



Investor Report and Compliance Certificate

For the SWS Financing Group

For the year ended 31 March 2024

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Investor Report

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General overview and business update

This Investor Report is updated for the period ended 31 March 2024. The Investor Report is a requirement of the Common Terms Agreement (CTA), which governs the company's obligations to its lenders and investors.

Projected financial ratios are published for the current PR19 / AMP7 period from April 2020 to March 2025, and include additional interest cover ratios to maintain the effectiveness of financial ratios following regulatory building block changes from the previous PR14 (AMP6) price determination.

Significant events during the period ended 31 March 2024

Our majority shareholder demonstrated their continued commitment to the overall group with an equity injection in October 2023 of £550 million. Of this equity, £375 million was injected into Southern Water to assist with the funding of our capital investment programme and Turnaround Plan. Other significant events included dealing with the impact of the wettest winter in over 100 years in the South East which resulted in increased costs. In addition in February 2024 we were impacted by a cyber security incident which also resulted in increased cost impact. Finally, on 11th July 2024 Ofwat provided its initial assessment of our plans and we are currently preparing our revised submission which will be made in August 2024.

As reported in our Annual Report last year, this period of additional spend and investment has put pressure on our debt covenant ratios and credit ratings. We remain in a credit rating Trigger Event following the downgrade by Fitch of our credit rating to BBB (negative outlook) in July 2023 and an Interest Cover Ratio Trigger Event. We expect to remain in Trigger for the remainder of the investment period to March 2025.

General levels of service

Customer

While we continue to improve our services for customers and aim to increase our satisfaction measure (C-MeX), which sees us ranked in 16th position out of 17 water companies currently (2022–23: 16th), our score is impacted by broader reputational perceptions of Southern Water. The target set for us by our regulator is to achieve an average or median score among the total number of water companies. Digital technology has been a key enabler of improvements put in place this year. The introduction of our new virtual inspector in July, using video triage with customers to resolve their water issues, has meant that we no longer need to send an inspector to visit a property, speeding up resolution of customer queries. The virtual inspector has avoided a significant number of inspector visits since it was introduced. We launched a new operational job management system in April, allowing us to log, manage and track customers' water and waste problems and keep customers up to date on the progress of their query more easily using text messaging. The launch of our new mobile-friendly website in April enabled us to provide the latest information to customers in a format that makes it easier for them to self-serve and find what they need more quickly.

In February 2023, the CCW (Consumer Council for Water) carried out an in-depth assessment of our complaint handling. Overall feedback was positive, and they noted significant improvements over the past 18 months, comparing us favourably to the industry leader and commenting on the clarity of our response letters and our efforts to talk to customers rather than sending letters or emails. CCW's report in March 2023 stated we are an improving company. Our Turnaround Plan actions have helped cut complaints by 59% when compared to 2022–23. This moves us from one of the poorest performing companies to just below average.

Our Developer Services Measure of Experience (D-MeX) score places us 16th out of 17 water companies (2023: 15th). Our medium-term target is to raise performance to the 'median' industry score in the next three years, placing us around 8th or 9th out of the total number of water companies. The D-MeX score breaks down into the quantitative component, where we have completed a higher percentage of jobs on time than last year, and the qualitative component made up of customer services which has seen an improvement for the third year in a row. To continue our improvement, we introduced welcome calls and gave our customers a named contact person to support them and answer any questions they may have. Our contact centre continues to answer over 95% of all calls with an average wait time of under 30 seconds, while our online chat capability, using AI to power our quality assurance (QA) processes, is offering us more data analysis tools to improve our reporting.

	31-Mar 2020	31-Mar 2021	31-Mar 2022	31-Mar 2023	31-Mar 2024
<i>Position</i>	16	16	16	16	16
<i>D-Mex position</i>	14	15	15	15	16

Operational performance

Our financial performance for 2023–24 reflects challenging economic and operational environments. External pressures, together with a focus on activities to improve our operational performance, resulted in a loss for the year and a reduced cash flow, as costs increased at a faster rate than revenues, which continue to include a discount to bills for poor performance.

Significant cost increases in the year included the impact of high groundwater levels, as during 2023–24 we experienced the wettest period of weather on record. On average in the past six months our region experienced 825mm of rainfall, which is more than we expect to receive in a year. As a result of this exceptional weather, we incurred significant additional tankering costs of £27.9 million (£13.9m cash incurred in 23-24), dealing with ground water levels. As this increased activity has taken place over the latter months of the year a proportion of these costs remains accrued at the year end and will be paid during 2024–25. Our Clean Rivers and Seas Task Force is undertaking a series of Pathfinder projects to aid the reduction of storm overflows. These projects include initiatives to slow the flow of rainwater into our network, for example capital investment to make capacity and asset improvements, nature-based solutions such as wetlands and rain gardens and the installation of water butts. The latter initiatives, which do not result in assets that we own, incurred £6.5 million (£6.5m cash incurred in 23-24) of additional operating costs during the year out of a total spend of £13.8 million on these Pathfinder projects. In February 2024 we announced that data from a limited part of our server estate had been stolen through an illegal intrusion into our IT systems. We engaged external cyber security experts and legal advisers in response, as well as contacting anyone whose personal data may have been at risk. We have incurred £4.5 million (£1.9m cash incurred in 23-24) in responding to this exceptional incident during the year.

General inflation also added a significant amount to our underlying costs, £36.2 million, with average inflation rates across most of our cost base lying between 7% and 11%. Finally, power costs increased by £21.2 million during the year, with an average inflationary rise of 40% following the end of our fixed price arrangements.

Our majority shareholder demonstrated their continued commitment to the overall group with an equity injection in October 2023 of £550 million. Of this equity, £375 million was injected into Southern Water to assist with the funding of our capital investment programme and Turnaround Plan. Following the equity injection, we were also able to access the capital markets to raise additional debt financing totalling £1,092 million between December 2023 and March 2024. Part of this funding was used to repay an existing loan with the remainder available to support the capital investment programme. As a result, we ended the year in a strong liquidity position with £629 million of cash and investments at 31 March 2024.

Please see the Financial Statement and Report for the year ended 31 March 2024 for more information. This can be found on the [southernwater.co.uk](https://www.southernwater.co.uk) website.

Financial performance for the year ended 31 March 2024

Accounts are prepared under IFRS (FRS101).

Period ended 31 March	2023	2024	Change
	£m	£m	%
Revenue	817.5	888.3	8.0
Operating costs	-488.8	-598.3	-18.3
EBITDA	328.7	290.0	-13.3
Depreciation & amortisation	-347.1	-362.8	
Non-operating income	6.5	0.5	
Net finance costs	-278.6	-223.4	
Fair value movement	659.1	88.1	
Profit before tax	368.6	-207.6	
Tax	-166.6	-3.3	
Profit after tax	202.0	-210.9	

CHP income treated as revenue and includes other operating income and incl regulatory settlement and adoption income (the latter 2 items are non cash in nature)

Full interim financial statements are published on the southernwater.co.uk website

Financing

A fund managed by Macquarie Asset Management acquired a majority stake in our ultimate parent company, Greensands Holdings Limited, on 08 September 2021. This acquisition resulted in an equity injection into the Greensands Group of over £1 billion. These funds were in part used to settle some external debt obligations in companies in the Greensands Group, resulting in £529.9 million being invested in Southern Water Services through new equity and the settlement of an inter-company debtor and associated accrued interest.

To maintain momentum on our turnaround plan we engaged with shareholders on an additional £550 million of new equity funds for the group. This process concluded in October 2023 and the proceeds were received with £375 million of that new equity being injected into Southern Water.

Liquidity as at 31 March 2024 comprises £629 million of cash reserves in the capex reserve and operating accounts (including £27.5m of drawings from the Debt Service Reserve and O&M Reserve accounts) plus £350 million undrawn RCF. In addition there is £190 million of standstill facilities and standstill cash reserves.

During the previous year we also secured a term loan facility of £400m with a number of our Banks and which has been fully utilised as of March 2023 and this was repaid in full in December 2023. The revolving credit facility (RCF) and the standstill liquidity facilities were renewed for a further 5 years on 31 October 2022. The RCF facility size remains at £350m and the maturity date of the RCF is October 2027, and the liquidity facilities are perpetual.

In October and throughout November 2023 we engaged in some risk management activity with a number of inflation linked derivatives entered into which mitigates inflation risk and better aligns our liabilities to inflation linked cashflows.

Access to financial markets has also been demonstrated with further public bond issuances of £450m in Dec 2023 and £550m in March 2024. In addition £92m of CPIH linked public bonds were issued in March 2024. This takes total public bond issuances in the year to £1092m. Additionally, whilst outside the financial year, two further bond issuances were achieved in May 2024, worth £100m and £50m respectively.

Credit rating	
Standard & Poor's	Class A debt: BBB
Fitch	Class A debt: BBB
Moody's	Class A debt: Baa3

The credit rating for Moody's has a Stable Outlook. Fitch published their updated rating in July 2023 which has a Negative Outlook. S&P published their latest rating in November 2023 which has a Stable Outlook.

As a result of the Fitch downgrade to BBB in July 2023 this credit rating downgrade has resulted in a Trigger Event under our Common Terms Agreement (A Trigger Event would occur if any two of the credit ratings fall to BBB or Baa2) which in turn would restrict the payment of dividend (a STID approval was secured in February 2021 to provide the ability to raise certain permitted financial indebtedness during a credit rating downgrade Trigger Event and has been extending this through a further STID Proposal approved in August 2023). A cash lock-up under our Licence of Appointment would occur if SWS has a credit rating with any of the rating agencies of Baa3/BBB- (negative outlook) or lower.

Dividend and Financing Policy

Our dividend policy is formulated to ensure a fair balance of reward between customers and investors. To deliver on our vision for the successful delivery of our Business Plan for 2020–25, all stakeholders must share in success: customers benefitting through enhanced service and lower bills, and shareholders earning a fair return.

When proposing payment of a dividend the Directors of Southern Water Services Limited, acting independently in accordance with their directors' duties and in accordance with the Company's Licence, will apply the following principles:

1. Determination of a base level of dividend, based on an equity return consistent with our most recent Final Determination and our actual level of gearing. This recognises our management of economic risks and capital employed.
2. In assessing any adjustment to the base level of dividend, we will take into account our financial and non-financial performance. This would reflect our overall financial performance as compared to the final Business Plan for 2020–25 as agreed by Ofwat and would explicitly consider a qualitative assessment of customer service levels and how customers share in our successes.
3. We will consider our financial resilience ahead of any dividend decision, and whether any financial outperformance should be re-invested to benefit our customers. This consideration will also include taking into account the interests of our employees, other stakeholders, and our pension schemes.
Our dividend policy is intended to support the financial resilience and investment grade credit ratings of the business and ensure continued access to diversified sources of finance. As part of step three we carry out an assessment of:
 - a) headroom under debt covenants
 - b) the impact on the company's credit rating
 - c) the liquidity position and ability to fulfil licence conditions
 - d) key areas of business risk.
4. We will be transparent in the payment of dividends and will clearly justify the payment in relation to the factors outlined above.
5. We will publish our Dividend Policy annually (as part of the Annual Report), and highlight any changes.

Board membership (of Southern Water Services Ltd) as at 31 March 2024

Keith Lough (Chairman)

Lawrence Gosden (Chief Executive Officer, appointed 01 July 2022)

Stuart Ledger (Chief Financial Officer, appointed 3 Jan 2023)

Malcolm Cooper (Independent Non-executive Director)

Dame Gillian Guy DBE (Independent Non-executive Director)

Kerensa Jennins (Independent Non-executive Director)

Christele Delbe (Independent Non-executive Director)

Mike Putnam (Independent Non-executive Director)

Stephen Fraser (Non-executive Director)

Neil Corrigall (Non-executive Director)

Phil Swift (Non-executive Director)

William Price (Non-executive Director)

Richard Manning (Company Secretary)

Please see southernwater website for current Board membership

Ultimate parent company

The ultimate parent company is Greensands Holdings Ltd.

Financial ratios

As required by the CTA, financial ratios are reported up to the end of the current five year regulatory period. The forecasts used to generate the financial ratios are derived from the SWS Business Financial Model and are in the format specified by the CTA.

The business continues to pursue operational and other efficiencies in the normal course of business to mitigate operational and inflationary pressures on current expenditure while also preparing plans for additional investment to meet capital intensive activity

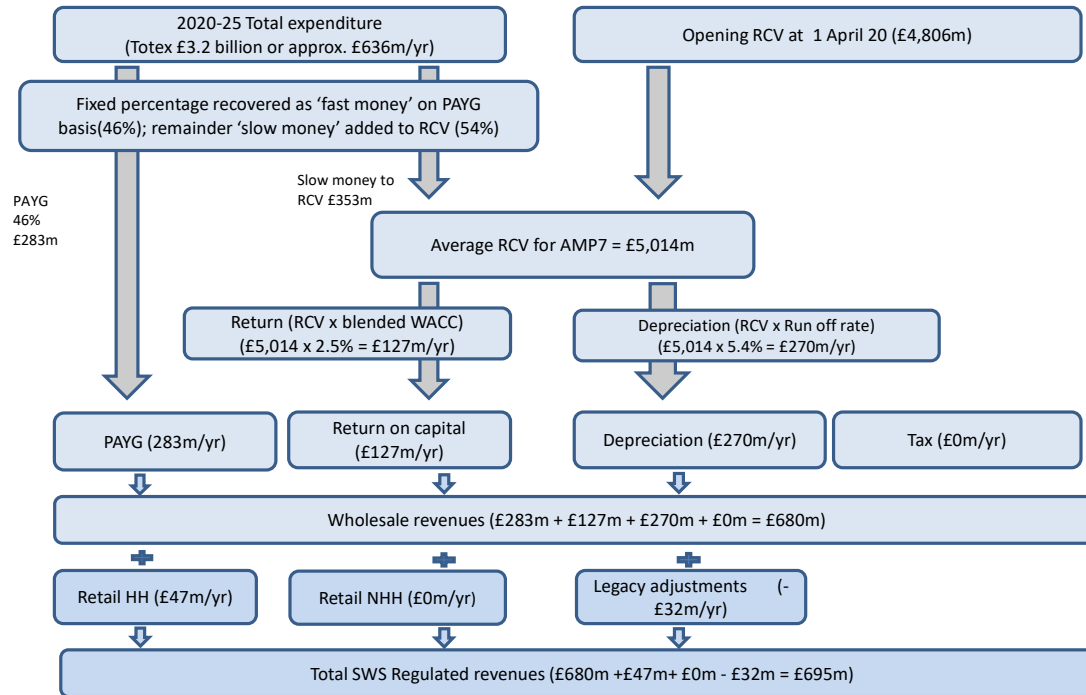
New interest cover ratios have been included (page 17) as a result of regulatory and accounting changes from the PR14 / AMP6 period. A total expenditure assessment was also introduced ('Totex'), with a recovery of 'fast money' through revenues, and 'slow money' added to the RCV.

Pages 10 and 11 of this report provide an overview of the regulatory building blocks for PR19, the foundation for the structure of debt covenant ratios. Pages 18 and 19 provide a comparison of the PR19 totex with the forecast level of operating and capital expenditure, and a reconciliation to the net operating cash flow input to the interest cover ratios. Inflation forecasts are based upon the HMT published forecasts. RPI and CPIH year-on-year change at March 2024 was 4.30% and 3.79% respectively. Inflation forecasts used are for 2024-25, RPI 2.7% CPIH 2.10%; 2025-26, RPI 3.10% and CPIH 2.1%

For investor reporting, interest paid is reported on an accruals basis in line with the requirements of the CTA.

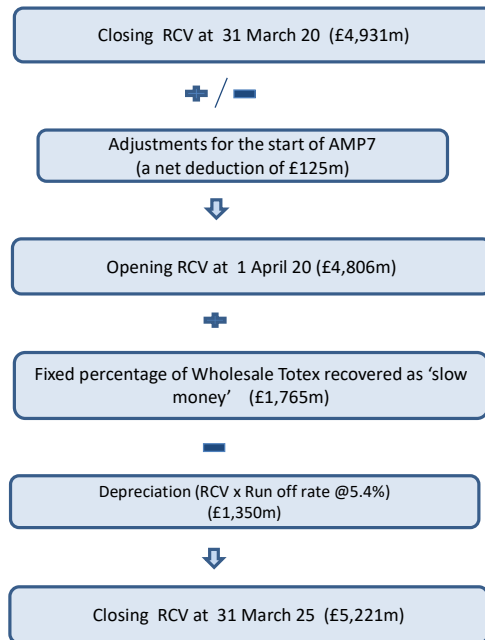
RCV reported used in this report, unless indicated otherwise, is based upon the PR19 determined RCV inflated by the relevant RPI and CPIH indices. The value for the RCV for 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 is different to that reported by Ofwat. Southern Water, and other companies, have queried the calculation of the RCV published by Ofwat.

An illustration of the Totex approach to cost recovery for AMP7 (the 'revenue building blocks'). 2017/18 prices



Note: Values stated are rounded average annual values used to illustrate the totex approach to cost recovery, rather than determined annual values

An illustration of the construction of the RCV for AMP7. 2017/18 prices



Consolidated cashflow		31 Mar	31 Mar	31 Mar	31 Mar	31 Mar	31 Mar	31 Mar
Ref.		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
		£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
	Revenue							
1	Appointed *	874.6	778.8	813.8	759.5	820.9	907.3	1348.1
2	Non Appointed	10.5	9.9	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.0	10.2
	Operating Costs							
3	Appointed	400.4	395.1	428.5	412.2	558.8	574.4	584.4
4	Non Appointed	7.9	7.5	8.4	7.9	8.2	8.2	8.4
	Exceptional item **	0.0	0.0	152.1	0.0	22.2	29.3	0.0
5	Net Capital Expenditure (inc Disposals of Assets)	472.9	381.2	511.3	678.2	738.8	798.5	886.4
	Annual Finance Charge	115.2	68.3	65.3	75.2	32.2	100.1	164.3
6	Taxation	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Payments on Subordinated Debt and Distributions	59.1	0.0	0.0	17.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Net cash flow before financing	-170.5	-63.5	-341.4	-421.2	-528.9	-593.2	-285.2
***	Proceeds from new equity for SWS	0.0	0.0	529.9	0.0	375.0	0.0	0.0
	Proceeds from new financing	138.5	1107.2	0.0	399.9	1092.0	150.0	1275.0
	Drawings from RCF	160.0	-330.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Debt repayments	-311.4	-360.0	-20.1	-310.2	-423.0	-51.2	-359.1
	Swap accretion payments	0.0	-194.5	-46.9	0.0	-40.3	-14.9	-493.3
	Debt Fees	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-18.2	-9.0	-9.6
	Movement on DSPA	-4.6	12.8	-0.9	0.0	27.3	0.0	0.0
	Net cash reserves movement after financing	-188.0	172.0	120.6	-331.5	483.9	-518.3	127.8

* Appointed revenues for 2023, 2024, and 2025 include a forecast net ODI penalty of £133m (2017/18 prices) relating to actual and forecast performance in 2021, 2022, and 2023. In November 2023 Ofwat agreed to defer £21.45m of the 22-23 ODI penalty until 25-26, this is reflected here.

** Southern Water was sentenced and fined £90 million on 9 July 2021 regarding an Environment Agency (EA) prosecution relating to wastewater permit compliance between 2010 and 2015 (inclusive). Southern Water was also ordered to pay £2.5m legal costs of the EA. These costs were paid in 2021-22. Southern Water also made an exceptional pension deficit contribution of £59.6 million. For 23-24 exceptional costs are highlighted in the Operational Performance text in page 5. £16.7m of the 24-25 exceptionals are the cashflow impact of the same items as 23-24 and £12.6m are an assessment of in year costs on excessive groundwater.

*** The equity of £375m shown in 2023-24 completed in October 2023

Annual Finance Charge								
Ref.		31 Mar 2020	31 Mar 2021	31 Mar 2022	31 Mar 2023	31 Mar 2024	31 Mar 2025	31 Mar 2026
		£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
	Class A debt interest paid	113.7	69.2	65.1	77.0	37.2	117.5	166.1
	Class B debt interest	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Interest income	0.9	1.9	0.8	6.2	5.8	18.8	3.6
	Class A Facilities commitment fees	2.4	1.0	1.0	1.4	0.8	1.4	1.8
7	Class A Debt Interest	115.2	68.3	65.3	72.2	32.2	100.1	164.3
8	Senior Debt Interest	115.2	68.3	65.3	72.2	32.2	100.1	164.3
	Annual Finance Charge	115.2	68.3	65.3	75.2	32.2	100.1	164.3
	Monthly Payment Amount *	10.0	5.9	5.5	6.5	3.2	9.9	14.0

* Monthly payment amount is stated gross and reduced by interest received in the Debt Service Payment Account

The reduction in Class A debt interest from 2020-21 includes the refinancing activities undertaken in 2018-19. The refinancing activity included a derivative re-couponsing to increase interest receivable from 2020-21 through to 2029-30 plus a further increase as a result of financing the extension of breaks of £175 million on inflation linked swaps to 2025. The result is a reduction in interest payable in 2020-21 to 2024-25 of c. £300 million and a reduction in interest payable from 2025-26 to 2029-30 of c. £130 million.

Interest in FY24 was lower due to timing of debt payments and some risk mitigation on existing derivatives.

Class A Debt Interest is the sum of interest paid, interest income and commitment fees.

Cash accounts and reserves

Ref.	31 Mar 2020 £m	31 Mar 2021 £m	31 Mar 2022 £m	31 Mar 2023 £m	31 Mar 2024 £m	31 Mar 2025 £m	31 Mar 2026 £m
	SWS O&M Reserve account						
	0.0	0.0	27.5	27.5	5.8	12.9	13.0
	0.0	27.5	0.0	-21.7	7.1	0.1	0.0
	0.0	27.5	27.5	5.8	12.9	13.0	13.0
	Capex Reserve account						
	49.1	0.9	232.8	268.8	50.1	0.1	0.1
	-48.2	231.9	36.0	-218.7	-50.0	0.0	0.0
	0.9	232.8	268.8	50.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
	Debt Service Payment account						
	15.5	10.9	23.7	35.0	30.1	117.1	84.9
	-4.6	12.8	11.3	-4.9	87.0	-32.2	0.0
	10.9	23.7	35.0	30.1	117.1	84.9	84.9
	SWS Operating accounts						
	307.8	172.6	72.4	146.6	59.5	499.3	13.1
	-135.2	-100.2	74.2	-87.1	439.8	-486.2	127.8
	172.6	72.4	146.6	59.5	499.3	13.1	140.9
	Total Cash Balances						
	372.4	184.4	356.4	477.9	145.5	629.4	111.1
9	-188.0	172.0	121.5	-332.4	483.9	-518.3	127.8
	184.4	356.4	477.9	145.5	629.4	111.1	238.9

Bonds, Authorised Loan Facilities and Leases

Ref.	31 Mar	31 Mar	31 Mar	31 Mar	31 Mar	31 Mar	31 Mar
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
* Senior £350m A1 6.192% Fixed Rate Bonds due 2029	350.0	350.0	350.0	350.0	350.0	350.0	350.0
* £150m A2a 3.706% Index-linked Bonds due 2034	243.7	247.7	257.2	288.9	315.0	326.8	336.4
* £35m A2b 3.706% Limited Index Bonds due 2034	56.8	57.8	59.9	63.0	66.2	68.6	70.6
£350m A4 6.64% Fixed Rate Bonds due 2026	350.0	350.0	350.0	350.0	350.0	350.0	0.0
£150m A5 3.816% Index-linked Bonds due 2023	243.7	247.7	257.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
* £350m A7 5.0% Fixed Rate Bonds due 2021	350.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
* £150m A8 5.0% Fixed Rate Bonds due 2041	150.0	150.0	150.0	150.0	150.0	150.0	150.0
* £200m A9 4.5% Fixed Rate Bonds due 2052	200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0
* £300m A10 5.125% Fixed Rate Bonds due 2056	300.0	300.0	300.0	300.0	300.0	300.0	300.0
£375m A12 2.375% Fixed Rate Bonds due 2028	0.0	375.0	375.0	375.0	375.0	375.0	375.0
£450m A13 3.000% Fixed Rate Bonds due 2037	0.0	450.0	450.0	450.0	450.0	450.0	450.0
£300m A14 1.625% Fixed Rate Bonds due 2027	0.0	300.0	300.0	300.0	300.0	300.0	300.0
£550m A15 7.375% Fixed Rate Bonds due 2041	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	550.0	550.0	550.0
£72m A16 3.315% Index Linked Bonds due 2043	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	72.4	74.4	76.0
£20m A17 4.123% Index Linked Bonds due 2043	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.1	20.7	21.1
£450m A18 7.000% Fixed Rate Bonds due 2040	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	450.0	450.0	450.0
Bond Taps in May 24- to be funged into A15 A18	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	150.0	150.0
RPI accretion on Index-Linked swaps	202.6	30.7	119.2	392.7	398.3	488.9	88.8
* £165m Artesian 4.076% Index-linked Bonds due 2033	268.2	272.6	283.0	317.9	346.5	359.5	370.0
* £156m Artesian 3.635% Index-linked Bonds due 2032	248.2	252.2	261.9	294.3	320.7	332.7	342.4
£100m EIB Index Linked loan due 2025	92.0	79.8	68.1	57.1	27.4	6.8	0.0
£250m USPP Fixed Rate Loan due 2031 / 2036	250.0	250.0	250.0	250.0	250.0	250.0	250.0
** New cash required	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1275.1
Drawings under the Revolving Credit Facility	330.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Drawings under the DSR Liquidity Facility	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.5	0.0	0.0
Drawings under the O&M Liquidity Facility	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.0	0.0	0.0
Finance Leases (FRS16)	0.0	0.0	31.7	30.4	29.1	27.8	26.4
Bridge Facility	0.0	0.0	0.0	400.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Class A Indebtedness	3,635.2	3,913.5	4,063.2	4,569.3	5,348.2	5,581.1	6,131.8
Senior Indebtedness	3,635.2	3,913.5	4,063.2	4,569.3	5,348.2	5,581.1	6,131.8
10 Class A Net Indebtedness	3,450.8	3,557.1	3,585.3	4,423.8	4,718.8	5,470.0	5,892.9
11 Senior Net Indebtedness	3,450.8	3,557.1	3,585.3	4,423.8	4,718.8	5,470.0	5,892.9
Nominal value of fixed rate debt swapped to Index-linked	1,318.0	1,318.0	1,318.0	1,318.0	1,718.0	1,718.0	1,718.0

* Wrapped by AG

** 'New cash required' is a notional class of debt included to forecast compliance ratios correctly. This is not an attempt to forecast the actual quantum, mix, cost and timing of future financing.

Interest Cover Ratios - Original format

		Trigger	Default	31 Mar 2020 £m	31 Mar 2021 £m	31 Mar 2022 £m	31 Mar 2023 £m	31 Mar 2024 £m	31 Mar 2025 £m	31 Mar 2026 £m	
A	Net Appointed Income (1+3+6)			474.1	383.6	385.3	347.3	262.1	332.9	705.3	
B	Net Total Income (1+2+3+4+6)			476.7	386.0	387.3	349.7	264.3	334.7	707.1	
C	Depreciation (CCD & IRC)			0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
D	Class A Debt interest (7)			115.2	68.3	65.3	72.2	32.2	100.1	164.3	
E	Senior Debt interest (8)			115.2	68.3	65.3	72.2	32.2	100.1	164.3	
F	Period end VAT debtor			10.2	11.0	13.0	21.0	20.2	17.5	21.2	
G	Capital Maintenance (MNI & IRE)			244.5	193.5	283.1	235.5	225.0	N/A	N/A	
Class A Adjusted ICR											
	Historic: (B-C+F)/D	Projected: (A-C+F)/D	1.3	N/A	4.2	5.8	6.1	5.1	8.8	3.5	4.4
Class A Average ICR											
			1.4	N/A	5.4	6.0	5.9	4.1	6.2	3.5	4.4
Senior Adjusted ICR											
	Historic: (B-C+F)/E	Projected: (A-C+F)/E	1.1	N/A	4.2	5.8	6.1	5.1	8.8	3.5	4.4
Senior Average Adjusted ICR											
			1.2	N/A	5.4	6.0	5.9	4.1	6.2	3.5	4.4
Class A ICR											
	Historic: (B+F)/D	Projected: (A+F)/D	N/A	1.6	4.2	5.8	6.1	5.1	8.8	3.5	4.4
Class A Post Maintenance ICR											
	Historic: (B-G+F)/D		N/A	1.0	2.1	3.0	1.8	1.9	1.9	N/A	N/A

CCD (Current Cost Depreciation) and IRC (Infrastructure Renewals Charge) have been removed as regulatory building blocks from the PR14 regulatory period. As a consequence, the values for this input into interest cover ratios is zero for these years.

Additional interest cover ratios have been introduced (following page) that maintain consistency of ratio performance with previous periods.

Further explanation of this change can be found on page 9 of this report.

Comparison of FD PAYG funding ('fast money') to actual operating costs

<u>PR14 & PR19 Final Determinations:</u>		AMP 6 Period to 2020	AMP 7 Period to 2025	
Totex funding	Real £m	<u>2,639.4</u>	<u>3,371.9</u>	Wholesale operating costs and capital expenditure for the regulatory period (excluding pension deficit contributions outside of the Totex assessment)
Totex funding	Outturn £m	<u>2,957.0</u>	<u>3,920.0</u>	
Fast money	Outturn £m	1,403.4	1,644.4	Wholesale Totex recovered via revenues plus Retail opex
Slow money	Outturn £m	1,553.7	2,275.7	Wholesale Totex added to the RCV
Retail costs	FD £m	<u>294.9</u>	<u>261.6</u>	Costs for the Retail price control per Final Determination
Total		<u>3,251.9</u>	<u>4,181.6</u>	
Total Appointed expenditure (treating Retail as Fast money)				
Fast money		52.2%	45.6%	
Slow money		47.8%	54.4%	
<u>Actual costs</u>		AMP 6 Period to 2020	AMP 7 Period to 2025	
Operating costs per accounts	Outturn £m	1,632.9	2,417.6	Wholesale and retail operating costs
Capital expenditure per accounts	Outturn £m	<u>1,733.4</u>	<u>3,396.4</u>	
Total Appointed expenditure	Outturn £m	<u>3,366.3</u>	<u>5,814.0</u>	
Operating costs / Fast money		48.5%	41.6%	
Capital expenditure / Slow money		51.5%	58.4%	
<u>Variance between determined fast/slow money to actual costs</u>				
Operating costs / Fast money		3.7%	4.0%	
Capital expenditure / Slow money		-3.7%	-4.0%	

Reconciliation to Net Appointed Income

	31 Mar 2020 £m	31 Mar 2021 £m	31 Mar 2022 £m	31 Mar 2023 £m	31 Mar 2024 £m	31 Mar 2025 £m
Operating costs per Accounts	403.1	391.3	407.1	483.2	574.0	550.7
Non-appointed expenditure	-7.9	-7.5	-8.4	-7.9	-8.2	-8.2
Movement in operating cost working capital	-13.0	-8.1	10.0	-65.2	-9.1	24.8
Difference between pension charge and cash contributions	16.7	17.3	17.7	0.0	0.0	5.0
IFRS16 Lease costs	1.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
Appointed operating cost cash flow (ref 3. page 12)	400.4	395.1	428.5	412.2	558.8	574.4

Change to the presentation of interest received in the Annual Report

Net interest received on financial derivatives is no longer presented as net interest received in the income statement and is now included within the annual movement in derivative fair value. This change has taken effect from the 2022 Annual Report and the 2021 comparative values have been restated to be consistent with 2022.

The value of net interest received on financial derivatives, and included with Class A debt interest, is illustrated in the table below

	2020 £m	2021 £m	2022 £m	2023 £m	2024 £m	2025 £m
Class A net interest received on financial derivatives	32.4	98.8	92.3	87.1	123.5	99.7

Declaration

We confirm that each of the above Ratios has been calculated in respect of each of the relevant periods for which it is required under the Common Terms Agreement and have now breached the Trigger Event Ratio Levels but has not caused Paragraph 20 (Ratios) of Part 2 (Event of Default (SWS and the Issuer)) of Schedule 7 of the Common Terms Agreement to be breached.

We confirm that the Annual Finance Charge is £ 100.1 million for 2024-25 equating to a Monthly Payment Amount for this period of £ 9.90 million

We also confirm that a Trigger Event is outstanding, but no Event of Default, Potential Event of Default or Potential Trigger Event is outstanding and that SWS's insurances are being maintained in accordance with the Common Terms Agreement.



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