

# **AFFINITY WATER FINANCE (2004) PLC**

## **ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017**

(Registered Number 05139236)

# Affinity Water Finance (2004) PLC

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# **Affinity Water Finance (2004) PLC**

## **Strategic report for the year ended 31 March 2017**

The directors present their strategic report for the year ended 31 March 2017.

The company's strategy is to raise finance on behalf of its immediate parent undertaking, Affinity Water Limited. During 2004 the company issued £200.0m of guaranteed notes, maturing in July 2026 with an annual coupon of 5.875%. The company completed a tap issue of £50.0m on the same terms as the existing £200.0m notes on 16 July 2014 (together, the 'Bond'). The proceeds of this tap issue were lent to Affinity Water Limited on the same terms.

As the Bond has a fixed coupon rate, the company faces limited risk or uncertainty. Affinity Water Limited, and the wider Affinity Water group, are responsible for the financing strategy and treasury policies of the company. The aim of this strategy is to assess the on-going capital requirement of the group and to raise funding on a timely basis, taking advantage of any favourable market opportunities.

Surplus funds are invested based upon forecast cash requirements in accordance with the company's treasury policy.

Interest rates earned on, and the currency of denomination of, the company's financial assets are matched against those of the company's financial liabilities. Accordingly, these assets and liabilities act as a natural hedge for each other, and the company has no net exposure to movements in interest or foreign exchange rates.

The principal risks and uncertainties facing the company are described in note 12 to the financial statements.

The statement of financial position detailed on page 9 shows that the company had net assets of £54,000 (2016: £53,000) at the year end.

Due to the nature of the company's business, it is not relevant to set any key performance indicators to report against.

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

Tim Monod  
Company Secretary  
27 June 2017

# **Affinity Water Finance (2004) PLC**

## **Directors' report for the year ended 31 March 2017**

### **Introduction**

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

### **Future developments**

It is the company's intention to continue with its current activity through to 2026 when the Bond matures.

### **Results and dividends**

The company made a £1,000 profit for the financial year (2016: £1,000). No dividends are proposed for the year (2015: nil).

### **Directors**

The directors of the company, who were in office during the year and up to the date of signing the financial statements except where noted, were as follows:

Duncan Bates  
Simon Cocks  
Gareth Craig (appointed 19 May 2017)  
Alberto Donzelli (resigned 19 May 2017)  
Jaroslava Korpancova (appointed 19 May 2017)  
Stephen Nelson (resigned 19 May 2017)  
Nigel Paterson (resigned 19 May 2017)  
Angela Roshier (appointed 19 May 2017)  
Yacine Saidji (resigned 19 May 2017)

Duncan Bates will resign from the Board during July 2017.

### **Company Secretary**

Tim Monod

### **Directors' qualifying third party indemnity provisions**

The company has not granted any indemnity to its directors against liability in respect of proceedings brought by third parties, subject to the conditions set out in Section 234 of the Companies Act 2006.

### **Financial instruments disclosures**

Details of financial instruments risk management are included within note 12 of the financial statements.

### **Events after the reporting period**

On 19 May 2017, Affinity Water Acquisitions (Investments) Limited, the company's ultimate holding and controlling company in the United Kingdom, was sold to a consortium comprising Allianz Capital Partners on behalf of the Allianz Group, HICL Infrastructure Company Limited (advised by InfraRed Capital Partners Limited) and DIF.

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## **Directors' report for the year ended 31 March 2017 (continued)**

### **Corporate governance**

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Affinity Water Limited, and the company's directors, with the exception of former directors, Alberto Donzelli and Yacine Saidji, are or were also directors of Affinity Water Limited.

The company benefits from the corporate governance arrangements established by Affinity Water Limited, full details of which can be found in Affinity Water Limited's annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2017, together with more detailed corporate reporting disclosures.

The Board has overall responsibility for the company's systems of internal control and for reviewing the effectiveness of these systems. It is responsible for ensuring that the company meets its obligations in respect of the Bond and meets from time to time to facilitate this.

### **Statement of directors' responsibilities**

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

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have prepared the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; 'UK GAAP'), including Financial Reporting Standard 101: 'Reduced disclosure Framework' ('FRS 101').

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 year. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 101, have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- notify the company's shareholder in writing about the use of disclosure exemptions, if any, of FRS 101 used in the preparation of 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.

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## **Directors' report for the year ended 31 March 2017 (continued)**

### **Disclosure of information to auditors**

Each director in office at the date of the directors' report confirms that:

- (a) so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware; and
- (b) the director has taken all the steps that he or she ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself or herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

### **Independent auditor**

The auditor, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, has indicated its willingness to continue in office and a resolution concerning its re-appointment will be proposed by the Board.

By order of the Board

Tim Monod  
Company Secretary  
27 June 2017

# **Independent auditor's report to the member of Affinity Water Finance (2004) PLC**

## **Report on the financial statements**

### **Our opinion**

In our opinion, Affinity Water Finance (2004) PLC's financial statements (the "financial statements"):

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 March 2017 and of its profit 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.

### **What we have audited**

The financial statements, included within the Annual Report and Financial Statements (the "Annual Report"), comprise:

- the statement of financial position as at 31 March 2017;
- the income statement for the year then ended;
- the statement of changes in equity for the year then ended; and
- the notes to the financial statements, which include a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in the preparation of the financial statements is United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework", and applicable law (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In applying the financial reporting framework, the directors have made a number of subjective judgements, for example in respect of significant accounting estimates. In making such estimates, they have made assumptions and considered future events.

### **Opinion on other matter 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.

In addition, in light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we are required to report if we have identified any material misstatements in the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report. We have nothing to report in this respect.

# **Independent auditor's report to the member of Affinity Water Finance (2004) PLC (continued)**

## **Other matters on which we are required to report by exception**

### **Adequacy of accounting records and information and explanations received**

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- adequate accounting records have not been kept, 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.

We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

### **Directors' remuneration**

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion, certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made. We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

## **Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit**

### **Our responsibilities and those of the directors**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities set out on page 3, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) ("ISAs (UK & Ireland)"). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

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

## **Independent auditor's report to the member of Affinity Water Finance (2004) PLC (continued)**

### **What an audit of financial statements involves**

We conducted our audit in accordance with ISAs (UK & Ireland). An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of:

- whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed;
- the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors; and
- the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We primarily focus our work in these areas by assessing the directors' judgements against available evidence, forming our own judgements, and evaluating the disclosures in the financial statements.

We test and examine information, using sampling and other auditing techniques, to the extent we consider necessary to provide a reasonable basis for us to draw conclusions. We obtain audit evidence through testing the effectiveness of controls, substantive procedures or a combination of both.

In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Annual Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report. With respect to the Strategic Report and Directors' Report, we consider whether those reports include the disclosures required by applicable legal requirements.

Owen Mackney (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP  
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors  
Uxbridge  
27 June 2017

# Affinity Water Finance (2004) PLC

## Income statement for the year ended 31 March 2017 (Registered Number 05139236)

	Note	2017 £000	2016 £000
<b>Operating result</b>	4	-	-
Finance income	6	<b>14,301</b>	14,335
Finance costs	6	<b>(14,300)</b>	(14,334)
<b>Profit on ordinary activities before income tax</b>		<b>1</b>	1
Income tax expense on ordinary activities	7	-	-
<b>Profit for the year</b>		<b>1</b>	1

The notes on pages 11 to 20 are an integral part of these financial statements.

All profits of the company in the current year and prior year are from continuing operations.

The company has no other comprehensive income in either the current year or prior year other than the results above, therefore a statement of comprehensive income has not been presented.

# Affinity Water Finance (2004) PLC

## Statement of financial position

as at 31 March 2017

(Registered Number 05139236)

	Note	2017 £000	2016 £000
<b>Current assets</b>			
Loan receivable falling due after more than one year	8	254,747	255,045
Trade and other receivables	9	10,507	10,517
Cash and cash equivalents		50	50
		<b>265,304</b>	265,612
<b>Creditors – amounts falling due within one year</b>	10	<b>(10,503)</b>	(10,514)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>254,801</b>	255,098
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>254,801</b>	255,098
<b>Creditors – amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	11	<b>(254,747)</b>	(255,045)
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>54</b>	53
<b>Equity</b>			
Ordinary shares	13	50	50
Retained earnings		4	3
<b>Total shareholder's funds</b>		<b>54</b>	53

The notes on pages 11 to 20 are an integral part of these financial statements.

The financial statements on pages 8 to 20 were authorised for issue by the Board of directors on 27 June 2017 and were signed on its behalf by:

Duncan Bates  
Director

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### Statement of changes in equity for the year ended 31 March 2017 (Registered Number 05139236)

	Share capital £000	Retained earnings £000	Total £000
Balance as at 1 April 2015	50	2	52
Profit for the year	-	1	1
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	1	1
Balance as at 31 March 2016	50	3	53
<b>Balance as at 1 April 2016</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>Profit for the year</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Balance as at 31 March 2017</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>54</b>

The notes on pages 11 to 20 are an integral part of these financial statements.

# Affinity Water Finance (2004) PLC

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2017

### 1. General information

The sole activity of Affinity Water Finance (2004) PLC ('the company') is to raise finance on behalf of its immediate parent undertaking, Affinity Water Limited.

The company is a private company and is incorporated and domiciled in the United Kingdom. The address of its registered office is Tamblin Way, Hatfield, Hertfordshire, AL10 9EZ.

Refer to note 15 for details of the company's ultimate parent.

### 2. Summary of significant accounting policies

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

#### 2.1 Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

The company meets the definition of a qualifying entity under Financial Reporting Standard 100: 'Application of financial reporting requirements' ('FRS 100') issued by the Financial Reporting Council ('FRC'). Accordingly, for the year ended 31 March 2017 the company has prepared its financial statements under FRS 101 as issued by the FRC.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with FRS 101 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the company's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed in note 3.

The following exemptions from the requirements of IFRS have been applied in the preparation of these financial statements, in accordance with FRS 101:

- IFRS 7: 'Financial Instruments: Disclosures'
- Paragraphs 91 to 99 of IFRS 13: 'Fair value measurement' (disclosure of valuation techniques and inputs used for fair value measurement of assets and liabilities)
- The following paragraphs of International Accounting Standards ('IAS') 1: 'Presentation of financial statements':
  - 10(d) (statement of cash flows),
  - 10(f) (a statement of financial position as at the beginning of the preceding year when an entity applies an accounting policy retrospectively or makes a retrospective restatement of items in its financial statements, or when it reclassifies items in its financial statements),
  - 16 (statement of compliance with all IFRS),
  - 38A (requirement for minimum of two primary statements, including cash flow statements),
  - 38B-D (additional comparative information),
  - 40A-D (requirements for a third statement of financial position),
  - 111 (cash flow statement information), and
  - 134-136 (capital management disclosures)
- IAS 7: 'Statement of cash flows'

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## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2017 (continued)

### 2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

#### 2.1 Basis of preparation (continued)

- Paragraph 30 and 31 of IAS 8: 'Accounting policies, changes in accounting estimates and errors' (requirement for the disclosure of information when an entity has not applied a new IFRS that has been issued but is not yet effective)
- Paragraph 17 of IAS 24: 'Related party disclosures' (key management compensation)
- The requirements in IAS 24: 'Related party disclosures' to disclose related party transactions entered into between two or more members of a group.

The group financial statements of Affinity Water Acquisitions (Investments) Limited, the company's ultimate holding and controlling company in the United Kingdom, are publicly available and can be obtained as set out in note 15.

#### 2.2 Going concern

The directors consider it appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements. This is based on assessment of the principal risks of the company and consideration of the company's budgeted cash flows, long term forecasts and related assumptions, as well as available debt facilities, and support of the company's immediate parent undertaking.

#### 2.3 Changes in accounting policy and disclosures

Standards and interpretations which are not yet effective and have not been early adopted by the company are listed below.

- IFRS 15, 'Revenue from contracts with customers' deals with revenue recognition and establishes principles for reporting useful information to users of financial statements about the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from an entity's contracts with customers. Revenue is recognised when a customer obtains control of a good or service and thus has the ability to direct the use and obtain the benefits from the good or service. The standard replaces IAS 18 'Revenue' and IAS 11 'Construction contracts' and related interpretations. The standard is effective for the annual period beginning on 1 April 2018. The full impact of IFRS 15 is currently being assessed by management and the rest of the water industry.
- IFRS 16, 'Leases' addresses the definition of a lease, recognition and measurement of leases and establishes principles for reporting useful information to users of financial statements about the leasing activities of both lessees and lessors. A key change arising from IFRS 16 is that most operating leases will be accounted for on balance sheet for lessees. The standard replaces IAS 17 'Leases', and related interpretations. The standard is effective for the annual period beginning on 1 April 2019. The full impact of IFRS 16 is currently being reviewed by management.
- IFRS 9, 'Financial instruments', addresses the classification, measurement and recognition of financial assets and financial liabilities. It replaces the guidance in IAS 39, 'Financial instruments', that relates to the classification and measurement of financial instruments. The standard is effective for the annual period beginning on 1 April 2018. Management are considering the impacts of the standard although it is not likely to be material given the nature of the company's financing arrangements.

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## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2017 (continued)

### 2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

#### 2.4 Interest income

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method.

#### 2.5 Loan receivable

The loan receivable is initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any provision for impairment.

#### 2.6 Trade and other receivables

Trade and other receivables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment.

#### 2.7 Borrowings

All financial liabilities are recognised initially at fair value plus directly attributable transaction costs. The carrying amount is increased by the finance cost determined by the effective interest rate in respect of the accounting period and reduced by any payments made in the year. The finance cost recognised in the income statement is allocated to periods over the term of the debt at an effective interest rate on the carrying amount.

The Affinity Water group is subject to a number of covenants in relation to its borrowings, which would result in its loans becoming immediately repayable if breached. These covenants specify certain limits in terms of key ratios such as net cash flow to debt interest and net debt to regulatory capital value. At the year end the group was not in breach of any financial covenants.

### 3. Critical accounting estimates and judgments

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

The company makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are addressed below.

#### *Impairment of loan receivable*

Determining whether the company's loan receivable from Affinity Water Limited is impaired requires consideration of factors including Affinity Water Limited's credit rating and ability to generate positive cash flows from its operating activities going forward. The carrying amount of the loan receivable at the date of the statement of financial position was £254,747,000 (2016: £255,045,000) with no impairment losses recognised in the year ended 31 March 2017 (2016: nil) (refer to note 8).

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### Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2017 (continued)

#### 4. Operating result

	2017 £000	2016 £000
Operating result is stated after charging:		
Audit fees payable to the company's auditor	-	-

The auditor's remuneration for audit services in the year amounted to £5,500 (2016: £5,000), with such costs being borne by the immediate parent undertaking Affinity Water Limited. The auditor received no other remuneration for services provided to the company in either the current or prior year.

#### 5. Employees and directors

##### Employees

The company had no employees in the current year (2016: nil).

##### Directors

Remuneration for Simon Cocks and Duncan Bates during the current and prior year was paid by Affinity Water Limited, which made no recharge to the company. Simon Cocks and Duncan Bates were directors of Affinity Water Limited and a number of fellow subsidiaries of the Affinity Water Acquisitions (Investments) Limited group during the current and prior year, and it has not been possible to make an accurate apportionment of their remuneration in respect of each of the subsidiaries. Accordingly, there is no detail shown in respect of the remuneration of Simon Cocks or Duncan Bates. Their total remuneration is disclosed in the annual report and financial statements of Affinity Water Limited for the year ended 31 March 2017.

The directors who sat on the Board as representatives of Infracapital Partners II, North Haven Infrastructure Partners and Veolia Water UK Limited have recharged £100,000 (2016: £100,000) to the company's indirect parent Affinity Water Acquisitions Limited.

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## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2017 (continued)

### 6. Finance income and costs

#### Finance income

	2017 £000	2016 £000
Interest income on loan to parent company	14,300	14,334
Other finance income	1	1
Total interest income on financial assets	<u>14,301</u>	<u>14,335</u>
<b>Total finance income</b>	<b><u>14,301</u></b>	<b><u>14,335</u></b>

#### Finance costs

	2017 £000	2016 £000
Interest expense on bonds	14,676	14,699
Amortisation of bond issue costs	(376)	(365)
Total interest expense on financial liabilities	<u>14,300</u>	<u>14,334</u>
<b>Total finance costs</b>	<b><u>14,300</u></b>	<b><u>14,334</u></b>

#### Net finance income

	2017 £000	2016 £000
Finance income	14,301	14,335
Finance costs	(14,300)	(14,334)
<b>Net finance income</b>	<b><u>1</u></b>	<b><u>1</u></b>

### 7. Income tax expense on ordinary activities

The tax liability for the year ended 31 March 2017 is £200 (2016: £200). There is no deferred tax liability (2016: £nil) and no unprovided deferred tax liability (2016: £nil). There are no carried forward tax losses (2016: £nil).

The tax rate for the current year (20%) is the same as the prior year.

In October 2015 and September 2016, changes were enacted to the main rate of corporation tax in the UK from 20% to 19% effective from 1 April 2017 and from 19% to 17% effective from 1 April 2020.

## Affinity Water Finance (2004) PLC

### Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2017 (continued)

#### 8. Loan receivable falling due after more than one year

	2017 £000	2016 £000
Amounts owed by parent company	<u>254,747</u>	<u>255,045</u>

On 13 July 2004 the company issued £200.0m of guaranteed notes, maturing on 13 July 2026 with an annual coupon of 5.875%. The company completed a tap issue of £50.0m on the same terms as the existing £200.0m notes on 16 July 2014 (together, the 'Bond'). The proceeds of this tap issue were lent to Affinity Water Limited on the same terms (refer to note 11).

No provision for impairment has been recognised at 31 March 2017 (2016: nil).

#### 9. Trade and other receivables

	2017 £000	2016 £000
Amounts owed by group undertakings	<u>10,507</u>	<u>10,517</u>

The amounts owed by group undertakings reflect the interest receivable on the loan made to Affinity Water Limited from the proceeds of the Bond.

#### 10. Creditors – amounts falling due within one year

	2017 £000	2016 £000
Accruals and deferred income	<u>10,503</u>	<u>10,514</u>

The amounts falling due within one year reflect interest payable on the Bond.

#### 11. Creditors – amounts falling due after more than one year

	2017 £000	2016 £000
5.875% Class A guaranteed notes due 2026	<u>254,747</u>	<u>255,045</u>

On 13 July 2004 the company issued £200.0m of guaranteed notes, maturing on 13 July 2026 with an annual coupon of 5.875%. The notes were listed on the London Stock Exchange, at an issue price of 98.6%. The company completed a tap issue of £50.0m on the same terms as the existing £200.0m notes on 16 July 2014, (together, the 'Bond') at an issue price of 117.2%. Affinity Water Limited received the net issue proceeds of both by way of an intercompany loan. The Bond is guaranteed by Affinity Water Limited and Affinity Water Holdings Limited, the company's immediate parent undertaking and intermediate holding company respectively.

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## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2017 (continued)

### 12. Financial instruments and risk management

#### Treasury operation

Affinity Water Limited and the wider Affinity Water group are responsible for the financing strategy and treasury policies of the company. The aim of this strategy is to assess the ongoing capital requirement of the group and to raise funding on a timely basis, taking advantage of favourable market opportunities. Surplus funds are invested based upon forecast requirements, in accordance with treasury policies.

#### Risks arising from the company's financial instruments

Interest rates earned on the company's financial assets are matched against those of the company's financial liabilities. Accordingly these assets and liabilities act as a natural hedge for each other, and the company has no net exposure to movements in interest rates.

Other risks such as credit risk and liquidity risk are dependent on the company's parent entity meeting its payment obligations as and when they become due. The directors monitor the cash flow forecasts of the parent company on a regular basis to mitigate these risks.

The interest rate and currency profile of the net borrowings of the company at 31 March 2017 was:

	Total net borrowings		Net cash		Fixed rate borrowings	
	2017 £000	2016 £000	2017 £000	2016 £000	2017 £000	2016 £000
<b>Sterling borrowings:</b>						
External loans	254,747	255,045	-	-	254,747	255,045
<b>Total borrowings</b>	<b>254,747</b>	<b>255,045</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>254,747</b>	<b>255,045</b>
Cash	(50)	(50)	50	50	-	-
<b>Net borrowings</b>	<b>254,697</b>	<b>254,995</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>254,747</b>	<b>255,045</b>

The external loans' weighted average period until maturity, and for which the rate is fixed, was 9.3 years at 31 March 2017 (2016: 10.3 years).

#### Currency exposures

At 31 March 2017, the company had no currency exposures (2016: £nil).

#### Security

The financial liability is guaranteed by Affinity Water Limited and Affinity Water Holdings Limited.

## Affinity Water Finance (2004) PLC

### Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2017 (continued)

#### 12. Financial instruments and risk management (continued)

##### Fair values of financial liabilities

Set out below is a comparison by category of book value and fair value of the financial liabilities of the company as at 31 March 2017:

	Book value		Fair value	
	£000	£000	£000	£000
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Primary financial instruments held or issued to finance the company's operations				
Long term borrowings	254,747	255,045	338,763	317,659
	<b>254,747</b>	<b>255,045</b>	<b>338,763</b>	<b>317,659</b>

The fair value of the Bond, having a book value of £254,747,000, (2016: £255,045,000) has been determined by reference to published information and prices from the active markets on which the instrument involved is traded.

#### 13. Share capital

	2017	2016
	£000	£000
<b>Allotted, called up and fully paid share capital</b> 50,000 (2016: 50,000) ordinary shares of £1 each	<b>50</b>	<b>50</b>

All shares rank pari passu in all respects.

#### 14. Related party transactions

See note 5 for disclosure of the directors' remuneration.

There were no other related party transactions requiring disclosure.

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#### **15. Ultimate parent company and controlling party**

The immediate parent undertaking of the company is Affinity Water Limited, a company registered in England and Wales.

Affinity Water Limited is majority owned by Affinity Water Acquisitions (Investments) Limited, a company registered in England and Wales. Affinity Water Acquisitions (Investments) Limited is the parent undertaking of the smallest and largest group to consolidate the statutory financial statements of this company for the year ended 31 March 2017.

The directors consider that Affinity Water Acquisitions (Investments) Limited was the ultimate holding and controlling company in the United Kingdom during the year.

Copies of the group financial statements of Affinity Water Acquisitions (Investments) Limited for the year ended 31 March 2017 may be obtained from the Company Secretary, Tamblin Way, Hatfield, Hertfordshire, AL10 9EZ.

Affinity Water Acquisitions (Investments) Limited was owned by a consortium of investors led by Infracapital Partners II (consisting of Infracapital Partners II LP and Infracapital Partners (NT) II LP) and North Haven Infrastructure Partners LP until 19 May 2017. Veolia Environnement S.A. held a 10% shareholding in Affinity Water Acquisitions (Holdco) Limited, the direct subsidiary of Affinity Water Acquisitions (Investments) Limited, through its subsidiary Veolia Water UK Limited until the same date. The directors considered Infracapital Partners II and North Haven Infrastructure Partners LP to be the company's ultimate controllers prior to the sale, as they were in a position to exercise material influence over the company's policy and affairs.

Following completion of the sale of Affinity Water Acquisitions (Investments) Limited on 19 May 2017 to Daiwater Investment Limited, the directors consider Allianz Capital Partners on behalf of the Allianz Group, HICL Infrastructure Company Limited (advised by InfraRed Capital Partners Limited) and DIF to be the company's ultimate controllers.

Allianz Capital Partners is the Allianz Group's in-house investment manager for alternative equity investments. The investment focus is on infrastructure and renewables as well as private equity funds. Allianz Capital Partners' investment strategy is targeted to generate attractive, long-term and stable returns while diversifying the overall investment portfolio for the Allianz Group insurance companies.

HICL Infrastructure Company Limited is a long-term investor in infrastructure assets which are predominantly operational and yielding steady returns. HICL has a portfolio of infrastructure investments which are positioned at the lower end of the risk spectrum, in three target market segments: public-private partnerships, regulated assets and demand-based assets. The Investment Adviser to HICL is InfraRed Capital Partners Limited, a leading international investment manager focused on infrastructure and real estate.

DIF is an independent and specialist fund management company, which invests in infrastructure assets that generate long-term stable cash flows, including public-private partnerships, regulated infrastructure assets and renewable energy projects in Europe, North America and Australia.

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#### **16. Events after the end of the reporting period**

On 19 May 2017, Infracapital Partners II and North Haven Infrastructure Partners LP sold 100% of their shareholdings in Affinity Water Acquisitions (Investments) Limited, the company's ultimate holding and controlling company to a consortium comprising Allianz Capital Partners on behalf of the Allianz Group, HICL Infrastructure Company Limited (advised by InfraRed Capital Partners Limited) and DIF. As part of the transaction, the buyers also acquired Veolia Water UK Limited's 10% stake in Affinity Water Acquisitions (Holdco) Limited.