as respects to capital to participate in a distribution (including on a winding-up) other than those that exist as a matter of law. The shares are not redeemable.

**17 Share premium**

	<b>2022</b>	2021
	<b>£m</b>	£m
Share premium account	<u><b>730.7</b></u>	<u>144.8</u>

Ordinary A shares issued during the period attracted a premium of £585.90 per share.

**18 Retained earnings/accumulated loss**

	<b>2022</b>	2021
	<b>£m</b>	£m
Balance at 1 April 2021	<b>(0.3)</b>	14.0
Profit/(loss) for the financial year	<b>1.6</b>	(14.3)
<b>Balance at 31 March</b>	<u><b>1.3</b></u>	<u>(0.3)</u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 (continued)**

**19 Contingent liabilities**

The company is party to a cross group guarantee whereby it provides a guarantee over the borrowings of Greensands Finance Plc and Greensands Finance Holdings Limited.

**20 Ultimate parent and controlling party**

The immediate parent undertaking is Greensands Finance Holdings Limited.

Greensands Holdings Limited (Registered Number: Jersey 98700) is the parent undertaking of the smallest and largest and only group to consolidate these financial statements. Greensands Holdings Limited was incorporated in Jersey and its registered office address is 44 Esplanade, St Helier, Jersey, United Kingdom, JE4 9WG. Copies of the consolidated financial statements may be obtained from the Company Secretary of Greensands Holdings Limited, at Southern House, Yeoman Road, Worthing, BN13 3NX.

Up until 8 September 2021, Greensands Holdings Limited was itself owned and controlled by a consortium of investors and had no ultimate parent and controlling party. On 8 September 2021, under an agreement reached with the Greensands Holdings Limited existing shareholders, Macquarie Asset Management (through a Macquarie group company, Mscif Wight Bidco Limited) acquired a 62.24% majority stake in Greensands Holdings Limited investing over £1 billion of equity to recapitalise and implement a more sustainable financing strategy for the group. Mscif Wight Bidco Limited is the intermediate holding company and Macquarie Asset Management is the ultimate parent and controlling party.

The company has taken advantage of the exemption under FRS 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework' in not disclosing details of transactions with other companies which are 100% wholly owned. Equivalent disclosures are given in the group financial statements of Greensands Holdings Limited.

**21 Post balance sheet events**

On the 22 July 2022 the Southern Water Services Limited Board approved a distribution of £17.5m to Southern Water Capital Limited, this included a partial preference share redemption of £5.3m including accrued interest thereon to redemption, and a payment of outstanding accrued preference share interest of £12.3m. This payment will facilitate the payment of interest in 'Midco' and 'Holdco' during the 12 months from the signing of these financial statements.

Ian McAulay resigned as a director of Greensands Finance Limited on 30 June 2022 and Lawrence Gosden was appointed as a director on 1 July 2022.

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF GREENSANDS FINANCE LIMITED**

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

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 March 2022 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice including Financial Reporting Standard 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework"; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements of Greensands Finance Limited (the 'company') which comprise:

- the income statement;
- the statement of financial position;
- the statement of changes in equity; and
- the related notes 1 to 21.

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

#### **Basis for opinion**

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

We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the Financial Reporting Council's (the 'FRC's') Ethical Standard, 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.

#### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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

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 course of 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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF GREENSANDS FINANCE LIMITED (continued)**

### **Responsibilities of directors**

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

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

### **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 FRC's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

We considered the nature of the company's industry and its control environment, and reviewed the company's documentation of their policies and procedures relating to fraud and compliance with laws and regulations. We also enquired of management about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that the company operates in, and identified the key laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. These included the UK Companies Act 2006 and tax legislation.

We discussed among the audit engagement team regarding the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements.

In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.

In addition to the above, our procedures to respond to the risks identified included the following:

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

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF GREENSANDS FINANCE LIMITED (continued)**

**Report on other legal and regulatory requirements**

**Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

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

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

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

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report in respect of the following matters 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.

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

**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.

Delyth Jones

Delyth Jones FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
For and on behalf of Deloitte LLP, Statutory Auditor  
Cardiff, United Kingdom  
29 July 2022