

Company registration number 06838128 (England and Wales)

**COLLABORATIVE SERVICES SUPPORT NE LIMITED**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

# COLLABORATIVE SERVICES SUPPORT NE LIMITED

## COMPANY INFORMATION

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<b>Secretary</b>	Resolis Limited
<b>Company number</b>	06838128
<b>Registered office</b>	1 Park Row Leeds England LS1 5AB
<b>Auditor</b>	Johnston Carmichael LLP Bishop's Court 29 Albyn Place Aberdeen United Kingdom AB10 1YL

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# **COLLABORATIVE SERVICES SUPPORT NE LIMITED**

## **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

### ***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024***

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The directors present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

#### **Principal activities**

The principal activity of Collaborative Services Support NE Limited is to design, build, finance and operate five new community fire stations, a new Brigade Headquarters and associated services to replace the existing stations for County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Services, Northumberland County Council and Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority. The company has been fully operational since 2010.

#### **Going Concern**

The Directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies in the notes to the financial statements.

#### **Results and dividends**

The results for the year are set out on page 8.

Ordinary dividends were paid amounting to £269,621. The directors do not recommend payment of a further dividend.

#### **Directors**

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

JS Gordon  
PR Hepburn  
PK Johnstone

#### **Qualifying third-party indemnity provisions**

The company has made qualifying third-party indemnity provisions for the benefit of its directors during the year. These provisions remain in force at the reporting date.

#### **Financial risk management objectives and policies**

##### ***Liquidity risk***

The company manages its cash and borrowing requirements in order to maximise interest income and minimise interest expense, whilst ensuring the company has sufficient liquid resources to meet the operating needs of the business. At the start of the PFI contract, the company negotiated debt facilities with an external party to ensure that the company has sufficient funds over the life of the PFI concession.

##### ***Interest rate risk***

The company's borrowings expose it to cash flow risk, primarily due to the financial risks of changes in interest rates. The company uses interest rate swaps to manage the risk and reduce its exposure to changes in interest rates.

##### ***Credit risk***

The company's principal financial assets are cash, financial assets and trade and other receivables. The company's credit risk is primarily attributable to its trade receivables which are with one counterparty, although the opinion of the board of directors this risk is limited as the receivables are with a local government authority.

##### ***Lifecycle risk***

Lifecycle expenditure is the main risk to the business. The risk being that the allowance for lifecycle costs factored into the financial model is insufficient to cover future lifecycle expenditure, thus resulting in lower profitability and reduced distributions. This is mitigated by regular lifecycle reviews undertaken by the management services provider and a detailed lifecycle review performed every five years.

# **COLLABORATIVE SERVICES SUPPORT NE LIMITED**

## **DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024***

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### **Future developments**

The Directors are not aware, at the date of this report, of any major changes in the Company's activities in the next year.

### **Auditor**

The auditor, Johnston Carmichael LLP, is deemed to be reappointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

### **Statement of disclosure to auditor**

So far as each person who was a director at the date of approving this report is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware. Additionally, the directors individually have taken all the necessary steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of all relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

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

The Directors' report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

On behalf of the board

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Paul Hepburn

**Director**

12 June 2025

# **COLLABORATIVE SERVICES SUPPORT NE LIMITED**

## **DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT** ***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024***

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

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

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make 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.

# COLLABORATIVE SERVICES SUPPORT NE LIMITED

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### TO THE MEMBERS OF COLLABORATIVE SERVICES SUPPORT NE LIMITED

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#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Collaborative Services Support NE Limited (the 'company') for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the statement of comprehensive income, the balance sheet, the statement of changes in equity and notes to the financial statements, including 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).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2024 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.

#### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

#### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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

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

# **COLLABORATIVE SERVICES SUPPORT NE LIMITED**

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

### **TO THE MEMBERS OF COLLABORATIVE SERVICES SUPPORT NE LIMITED (CONTINUED)**

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

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

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

- Adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- The financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- Certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- We have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- The directors were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption in preparing the Directors' Report and take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report.

#### **Responsibilities of 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, 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 responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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

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

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

We assessed whether the engagement team had the appropriate competence and capabilities to identify or recognise non-compliance with laws and regulations by considering their experience, past performance and support available.

All engagement team members were briefed on relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risk at the planning stage of the audit. Engagement team members were reminded to remain alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.



# **COLLABORATIVE SERVICES SUPPORT NE LIMITED**

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

### **TO THE MEMBERS OF COLLABORATIVE SERVICES SUPPORT NE LIMITED (CONTINUED)**

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We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to company and the sector in which it operates, focusing on provisions that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The most relevant frameworks we identified include:

- UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including FRS 102;
- Companies Act 2006;
- UK Corporation Tax legislation; and
- VAT legislation

We gained an understanding of how the company is complying with these laws and regulations by making enquiries of management and those charged with governance. We corroborated these enquiries through our review of relevant correspondence with regulatory bodies and board meeting minutes.

We assessed the susceptibility of the financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur, by meeting with management and those charged with governance to understand where it was considered there was susceptibility to fraud. This evaluation also considered how management and those charged with governance were remunerated and whether this provided an incentive for fraudulent activity. We considered the overall control environment and how management and those charged with governance oversee the implementation and operation of controls. We identified a heightened fraud risk in relation to:

- Revenue recognition; and
- Management override of controls.

In addition to the above, the following procedures were performed to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements were free of material fraud or error:

- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance for reference to: breaches of laws and regulation or for any indication of any potential litigation and claims; and events or conditions that could indicate an incentive or pressure to commit fraud or provide an opportunity to commit fraud;
- Reviewing the level and reasoning behind the company's procurement of legal and professional services;
- Performing audit procedures over the risk of management override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and assessing judgements made by management in their calculation of accounting estimates for potential management bias;
- Recalculating the unitary charge received by taking the base charge per the project agreement and uplifting for RPI;
- Agreeing a sample of income receipts to supporting documents and bank statements;
- Performing an assessment on the service margins used in the year and agreeing margins used to the active financial models;
- Reconciling the finance income and amortisation to the finance debtor reconciliation to ensure allocation methodology is in line with contractual terms and relevant accounting standards;
- Completion of appropriate checklists and use of our experience to assess the company's compliance with the Companies Act 2006; and
- Agreement of the financial statements disclosures to supporting documentation.

Our audit procedures were designed to respond to the risk of material misstatements 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 intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation. 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.

# **COLLABORATIVE SERVICES SUPPORT NE LIMITED**

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

### **TO THE MEMBERS OF COLLABORATIVE SERVICES SUPPORT NE LIMITED (CONTINUED)**

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#### **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.

**Jenny Junnier (Senior Statutory Auditor)**  
**For and on behalf of Johnston Carmichael LLP**

12 June 2025

**Chartered Accountants**  
**Statutory Auditor**

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# COLLABORATIVE SERVICES SUPPORT NE LIMITED

## STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £000	2023 £000
<b>Turnover</b>	<b>3</b>	3,496	2,843
Other external expenses		(2,720)	(2,086)
Other operating expenses		(314)	(306)
<b>Operating profit</b>		462	451
Interest receivable and similar income	<b>7</b>	1,663	1,737
Interest payable and similar expenses	<b>8</b>	(1,565)	(1,683)
<b>Profit before taxation</b>		560	505
Tax on profit	<b>9</b>	(208)	(59)
<b>Profit for the financial year</b>		352	446
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>			
Cash flow hedges gain/(loss) arising in the year		752	(286)
Tax relating to other comprehensive income		(188)	72
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		916	232

The profit and loss account has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

# COLLABORATIVE SERVICES SUPPORT NE LIMITED

## BALANCE SHEET

**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	2024 £000	2023 £000	2023 £000
<b>Current assets</b>				
Debtors falling due within one year	10	1,367	3,696	
Debtors falling due after more than one year	10	18,318	19,939	
Cash at bank and in hand		4,612	1,977	
		24,297	25,612	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	11	(2,215)	(1,858)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			22,082	23,754
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	12		(22,161)	(24,478)
<b>Net liabilities</b>			(79)	(724)
<b>Capital and reserves</b>				
Called up share capital	15		50	50
Hedging reserve			(267)	(830)
Profit and loss reserves			138	56
<b>Total equity</b>			(79)	(724)

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 12 June 2025 and are signed on its behalf by:

PR Hepburn

Director

**Company Registration No. 06838128**

# COLLABORATIVE SERVICES SUPPORT NE LIMITED

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Share capital	Hedging reserve	Profit and loss reserves	Total
Notes	£000	£000	£000	£000
<b>Balance at 1 January 2023</b>	50	(617)	(391)	(958)
<b>Year ended 31 December 2023:</b>				
Profit for the year	-	-	446	446
Other comprehensive income:				
Cash flow hedges gains	-	(286)	-	(286)
Tax relating to other comprehensive income	-	73	-	73
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	(213)	446	232
<b>Balance at 31 December 2023</b>	50	(830)	56	(724)
<b>Year ended 31 December 2024:</b>				
Profit for the year	-	-	352	352
Other comprehensive income:				
Cash flow hedges gains	-	752	-	752
Tax relating to other comprehensive income	-	(188)	-	(188)
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	564	352	916
Dividends	-	-	(270)	(270)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2024</b>	50	(267)	138	(79)

# COLLABORATIVE SERVICES SUPPORT NE LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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### **1 Accounting policies**

#### **Company information**

Collaborative Services Support NE Limited is a private company limited by shares incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 1 Park Row, Leeds, United Kingdom, LS1 5AB.

#### **1.1 Accounting convention**

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £000.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

This Company is a qualifying entity for the purposes of FRS 102, being a member of a group where the parent of that group prepares publicly available consolidated financial statements, including this company, which are intended to give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the group. The Company has therefore taken advantage of exemptions from the following disclosure requirements:

- Section 7 'Statement of Cash Flows': Presentation of a statement of cash flow and related notes and disclosures;
- Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instrument Issues': Interest income/expense and net gains/losses for each category of financial instrument; basis of determining fair values; details of collateral, loan defaults or breaches, details of hedges, hedging fair value changes recognised in profit or loss and in other comprehensive income;
- Section 33 'Related Party Disclosures': Compensation for key management personnel.

The financial statements of the Company are consolidated in the financial statements of Collaborative Services Support (NE) Holdings Limited. Copies of the consolidated financial statements are available from Companies House.

#### **1.2 Going concern**

The company is in a net liabilities position as at 31 December 2024 due to the fair value of the interest rate swaps. The Directors have reviewed the company's forecasts and projections, taking into account future cash requirements and forecast receipts, which show that the company can continue to meet its debt covenants and debts as they fall due.

The company's operating cash inflows are largely dependent on the unitary charge receipts and the Directors expect these amounts to be received even in severe, but plausible possible downside scenarios. The company continues to provide the assets in accordance with the contract and are available to be used. As a result, the company does not believe there is any likelihood of a material impact to the unitary payment.

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

# COLLABORATIVE SERVICES SUPPORT NE LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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### **1 Accounting policies**

**(Continued)**

#### **1.3 Turnover**

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, net of discounts, VAT and other sales related taxes.

Income received in respect of the service concession is allocated between revenue and capital repayment of, and interest income on, the PFI financial asset using the effective interest rate method. Service revenue is recognised as a margin on non-pass-through operating and maintenance costs.

Pass through income represents the direct pass through of recoverable costs, as specified in the Project Agreement.

Variation income relates to the recharge of costs incurred for the alteration of the facilities or the services provided, requested by the Authority.

#### **1.4 Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

##### *Restricted cash*

The company is obliged to keep separate cash reserves in respect of requirements in the company's contractual agreements. The total restricted cash balance, which is shown on the balance sheet within the 'cash in hand' balance, amounts to £3,241,902 at the year end (2023: £645,425).

#### **1.5 Financial instruments**

The company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the company's balance sheet when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

##### *Basic financial assets*

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

##### *Other financial assets*

Other financial assets, including investments in equity instruments which are not subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures, are initially measured at fair value, which is normally the transaction price. Such assets are subsequently carried at fair value and the changes in fair value are recognised in profit or loss, except that investments in equity instruments that are not publicly traded and whose fair values cannot be measured reliably are measured at cost less impairment.

# COLLABORATIVE SERVICES SUPPORT NE LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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#### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

##### ***Loans and receivables***

Trade debtors, loans and other receivables that have fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market are classified as 'loans and receivables'. Loans and receivables are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

Interest is recognised by applying the effective interest rate, except for short-term receivables when the recognition of interest would be immaterial. The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a debt instrument and of allocating the interest income over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the debt instrument to the net carrying amount on initial recognition.

##### ***Service concession***

The company is a special purpose entity that has been established to provide services under certain private finance agreements with North East Fire and Rescue Services (the Authority). Under the terms of these Agreements, the Authority (as grantor) controls the services to be provided by the Company over the contract term. Based on the contractual arrangements the Company has classified the project as a service concession arrangement, and has accounted for the principal assets of, and income streams from, the project in accordance with FRS 102, Section 34.12 Service Concession Arrangements.

Under the terms of the arrangement, the company has the right to receive a baseline contractual payment stream for the provision of the services from or at the direction of the grantor (the Authority), and as such the asset is accounted for as a financial asset. The financial asset has initially been recognised at the fair value of the consideration received, based on the fair value of the construction (or upgrade) services, plus any directly attributable transaction costs, provided in line with FRS 102.

##### ***Impairment of financial assets***

Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through profit and loss, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting end date.

Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected. If an asset is impaired, the impairment loss is the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss.

If there is a decrease in the impairment loss arising from an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the impairment is reversed. The reversal is such that the current carrying amount does not exceed what the carrying amount would have been, had the impairment not previously been recognised. The impairment reversal is recognised in profit or loss.

##### ***Derecognition of financial assets***

Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or when the company transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity, or if some significant risks and rewards of ownership are retained but control of the asset has transferred to another party that is able to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party.

##### ***Classification of financial liabilities***

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities.



# COLLABORATIVE SERVICES SUPPORT NE LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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### **1 Accounting policies**

**(Continued)**

#### ***Basic financial liabilities***

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors, bank loans and loans from fellow group companies, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method. The effective interest rate method is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts through the life of the expected life of the financial instrument.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### ***Other financial liabilities***

Derivatives, including interest rate swaps, are not basic financial instruments. Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value on the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently re-measured at their fair value. Changes in the fair value of derivatives are recognised in profit or loss in finance costs or finance income as appropriate, unless hedge accounting is applied, and the hedge is a cash flow hedge.

Debt instruments that do not meet the conditions in FRS 102 paragraph 11.9 are subsequently measured at fair value through profit or loss. Debt instruments may be designated as being measured at fair value through profit or loss to eliminate or reduce an accounting mismatch or if the instruments are measured and their performance evaluated on a fair value basis in accordance with a documented risk management or investment strategy.

#### ***Derecognition of financial liabilities***

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the company's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

### **1.6 Equity instruments**

Equity instruments issued by the company are recorded at the proceeds received, net of transaction costs. Dividends payable on equity instruments are recognised as liabilities once they are no longer at the discretion of the company.

### **1.7 Derivatives**

Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value at the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured to fair value at each reporting end date. The resulting gain or loss is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income immediately unless the derivative is designated and effective as a hedging instrument, in which event the timing of the recognition in the statement of comprehensive income depends on the nature of the hedge relationship.

A derivative with a positive fair value is recognised as a financial asset, whereas a derivative with a negative fair value is recognised as a financial liability.

The company does not hold or issue derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

### **1.8 Hedge accounting**

The company designates certain hedging instruments, including derivatives, embedded derivatives and non-derivatives, as either fair value hedges or cash flow hedges. At the inception of the hedge relationship, the company documents the relationship between the hedging instrument and the hedged item along with risk management objectives and strategy for undertaking various hedge transactions. At the inception of the hedge and on an ongoing basis, the company documents whether the hedging instrument is highly effective in offsetting changes in fair values or cash flows of the hedged item.

# COLLABORATIVE SERVICES SUPPORT NE LIMITED

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### **1 Accounting policies**

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Changes in the fair value of derivatives that are designated and qualify as fair value hedges are recognised in profit or loss immediately, together with any changes in the fair value of the hedged asset or liability that are attributable to the hedged risk.

#### **Cash flow hedges**

The effective portion of changes in the fair value of derivatives that are designated and qualify as cash flow hedges is recognised in other comprehensive income.

The gain or loss relating to the ineffective portion is recognised immediately in the statement of comprehensive income and is included in the 'other gains and losses' line.

Amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity are reclassified to the statement of comprehensive income in the periods when the hedged item is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income in the same line as the recognised hedged item. However, when the forecast transaction that is hedged results in the recognition of a non-financial asset or liability, the gains and losses previously accumulated in equity are transferred from equity and included in the initial measurement of the cost of the asset or liability concerned.

Changes in the fair value of derivatives that are designated and qualify as fair value hedges are recognised in profit or loss immediately, together with any changes in the fair value of the hedged asset or liability that are attributable to the hedged risk.

For derivatives that are designated and qualify as cash flow hedges, the effective portion of changes in the fair value of the hedge is recognised in other comprehensive income. The gain or loss relating to the ineffective portion is recognised immediately in the statement of comprehensive income.

Any gain or loss previously recognised in other comprehensive income is reclassified to the statement of comprehensive income when the hedge relationship ends. This occurs when the hedging instrument expires or no longer meets the hedging criteria, the forecast transaction is no longer highly probable, the hedged debt instrument is derecognised, or the hedging instrument is terminated.

### **1.9 Taxation**

The tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax.

#### **Current tax**

The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from net profit as reported in the profit and loss account because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible. The company's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting end date.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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### **1 Accounting policies**

**(Continued)**

#### ***Deferred tax***

Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all timing differences and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits. Such assets and liabilities are not recognised if the timing difference arises from goodwill or from the initial recognition of other assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the tax profit nor the accounting profit.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each reporting end date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered. Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period when the liability is settled, or the asset is realised. Deferred tax is charged or credited in the profit and loss account, except when it relates to items charged or credited directly to equity, in which case the deferred tax is also dealt with in equity. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when the company has a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets and liabilities and the deferred tax assets and liabilities relate to taxes levied by the same tax authority.

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### 2 Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

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

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

#### **Critical judgements**

The following judgements (apart from those involving estimates) have had the most significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements.

#### **Hedge accounting**

The Directors consider the company to have met the criteria for cash flow hedge accounting; the Company has therefore recognised fair value movements on derivatives in effective hedging relationships through other comprehensive income as well as the deferred tax thereon.

The fair value of the swaps recorded in the accounts are based on Mark to Market estimates provided by the Bank.

#### **Key sources of estimation uncertainty**

The estimates and assumptions which have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities are as follows:

#### **Valuation of derivative financial instruments**

The Directors use their judgement in selecting a suitable valuation technique for derivative financial instruments. All derivative financial instruments are valued at the mark to market valuation provided by the derivative counterparty. In these cases, the Company uses valuation techniques to assess the reasonableness of the valuation provided by the derivative counterparty. These techniques use a discounted cash flow analysis based on market observable inputs derived from similar instruments in similar and active markets. The fair value of derivative financial instruments at the balance sheet date was a liability of £356,200 (2023: £1,108,278 liability). The Directors do not consider the impact of own credit risk to be material.

#### **Service concession arrangement**

As disclosed in Note 1, the Company accounts for the project as a service concession arrangement. The Directors use their judgement in selecting the appropriate financial asset rate to be applied in order to allocate the income received between revenue, and capital repayment of and interest income on the financial asset; and also, the service margin that is used to recognise service revenue. The Directors have also used their judgement in assessing the appropriateness of the future maintenance costs that are included in the Company's forecasts. The Directors will continue to monitor the condition of the assets and undertake a regular review of maintenance spend.

### 3 Turnover and other revenue

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
<b>Turnover analysed by class of business</b>		
Passthrough variation	2,820	2,305
Other income	676	538
	<u>3,496</u>	<u>2,843</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### 4 Auditor's remuneration

	2024	2023
	£000	£000
Fees payable to the company's auditor and associates:		
<b>For audit services</b>		
Audit of the financial statements of the company	16	15
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

### 5 Employees

The Company had no employees during the current or prior year.

### 6 Directors' remuneration

No directors received any remuneration for services to the Company during the current or prior year.

### 7 Interest receivable and similar income

	2024	2023
	£000	£000
<b>Interest income</b>		
Interest on bank deposits	137	114
Other interest income	1,526	1,623
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Total income	1,663	1,737
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

### 8 Interest payable and similar expenses

	2024	2023
	£000	£000
<b>Interest on financial liabilities measured at amortised cost:</b>		
Interest on bank overdrafts and loans	1,692	1,767
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	1,692	1,767
<b>Other finance costs:</b>		
Interest (receivable) payable on derivative financial instruments	(138)	(95)
Commitment fees	11	11
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	1,565	1,683
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

### 9 Taxation

	2024	2023
	£000	£000
<b>Current tax</b>		
UK corporation tax on profits for the current period	70	59
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### 9 Taxation

(Continued)

	2024 £000	2023 £000
<b>Deferred tax</b>		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	138	-
	<u>138</u>	<u>-</u>
Total tax charge	208	59
	<u>208</u>	<u>59</u>

The actual charge for the year can be reconciled to the expected charge for the year based on the profit or loss and the standard rate of tax as follows:

	2024 £000	2023 £000
Profit before taxation	560	505
	<u>560</u>	<u>505</u>
Expected tax charge based on the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 25.00% (2023: 25.00%)	140	126
Unutilised tax losses carried forward	(70)	-
Adjustments in respect of prior years	-	(67)
Remeasurement of deferred tax for changes in tax rates	138	-
	<u>138</u>	<u>-</u>
Taxation charge for the year	208	59
	<u>208</u>	<u>59</u>

In addition to the amount charged to the profit and loss account, the following amounts relating to tax have been recognised directly in other comprehensive income:

	2024 £000	2023 £000
Deferred tax arising on:		
Revaluation of financial instruments treated as cash flow hedges	188	(72)
	<u>188</u>	<u>(72)</u>

### 10 Debtors

	2024 £000	2023 £000
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Finance debtor	1,279	1,188
Other debtors	-	2,400
Prepayments and accrued income	88	108
	<u>1,367</u>	<u>3,696</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### 10 Debtors

(Continued)

	2024 £000	2023 £000
<b>Amounts falling due after more than one year:</b>		
Finance debtor	18,199	19,478
Deferred tax asset (note 14)	119	461
	<u>18,318</u>	<u>19,939</u>
Total debtors	<u>19,685</u>	<u>23,635</u>

Other financial assets include amounts held within deposit accounts with a maturity of not less than three months from the initial deposit.

### 11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2024 £000	2023 £000
Bank loans	13	1,003	1,164
Other borrowings	13	189	107
Trade creditors		3	-
Corporation tax		13	74
Other taxation and social security		123	129
Other creditors		496	-
Accruals and deferred income		388	384
		<u>2,215</u>	<u>1,858</u>

### 12 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Notes	2024 £000	2023 £000
Bank loans and overdrafts	13	15,857	16,835
Loans from group undertakings	13	1,468	1,662
Derivative financial instruments		356	1,108
Unitary charge control account		4,480	4,873
		<u>22,161</u>	<u>24,478</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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### **12 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year**

**(Continued)**

#### **Derivative Financial Instruments**

The swaps have a fixed interest rate of 4.77% and expire in 2034. The interest rate swaps settle on a semi-annual basis. The floating rate on the interest rate swaps is a SONIA based daily rate with compounding interest plus 2.7% credit spread. The Company will settle the difference between the fixed and floating interest rate on a net basis.

All interest rate swap contracts are designated as hedges of variable interest rate risk of the Company's floating rate borrowings. The hedged cash flows are expected to occur and to affect profit or loss over the period to maturity of the interest rate swaps.

The fair value of the derivative financial instruments above comprise the fair value of the interest rate swap designated in an effective hedging relationship. The change in fair value of the interest rate swap that was recognised in other comprehensive income in the period was a gain of £752,078 (2023: loss of £286,324).

### **13 Loans and overdrafts**

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
The total cash repayable on the loan is as follows :		
Bank loans	16,860	17,999
Loans from group undertakings	1,657	1,769
	<u>18,517</u>	<u>19,768</u>
	<u><u>18,517</u></u>	<u><u>19,768</u></u>
Payable within one year	1,192	1,271
Payable after one year	17,325	18,497
	<u><u>17,325</u></u>	<u><u>18,497</u></u>

The loans are secured by a fixed and floating charge over all the assets of the Company and a charge over the shares of the Company.

#### **Bank loans**

The company has facilities provided by Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation Europe Limited in order to finance the construction of the project. The loan is repayable in instalments by 2034 based on an agreed percentage amount of the total facilities per annum.

Interest on the facility is charged at rates linked to SONIA. The company has entered into fixed interest rate swaps to mitigate its interest rate exposure. The fixed interest rate on the facility, after taking into considerations the swaps is 7.47%.

#### **Subordinated debt**

Amounts owed to parent undertaking comprises a loan of £1,607,035 (2023: £1,715,513) and accrued interest of £50,028 (2023: £53,050). The loans were injected by the shareholders in amounts proportionate to their percentage of shareholding. The loan notes are subject to an agreed interest rate at an arms length rate of 12% and are repayable in instalments by 2034.



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### 14 Deferred taxation

The following are the major deferred tax liabilities and assets recognised by the company and movements thereon:

	<b>Assets 2024 £000</b>	<b>Assets 2023 £000</b>
<b>Balances:</b>		
Tax losses	30	184
Deferred tax on interest swap fair value	89	277
	<u>119</u>	<u>461</u>

### 15 Share capital

	<b>2024 Number</b>	<b>2023 Number</b>	<b>2024 £000</b>	<b>2023 £000</b>
<b>Ordinary share capital Issued and fully paid</b>				
Ordinary shares of £1 each	50,000	50,000	50	50

#### Other Reserves

The Company's other reserves are as follows:

The profit and loss reserve represents cumulative profits or losses.

The hedging reserve represents the cumulative portion of gains and losses on hedging instruments deemed effective in hedging variable interest rate risk of recognised financial instruments. Amounts accumulated in this reserve are reclassified to profit or loss in the periods in which the hedged item affects profit or loss or when the hedging relationship ends.

### 16 Related party transactions

As a wholly owned subsidiary of Jura Acquisition Limited, the Company has taken advantage of the exemption under FRS 102 Section 33 not to provide information on related party transactions with other undertakings in the Jura Infrastructure Limited group. A copy of the financial statements of Jura Acquisition Limited can be obtained from its registered office at 1st Floor Albert House, South Esplanade, St Peter Port, Guernsey, GY1 1AJ.

### 17 Ultimate controlling party

The company's immediate parent undertaking Collaborative Services Support NE Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales, with a registered address of 1 Park Row, Leeds, United Kingdom, LS1 5AB. The smallest and largest group in which its results are consolidated Collaborative Services Support NE Holdings Limited. Copies of the consolidated accounts are available from Companies House.

Collaborative Services Support NE Holdings Limited's ultimate parent is Jura Acquisition Limited, a Guernsey registered company, subsidiary of Jura Holdings Limited owned by a consortium jointly led by funds managed by Dalmore Capital Limited and Equitix Investment Management Limited. The Directors regard Jura Holdings Limited as the ultimate parent of the company. The Directors consider that there is no ultimate controlling entity.

