Company No: 10934412

# YARLINGTON TREASURY SERVICES PLC

# Annual Report and Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 March 2022

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Caroline Moore Stephen Lodge

#### **COMPANY SECRETARY**

Gemma Burton-Connolly

# **REGISTERED OFFICE**

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# BANKERS

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#### AUDITOR

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#### STRATEGIC REPORT

#### Organisational Overview

Yarlington Treasury Services plc is a member of the Abri Group, with a registered head office in Eastleigh.

#### **Business Model**

The Company acts as a finance vehicle in the Group and has issued and sold own named bonds in the capital markets and on lent all proceeds from these sales to fellow subsidiaries.

## **Performance Highlights**

As a result of the business model, the Company breaks even, and its net worth is equal to the value of its issued share capital. Finance income and receivables relate to interest earned on the balances lent to fellow Group companies, which are equal and opposite to the finance cost and payables relate to interest charged on the amounts owed to bond holders.

In May 2021 the Company received £70m of proceeds from the completion of the remaining £60m nominal of the 2057 bond, with proceeds on-lent to Yarlington Housing Group. On 30 June 2021, Yarlington Housing Group was the subject of a Transfer of Engagements to its parent company, Abri Group Limited, with no impact on the recoverability of on-lent balances.

#### **Our Performance**

External advisers assist us in benchmarking the pricing of our bond issues and sales against the bond markets and issues by other registered providers. The pricing achieved reflects the Company's performance.

The Company does not consider any other performance indicators to be relevant to managing the business.

## **Principal Risks and Uncertainties**

Within the Group, the principal risks and uncertainties, as identified by the Executive Board, are deemed to be those that would impact on the Group's ability to successfully deliver on the aims and objectives of its corporate strategy. An appraisal of these strategic risks is included in our Group statutory accounts.

Operational risks are those that the entities in the organisation face on a day-to-day basis, which are specific to the activities performed in each legal entity.

## Section 172 Compliance

The Company operates within the structure of the Abri Group and, as such, key decisions impacting the Company are taken by the Executive Board, subject to approval from the relevant committee and legal entity board. Decisions impacting the entity most typically pass through the Treasury Committee with input from the Treasury and Financial Planning directorate.

The Directors place paramount importance on their legal duties under Section 172 of the Companies Act 2006. The Board is of the opinion that its conduct and those it collaborates with led to decisions made in good faith to promote the success of the Company whilst considering the long-term implications of those decisions on its key stakeholders, as outlined below:

## **STRATEGIC REPORT (continued)**

## Section 172 Compliance (continued)

## Employees

The entity has no direct employees but utilises members of staff from relevant departments who are employed by other members of the Group. All employees share common terms and conditions, irrespective of the employing entity and have access to the same resources, services and development opportunities.

Employees are supported by Connexus, a forum of elected individuals who collaborate with the Executive Board and providing a voice for feedback. Employees are regularly surveyed, have monthly performance check ins with managers and are encouraged to openly share their views.

## **Customers and Partners**

Being members of the same Group, regular contact is maintained with Abri Group Limited to whom all bond proceeds are on lent, enabling the entity to monitor recoverability of these funds.

The entity maintains relationships with a number of professional service firms, working closely with treasury advisers - particularly in the build up to bond issues and sales – custodians and credit rating agencies on a regular basis.

## **Community and Environment**

Given the nature of the entities operations it has little direct impact on communities and the environment, although the funds raised ultimately allow other members of the Group to deliver new homes and communities.

The increasing prevalence of green, social, and/or sustainable bonds in the markets are however expected to more directly link the entity to this stakeholder groups in future.

## **Statement of Compliance**

The strategic report was approved by the Board on 16 September 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

**Caroline Moore** Director

## YARLINGTON TREASURY SERVICES PLC

## DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors present their report for the year ended 31 March 2022.

## **Board of Directors**

The Directors of the Company during the year and up to the date of signing are listed on page 1 and their remuneration is disclosed in note 7. An overview of the positions each serving Director holds on other committees within the Abri Group are outlined below.

Director/ Committee	Audit and Risk	Treasury	People and Culture	Development and Assets	Customer Service and Performance
Caroline Moore	-	Member	-	-	-
Stephen Lodge	-	-	-	-	-

# Dividends

The Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend.

# Employees

The Company had no employees in the year.

# **Capital and Treasury Management**

## Introduction

Abri has a comprehensive treasury policy with tests that apply to the Group as a whole. The policy requires the Group to maintain a minimum level of liquidity such that there is:

- sufficient cash & cash equivalents to cover the next six months forecast cash requirement;
- sufficient liquidity to cover the next 18 months net cash requirement before funding (including uncommitted but not aspirational development or any staircasing cashflows);
- no over-reliance placed on any one counterparty, whether through cash holdings or available facilities.

# Capital structure

At 31 March 2022 the Company's borrowings amounted to £120.0m nominal (2021: £60.0m).

# **DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)**

## **Capital and Treasury Management (continued)**

## Own-named bond

All bonds are issued by the Company, with proceeds received being on-lent to Yarlington Housing Group who were the subject of a Transfer of Engagements to Abri Group Limited on 30 June 2021. The 2057 bond is repayable in instalments. A summary the Company's bond is as follows:

Name	2057
Coupon	3.310%
Nominal Issued	£120m
Sold to date	£120m
Received to date	£120m
Unsold	-
Deferred Proceeds	-
Repayable	Instalments

In May 2021 the Company received £60.0m in deferred proceeds.

## Risks

- Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group is unable to service its loans and borrowings, or meet repayment liabilities as they fall due, owing to insufficient cash. The Group manages liquidity risk through the requirements laid out in the Group Treasury Policy, including requirements for minimum levels of cash or immediately available facilities;
- **Counterparty credit risk** is the risk that the Group is unable to access cash deposits due to failure of counterparties. The Group manages counterparty credit risk by regularly monitoring and reviewing the credit rating of counterparties through the requirements laid out in the Group Treasury Policy;
- **Market risk** is the risk that the Group is unable to refinance loans and borrowings at an acceptable interest rate as they mature. The Group manages market risk by modelling the impact of interest rate rises in its long-term forecast and identifying mitigating actions; and
- Currency risk is not applicable as the Group borrows and invests surplus funds only in sterling.

## Interest rate management

All the Company's borrowings consist of fixed rate bonds.

## Financial loan covenant compliance

Financial loan covenants are primarily measured by asset cover based on property asset values. Covenants are continually monitored and reported to the Executive Board and Treasury Committee. There were no breaches of financial covenants during the year.

## Future funding options

The Company has sufficient funds for its current needs.

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# **DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)**

## **Capital and Treasury Management (continued)**

# Moody's Credit Rating

Moody's review Abri's credit rating by looking at the group as a whole. In December 2021, following their review, Moody's confirmed the Group's credit rating remained unchanged at A3 stable. In their review Moody's highlighted our financial strength, with moderate gearing, solid liquidity and supportive institutional framework, making us resilient to challenges and well placed to achieve our corporate objectives.

## **Governance and Regulation**

The operations of the Company are subject to the governance and management structures in place across the Group, in common with all fellow subsidiaries.

An overview of the approach to governance and regulatory compliance, as determined by the Group Board, is included in our Group statutory accounts.

# **Post Balance Sheet Events**

There have been no events since the reporting date that the Board considers to have had a significant effect on the Company's financial position.

## **Going Concern**

Within the Abri Group a programme of Group Optimisation has continued in the year, with the aim of arriving at an appropriate structure from an operational, regulatory, governance, finance and tax perspective. The Board subsequently expect the entity to continue to operate within this structure for the foreseeable future.

The entity operates as a funding vehicle by on-lending proceeds from bond sales to fellow Group members. The appropriateness of preparing the accounts of the entity on a going concern basis is therefore intrinsically linked to the going concern of the Group as a whole.

Prior to lending funds to third parties, the directors also ensure the borrowing entity can meet its contractual obligations as they fall due via a review of past involvement with the borrower, updating credit checks and liquidity assessments. The Treasury committee also monitors all lending, including intercompany loans, with delegation from the ultimate parent under Group Standing Orders for effective governance and operations across all Group subsidiaries. They receive assurance at each meeting that financial commitments can be met and are provided with oversight of key financial risks.

All bonds issued by the entity carry a fixed coupon and are not subject to covenants or exposed to macro-economic factors such as changes in interest rates.

The Board, therefore, consider it appropriate for the accounts to be prepared on a going concern basis for the 12 months from the signing date.

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# **DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)**

## **Disclosure of Information to Auditor**

At the date when this report is approved each of the Directors confirm the following:

- so far as each Director is aware, there is no relevant audit information needed by the Company's auditor in connection with preparing their report, of which the Company's auditor is unaware; and
- each Director has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a Director to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information needed by the Company's auditor in connection with preparing their report and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

## **External Auditor**

BDO LLP has indicated their willingness to continue in office as auditor to the Abri Group, and a resolution to appoint them will be proposed at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

# Approval of the Board

The Directors' Report was approved by the Board on 16 September 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

Caroline Moore Director

# STATEMENT OF THE 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 elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the Directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period.

Financial statements are published on the Company's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements, which may vary from legislation in other jurisdictions. The maintenance and integrity of the Company's website is the responsibility of the Directors. The Directors' responsibility also extends to the ongoing integrity of the financial statements contained therein.

In preparing these financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; 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.

## **Opinion on the financial statements**

In our opinion:

- the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 March 2022 and of its result for the year then ended;
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements of Yarlington Treasury Services Plc for the year ended 31 March 2022, which comprise the statement of comprehensive income, statement of financial position, the statement of changes in equity and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (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 believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. Our audit opinion is consistent with the additional report to the audit committee.

## Independence

Following the recommendation of the Audit & Risk Committee, we were appointed by the board of directors to audit the financial statements for the year ending 31 March 2017 and subsequent financial periods. The period of total uninterrupted engagement including retenders and reappointments is 6 years, covering the years ending 31 March 2017 to 31 March 2022. We remain independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard as applied to public interest entities, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. The non-audit services prohibited by that standard were not provided to the Company.

## 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. Our evaluation of the Directors' assessment of the Company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting included:

• Obtaining management's assessment that supports the Directors' conclusions with respect to the disclosure provided around going concern. We note that the going concern status of the entity is inextricably linked to that of the wider Abri Group ("the Group") as it is dependent on the ability of another Group entity to repay the on-lent financing when it falls due;

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF YARLINGTON TREASURY SERVICES PLC (continued)

## Conclusions relating to going concern (continued)

- Considering the appropriateness of management's forecasts.
- Obtaining an understanding of the Group's financing facilities from the finance agreements, including the nature of the facilities, covenants and attached conditions;
- Assessing the Group facility and covenant headroom calculations, and re-performing sensitivities on management's base case and stressed case scenarios; and
- Reviewing the wording of the going concern disclosures, and assessed its consistency with management's forecasts.

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.

## Overview

Key audit matters	Recoverability of intercompany debt	<b>2022</b> X	<b>2021</b> X
Materiality	Financial statements as a whole £1,817k (2021: £727k) based on 1.4% (2021	1: 1.2%) of tota	al assets

## An overview of the scope of our audit

Our audit was scoped by obtaining an understanding of the Company and its environment, including the system of internal control, and assessing the risks of material misstatement in the financial statements. We also addressed the risk of management override of internal controls, including assessing whether there was evidence of bias by the Directors that may have represented a risk of material misstatement.

## Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period and include the most significant assessed risks of material misstatement (whether or not due to fraud) that we identified, including those which had the greatest effect on: the overall audit strategy, the allocation of resources in the audit, and directing the efforts of the engagement team. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

## Key audit matters (continued)

Key audit matters	How the scope of our audit addressed the key audit matter		
Recoverability of	The assessment of the	Our audit response involved the following:	
intercompany debt	recoverability of the	Assessment of management's review	
	related party debt	of the recoverability of related party	
As disclosed in note 2, the	involves several	debt including their review of the	
entity on lends funds to its	subjective judgements	parent entity's assessment of its going	
ultimate parent. The	including the impact	concern status.	
principal risk facing the	of additional downside	This incorporated consideration of the	
entity is that the parent	scenarios for Group,	long-term forecasts prepared by the	
will be unable to make	such as demand for	parent entity and challenge of the key	
interest or principal	their properties, the	assumptions based on our knowledge	
payments when they fall	level of occupancy	of that business, including availability	
due and this impacts on	that may affect the	of financing facilities and covenant	
the entity's ability to	rental income of the	compliance calculations.	
service its debt.	borrower thereby	<ul> <li>Scenarios modelled by the parent</li> </ul>	
	impacting the	entity include a reverse stress test to	
Recoverability of these	repayment conditions	analyse the current estimates of rent	
balances is intrinsically	and the value of the	collection, property sales and	
linked to the future	underlying collateral.	maintenance and development spend	
viability of Group and		that could be sustained without	
needs to be reviewed at	We have therefore	breaching banking covenants. We	
each balance sheet date.	spent significant audit	challenged the assumptions used and	
	effort in assessing the	mitigating actions included within this	
	appropriateness of the	scenario and reviewed the reverse	
	assumptions involved,	stress test calculations.	
	and as such this has	We considered the adequacy of the	
	been identified as a	disclosures in the financial statements	
	key audit matter.	against the requirements of the	
		accounting standards.	
		Key observations:	
		We noted no material exceptions through	
		performing these procedures.	

# Our application of materiality

We apply the concept of materiality both in planning and performing our audit, and in evaluating the effect of misstatements. We consider materiality to be the magnitude by which misstatements, including omissions, could influence the economic decisions of reasonable users that are taken on the basis of the financial statements.

In order to reduce to an appropriately low level the probability that any misstatements exceed materiality, we use a lower materiality level, performance materiality, to determine the extent of testing needed. Importantly, misstatements below these levels will not necessarily be evaluated as immaterial as we also take account of the nature of identified misstatements, and the particular circumstances of their occurrence, when evaluating their effect on the financial statements as a whole.

# Our application of materiality (continued)

Based on our professional judgement, we determined materiality for the financial statements as a whole and performance materiality as follows:

	2022 (£k)	2021 (£k)	
Materiality	1,817	727	
Basis for			
determining	1.4% of Total assets	1.2% of Total assets	
materiality			
	We used total assets for our chosen	We used total assets for our chosen	
	benchmark to determine materiality as	benchmark to determine materiality as	
	the entity on-lends funds raised in the	the entity on-lends funds raised in the	
Rationale for	capital markets to group companies	capital markets to group companies	
the	and therefore the level of on-lending	and therefore the level of on-lending	
benchmark	from these activities is the area that will	from these activities is the area that will	
applied	have the greatest impact on decisions have the greatest impact or		
made by users of the accounts. This is made by users		made by users of the accounts. This is	
	considered to be the key performance considered to be the key performance		
	indicator for stakeholders assessing the	indicator for stakeholders assessing the	
	performance of the Company.	performance of the Company.	
Performance	1,360	545	
materiality	1,300	5+5	
	75% of materiality - the level of	75% of materiality - the level of	
Basis for	performance materiality applied was	ality applied was performance materiality applied was	
determining	set after having considered a number of	set after having considered a number of	
performance	factors including the expected total	factors including the expected total	
materiality	value of known and likely	value of known and likely	
	misstatements.	misstatements.	

# Reporting threshold

We agreed with the Audit and Risk Committee that we would report to them all individual audit differences in excess of £36,000 (2021: £15,000). We also agreed to report differences below this threshold that, in our view, warranted reporting on qualitative grounds.

# Other information

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

# **Other Companies Act 2006 reporting**

## Strategic report and Directors' report

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 its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Strategic report or the Directors' report.

# Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the Company, 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.

# **Responsibilities of Directors**

As explained more fully in the statement of directors' responsibilities, 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.

# Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)

## Extent to which the audit was 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:

Based on our understanding of the Company and the sector in which it operates, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to their registration under the Companies Act, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the Financial Statements or their continued operation. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the financial statements, such as compliance with tax legislation.

We performed an assessment of the susceptibility of the Company's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur. We evaluated managements incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements and determined that the principal risks were related to the management override of controls by posting inappropriate journal entries to manipulate the financial results and management bias in accounting estimates and judgements leading to material misstatement. The responsible individual assessed whether the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence and capabilities to identify or recognise non-compliance with laws and regulations.

The audit procedures to address the risks identified included:

- discussions with management and those charged with governance, including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud;
- reading minutes of meeting of those charged with governance, and reviewing correspondence with HMRC and reports produced by Internal Audit; and
- in addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls; testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments, in particular any journals posted to cash and material journal adjustments.

Our audit procedures were designed to respond to risks of material misstatement in the financial statements, recognising that the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery, misrepresentations or through collusion. There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures performed and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we are to become aware of it.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <u>www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities</u>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

## 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.

DocuSigned by: Hamid Gliafoor

27 September 2022 Hamid Ghafoor (Senior Statutory Auditor) For and on behalf of BDO LLP, Statutory Auditor Gatwick, United Kingdom

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# STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME Year ended 31 March 2022

		2022 £'000	2021 £'000
	Note		
Finance income	3	3,769	1,809
Finance costs	4	(3,769)	(1,809)
Result on ordinary activities before taxation	5	-	-
Tax charge for the year	6	-	-
Result on ordinary activities after taxation		-	-

All activities derive from continuing operations.

The notes on pages 19 to 24 form part of these financial statements.

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION As at 31 March 2022

		2022 £'000	2021 £'000
	Note		
Current assets			
Receivables			
Amounts due within one year	9	250	37
Amounts due after one year	9	129,734	60,000
Cash and cash equivalents		14	15
		129,998	60,052
		125,558	00,032
Payables: amounts due within one year	10	(860)	(527)
Net current assets		129,138	59,525
Payables: amounts due after one year	11	(129,088)	(59,475)
Total assets less current liabilities		50	50
Capital and reserves			
Share capital	12	50	50
Revenue Reserve		-	-
		50	50

The notes on pages 19 to 24 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements of Yarlington Treasury Services plc, registered number 10934412, on pages 15 to 24 were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 16 September 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

la.

Caroline Moore Director

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY As at 31 March 2022

	Share Capital	Revenue Reserve	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000
At 31 March 2020	50	-	50
Result on ordinary activities after tax	-	-	-
At 31 March 2021	50	-	50
Result on ordinary activities after tax	-	-	-
At 31 March 2022	50	-	50

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

# 1. LEGAL STATUS

The Company is a public limited company incorporated in the United Kingdom under the Companies Act 2006.

# 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

## **Basis of Preparation**

The financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (UK GAAP) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102). The financial statements are presented in pounds sterling and have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

# **Going Concern**

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The Board, therefore, consider it appropriate for the accounts to be prepared on a going concern basis for the 12 months from the signing date.

## **Disclosure Exemptions**

In preparing the financial statements of the Company, advantage has been taken of the disclosure exemption under FRS 102 paragraph 1.12(b) in not preparing a Statement of Cash Flows on the basis that this is included in the consolidated financial statements.

# **Related Parties**

As a subsidiary of its parent, Abri Group Limited, whose results and balances are included in the consolidated financial statements, the Company has not disclosed all transactions and balances with entities which form part of the Group.

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

# 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

## Finance Income

Interest is earned from loans to other entities in the Group.

# **Finance Costs**

Interest costs, issue costs, premiums, and discounts are charged to finance costs over the term of debt using the effective interest rate method so that the amount charged is at a constant rate on the carrying amount.

Included within finance costs are ongoing servicing fees of loans and borrowings, which are charged to the Statement of Comprehensive Income over the review cycle of each facility.

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Current tax is recognised for tax payable in respect of the taxable profit for the current or past reporting periods using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date.

# Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash at bank and in hand, deposits, and short-term investments with an original maturity date of three months or less.

## **Receivables and Payables**

Receivables and payables with no stated interest rate, and receivable and payable within one year, are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income within operating income and expense.

# **Recoverable Amount of Other Trade Receivables**

The Company estimates the recoverable amount of receivables and provides for the balance based on the value and class of the debt.

Receivable balances are reviewed quarterly to determine recoverability; balances deemed irrecoverable are subsequently written off.

# **Financial Instruments**

Financial instruments are recognised when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument and are classified according to their substance.

For the deferred elements of the Yarlington Treasury Services 2057 bond, the liability is recognised when security is in place and the funds are received by the Company.

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

# 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

## Financial Assets and Liabilities

## Loans and borrowings

The Company's loans and borrowings meet the definition of, and are classified as, basic financial instruments under FRS 102. These instruments are initially recorded at the transaction price. They are subsequently recorded at amortised costs using the effective interest method.

# 3. FINANCE INCOME

	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
On intercompany loans at amortised cost		
Interest receivable from intercompany loans	3,740	1,776
Intercompany loan arrangement fees and associated costs	29	33
	3,769	1,809
4. FINANCE COSTS		
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	2022	2021
	£'000	£'000
On bonds at amortised cost		
Interest costs	3,740	1,776
Loan arrangement fees and associated costs	29	33
	3,769	1,809
5. RESULT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAX		
Result on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging:		
	2022	2021

	2022	2021
	£'000	£'000
Fees payable to the Company's auditor for:		
Audit of the annual financial statements (excluding VAT)	6	6

The audit fees for the Company have been borne by Abri Group Limited.

# 6. TAX

The Company made no profit or loss in the year and delivered a taxable result of fill (2021: fill).

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

# 7. DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS

The Directors of the Company are defined as the board members and the Executive Board.

Executive Board members receive no incremental remuneration for their role as Directors of individual legal entities. All Directors are remunerated by The Swaythling Housing Society Limited.

Name	Appointed	Resigned	Annual Fee
Caroline Moore	25/08/2017	-	N/A
Stephen Lodge	18/11/2019	-	N/A

# 8. STAFF COSTS

The Company had no employees in the year (2021: none).

## 9. RECEIVABLES

	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Amounts due within one year		
Called up share capital	37	37
Intercompany loans	213	-
	250	37
Amounts due after one year		
Intercompany loans	129,734	60,000
	129,984	60,037

## **10. PAYABLES: AMOUNTS DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Loans and borrowings Amounts owed to Group undertakings	345 515	66 461
Amounts owed to Group undertakings	860	<b>527</b>

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

## **11. PAYABLES: AMOUNTS DUE AFTER ONE YEAR**

	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Loans and borrowings	129,088	59,475

Loans and borrowings are repayable or will be released to the Statement of Comprehensive Income as follows:

Own-named bonds	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
In multiple instalments		
In five years or more	120,000	60,000

The total value of all loans and borrowings includes a further £9.4m of capitalised fees, premiums, and interest accrued (2021: discount of £0.5m)

The fair value of the bond liability, excluding retained balances, as at 31 March 2022 was £128.6m (31 March 2021: £71.0m).

The bonds have been allocated to the Level 1 fair value hierarchy. Level 1 fair value measurements are those derived from quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

A summary of the interest rates charged on loans and borrowings is included within the Capital and Treasury Management section, commencing on page 4.

## **12. SHARE CAPITAL**

	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Shares of £1 each		
Issued and fully paid	13	13
Called up (not paid)	37	37
Shares capital at 31 March	50	50

The Company was incorporated on 25 August 2017 with an issued share capital of £50k of which £13k was fully paid.

## **13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The Company, a subsidiary of Abri Group Limited, has taken advantage of the exemption contained in FRS 102 paragraph 33.1A not to disclose transactions or balances with entities which are wholly owned by the Group.

There were no other related party transactions during the period or balances at the reporting date.

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

## 14. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY AND CONTROLLING PARTY

At 31 March 2022 the Company's ultimate parent and ultimate controlling party was Abri Group Limited, a Co-operative and Community Benefits Society registered with the Financial Conduct Authority.

Abri Group Limited is a registered provider and is the parent of both the largest and smallest group into which the Company is consolidated.

Group financial statements can be obtained from Abri Group Limited, Collins House, Bishopstoke Road, Eastleigh, Hampshire, SO50 6AD.