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Nationwide Syndications Limited  
Annual Report and Financial Statements  
for the year ended 31 March 2008

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## **NATIONWIDE SYNDICATIONS LIMITED**

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## **NATIONWIDE SYNDICATIONS LIMITED**

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### **Directors and advisors**

#### **Directors**

S D M Bernau (resigned 2 April 2007)

M R Jenkins

M C A Webster

M A Willis

M M Rennison (appointed 2 April 2007)

#### **Secretary**

S Pritchard (resigned 29 November 2007)

T Smithers (appointed 29 November 2007 and resigned 13 May 2008)

P Vinall (appointed 13 May 2008)

#### **Auditors**

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

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## **NATIONWIDE SYNDICATIONS LIMITED**

### **Directors' report for the year ended 31 March 2008**

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The directors present their report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2008.

#### **Principal activities**

Nationwide Syndications Limited ("the Company") operates as a mortgage lender specialising in syndicated commercial loans.

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Nationwide Building Society ("the Group").

The Company is registered, domiciled and operates solely in its country of incorporation, the United Kingdom.

#### **Business review and future developments**

There have not been any changes in the company's principal activities in the year under review. The directors are not aware, at the date of this report, of any likely major changes in the company's activities in the next year.

The company continues to act as a syndicated lending service provider although, it is expected that the value of the outstanding loan portfolio will continue to decrease as loans are redeemed or mature and very little new business is undertaken other than making advances on existing committed facilities.

#### **Results and dividends**

The profit after tax for the financial year amounted to £5,671,000 (2007 - £6,162,000). The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (2007 - £nil). Retained profits carried forward to year ended 31 March 2008 is £86,221,000 (2007 - £80,550,000)

#### **Risk management and control**

The financial risk management objectives and policies which correspond to the principal risks and uncertainties faced by the Company are shown in note 13.

#### **Key Performance Indicators**

As the Company is a part of the Nationwide Group and given the straightforward nature of the Company's business, the Company's directors believe that key performance indicators for the Company are not necessary or appropriate for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business.

#### **Going Concern**

The directors are satisfied that the company has adequate resources to continue in business for the foreseeable future and that it is, therefore, appropriate to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the Annual Accounts.

#### **Directors and directors' interests**

The present Board of Directors is shown on page 2.

At no time during the period have the directors, or their families, had any beneficial interest in the shares of the Company. None of the directors had a material interest in any contract significant to the Company's business.

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### **Directors' report for the year ended 31 March 2008**

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#### **Employment**

The Company has no employees; all are employed by the ultimate parent undertaking, Nationwide Building Society.

#### **Creditor payment policy**

The Company's policy is to agree the terms of payment with suppliers at the start of trading, ensuring suppliers are aware of the terms of payment and pay in accordance with its contractual and other obligations. The Company's policy is to settle the supplier's invoice for the complete provision of goods and services (unless there is an express provision for stage payments), when in full conformity with the terms and conditions of the purchase, within the agreed payment terms.

#### **Environment**

The Group recognises the importance of its environmental responsibilities, monitors its impact on the environment, and designs and implements policies to reduce any damage that might be caused by the Group's activities.

The Group has a comprehensive programme of activity on environmental issues. It runs an active carbon-saving programme and has taken action on issues such as transport, lighting, heating and recycling.

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

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 International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union. The financial statements are required by law to 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 those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state that the financial statements comply with IFRSs as adopted by the European Union.
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business, in which case there should be supporting assumptions or qualifications as necessary.

The directors confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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 1985. 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.

For each director at the date the directors' report is approved:

- (a) so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and

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### **Directors' report for the year ended 31 March 2008**


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(b) he has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

#### **Auditors**

The company has elected to dispense with the obligation to appoint auditors annually and, accordingly PricewaterhouseCoopers Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) will be the auditors of the Company for the forthcoming financial year under the provisions of section 386(2) of the Companies Act 1985.

#### **BY ORDER OF THE BOARD**

  
Director  
21 January 2009

## **NATIONWIDE SYNDICATIONS LIMITED**

### **Independent auditors' report to the members of Nationwide Syndications Limited**

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We have audited the financial statements of Nationwide Syndications Limited for the year ended 31 March 2008 which comprise the Income statement, the Balance sheet, the Statement of recognised income and expense, the Cash flow statement and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

#### **Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors**

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union are set out in the Statement of directors' responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). This report, including the opinion, has been prepared for and only for the company's members as a body in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this opinion, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and whether the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you whether, in our opinion, the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements.

In addition we report to you if, in our opinion, the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed.

We read the Directors' Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

#### **Basis of audit opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgments made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

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#### **Opinion**

In our opinion:

- the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with IFRSs as adopted by the European Union, of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 March 2008 and of its profit and cash flows for the year then ended;
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985; and
- the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements.

*PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP*

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP  
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors  
London

23 January 2009



**NATIONWIDE SYNDICATIONS LIMITED****Income statement for the year ended 31 March 2008**

	Notes	2008 £'000	2007 £'000
Interest receivable		49,137	57,667
Interest payable	3	(41,772)	(49,702)
<b>Net interest income</b>		<b>7,365</b>	<b>7,965</b>
Fee income receivable		892	989
Administrative expenses	4	(155)	(151)
<b>Profit before tax</b>		<b>8,102</b>	<b>8,803</b>
Taxation	7	(2,431)	(2,641)
<b>Profit for the year attributable to equity shareholders</b>		<b>5,671</b>	<b>6,162</b>

The above results are derived from continuing activities of the business.

The accounting policies and notes on pages 12 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

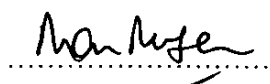
**NATIONWIDE SYNDICATIONS LIMITED****Balance sheet as at 31 March 2008**

	Notes	2008 £'000	2007 £'000
<b>Non current assets</b>			
Loans and advances to customers	8	738,905	964,827
<b>Current assets:</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents		-	1,638
Corporation tax asset		1,073	-
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>739,978</b>	<b>966,465</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Amounts due to parent undertakings	9	216,109	449,459
Corporation tax liability		-	1,329
Group relief payable		2,334	-
<b>Non current liabilities</b>			
Amounts due to parent undertakings	10	435,314	435,127
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>653,757</b>	<b>885,915</b>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Called up share capital	11	-	-
Profit and loss account	12	86,221	80,550
<b>Equity shareholder's funds</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>86,221</b>	<b>80,550</b>
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>		<b>739,978</b>	<b>966,465</b>

The accounting policies and notes on pages 12 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 21 January 2009.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors.

 Director

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**Statement of recognised income and expense for the year ended 31 March 2008**

The only item to be disclosed in the Statement of recognised income and expense is the net profit for the year of £5,671,000 (2007 : £6,162,000).

The accounting policies and notes on pages 12 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

**NATIONWIDE SYNDICATIONS LIMITED****Cash flow statement for year ended 31 March 2008**

	Notes	2008 £'000	2007 £'000
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Profit before tax		8,102	8,803
Adjustments for:			
• (Increase)/Decrease in current assets		225,922	112,835
• Increase/(Decrease) in current liabilities		(233,163)	(124,004)
• Taxation		(2,499)	(2,794)
<b>Net cash from operating activities</b>		<b>(1,638)</b>	<b>(5,160)</b>
<b>Net cash flows from investing activities</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net cash flows from financing activities</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash		(1,638)	(5,160)
Cash and cash equivalents at the start of the year		1,638	6,798
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>1,638</b>

The accounting policies and notes on pages 12 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

## **NATIONWIDE SYNDICATIONS LIMITED**

### **Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2008**

#### **1. Statement of Accounting Policies**

##### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as adopted by the European Union ("EU") and interpretations issued by the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee ("IFRIC"), and with those parts of the Company's Act 1985, applicable to companies reporting under IFRS.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. A summary of the significant accounting policies is set out below.

The Company has adopted the amendment to IAS 1 'Presentation of Financial Statements: Capital Disclosures'. This standard requires additional disclosures of the objectives, policies and processes for managing capital, quantitative data about what the Company regards as capital, and compliance with capital requirements.

##### **Future Accounting Developments**

The following pronouncements will be relevant to the Company but were not effective at 31 March 2008 and have not been applied in preparing these financial statements. The full impact of these accounting changes is being assessed by the Company; however, the initial view is that these pronouncements are not expected to cause any significant impact on the Company Accounts other than as noted in the table.

<b>Pronouncement</b>	<b>Nature of change</b>	<b>Effective date</b>
IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements (Revised)	This will revise the presentation of financial statements including a single statement of comprehensive income or a separate income statement and a statement of comprehensive income with a statement of movements in reserves. Adopting this change would have a fundamental effect on the presentation of the accounts.	Accounting periods ("AP") on or after 1 January 2009
IFRS 8 Operating Segments	Replaces IAS 14 Segment Reporting and requires the reporting of information on operating segments based on how financial information is reported and evaluated internally.	AP on or after 1 January 2009
IAS 23 Borrowing Costs (Revised)	Relates to interest costs on assets that take a substantial time to get ready for intended use or sale. The option to recognise all borrowing costs immediately as an expense is eliminated, such costs must be capitalised. All other borrowing costs should be expensed as incurred. The Company does not currently hold any such assets.	AP on or after 1 January 2009
IAS 32 Financial Instruments: Presentation and IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements - puttable financial instruments and obligations arising on liquidations (Amended)	This amendment requires some puttable financial instruments and some financial instruments that impose on the entity an obligation to deliver to another part a pro rata share of the net assets of the entity only on liquidation to be classified as equity (currently would be classified as financial liabilities). The Company holds no such instruments.	AP on or after 1 January 2009

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#### **1 Statement of Accounting Policies (continued)**

##### **Interest receivable and interest expense**

For instruments measured at amortised cost the effective interest method is used to measure the carrying value of a financial asset or a liability and to allocate associated interest income or expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument or, when appropriate, a shorter period to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability.

In calculating the effective interest rate, the Company estimates cash flows considering all contractual terms of the financial instrument (for example, early redemption penalty charges), but does not consider future credit losses. The calculation includes all fees received and paid and costs borne, that are an integral part of the effective interest rate, and all other premiums or discounts above or below market rates.

Once a financial asset or group of similar financial assets has been written down as result of an impairment loss, interest income is recognised using the rate of interest used to discount the future cash flows for the purpose of measuring the impairment loss.

##### **Fees and commissions**

Direct fees and costs incremental to generating a financial instrument are deferred and spread as interest receivable or expense on an effective interest basis.

Other fees and commissions are recognised on the accrual basis as services are provided, or on the performance of a significant act.

##### **Taxation including deferred tax**

Corporation tax payable on taxable profits ('current tax'), is recognised as an expense in the period in which profits arise.

Deferred corporation tax is provided in full, using the liability method, the temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and carrying amounts in the financial statements. Deferred tax is determined using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the balance sheet date and are expected to apply when the related deferred tax is realised or settled.

Deferred tax assets are recognised where it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised.

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

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market.

Loans are recognised when the funds are advanced to customers. Loans and receivables are carried at amortised costs using the effective interest method.

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#### **Impairment of loans and receivables**

The Company assesses at each balance sheet date whether, as a result of one or more events that occurred after initial recognition, there is objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired. Evidence of impairment may include indications that the borrower or group of borrowers are experiencing significant financial difficulty, default or delinquency in interest or principal payments or the debt being restructured to reduce the burden on the borrower.

The Company first assesses whether objective evidence of impairment exists either individually for assets that are separately significant or individually or collectively for assets that are not separately significant. If there is no objective evidence of impairment for an individually assessed asset it is included in a group of assets with similar credit risk characteristics and collectively assessed for impairment.

If there is objective evidence that an impairment loss has been incurred, the amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The resultant provisions have been deducted from the appropriate asset values in the Balance sheet.

The methodology and assumptions used for estimating future cash flows are reviewed regularly by the directors to reduce any differences between loss estimates and actual loss experience.

If, in a subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the provision is adjusted and the amount of the reversal is recognised in the Income statement.

Where a loan is not recoverable, it is written off against the related provision for loan impairment once all the necessary procedures have been completed and the amount of the loss has been determined. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off decreases the amount of impairment losses recorded in the Income statement.

Loans subject to collective impairment assessment and whose terms have been renegotiated are no longer considered to be past due or impaired but are treated as new loans after the minimum required number of payments under the new arrangements have been received. Loans subject to individual impairment assessment, whose terms have been renegotiated, are subject to ongoing review to determine whether they remain impaired or are considered to be past due.

#### **Derecognition of financial assets and liabilities**

Derecognition is the point at which the Company removes an asset or liability from its Balance sheet. The Company's policy is to derecognise financial assets only when the contractual right to the cash flows from the financial asset expires.

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

For the purposes of the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents comprise balances with less than three months' maturity from the date of acquisition including Loans and advances to banks and other amounts due from Banks or Nationwide Building Society

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#### **Provisions for liabilities and charges**

A provision is recognised where there is a present obligation as a result of a past event, it is probable that the obligation will be settled and it can be reliably estimated.

Contingent liabilities have not been recognised.

#### **2. Judgements in applying accounting policies and critical accounting estimates**

##### **Critical accounting estimates**

The Company has to make judgements in applying its accounting policies which affects the amounts recognised in the accounts. In addition, estimates and assumptions are made that could affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities within the following financial year. The most significant areas where judgements and estimates are made as follows:

##### **Impairment provisions**

In accordance with the accounting policy on the impairment of loans and advances to customers, where objective evidence exists that a loss has been incurred, the loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate.

Key assumptions included in the measurement of the incurred loss include data regarding the probability of any account going into default, the probability of defaulted accounts progressing to possession and the eventual loss incurred in the event of forced sale or write off. These assumptions are based on observed historical data and updated as management considers appropriate to reflect current and future conditions. The accuracy of the impairment provision would therefore be affected by unexpected changes in the above assumptions.

##### **Taxation**

Significant estimates are required in determining the provision for corporation tax. There are a number of transactions for which the final tax determination is uncertain at the balance sheet date.

<b>3. Interest payable</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
Interest payable to parent undertaking	<b>41,772</b>	<b>49,702</b>
	<b>41,772</b>	<b>49,702</b>

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4. Administrative expenses	2008 £'000	2007 £'000
Auditors' remuneration	-	(4)
Management and other service related charges from parent	155	155
	155	151

All administration is performed by employees of the company's parent undertaking, the costs of which are recharged through the above management charge.

Auditors' remuneration was borne by the parent undertaking. Auditors' remuneration in 2007 related to the release of a prior year accrual.

#### 5. Employee information

The average number of employees during the year was nil (2007 - nil).

#### 6. Directors' emoluments

The directors do not receive any emoluments in respect of their services to the company (2007 - nil).

Of the directors who served during the period, no retirement benefits are accruing to any of them under any pension scheme in respect of their services to the company (2007 - nil).

7. Taxation	2008 £'000	2007 £'000
UK corporation tax at 30% (2007 - 30%)	2,431	2,641

#### 8. Loans and advances to customers

Loans and advances to customers comprise commercial mortgage advances to Registered Housing Associations, secured on their underlying assets, which are generally repayable over periods in excess of one year.

9. Current liabilities: Amounts due to parent undertaking	2008 £'000	2007 £'000
Amount due to parent undertaking	216,109	449,459

10. Non-Current liabilities: Amounts due to parent undertaking	2008 £'000	2007 £'000
Amount due to parent undertaking	435,314	435,127

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All amounts due to the parent undertaking are utilised to fund the company's commercial assets. Commercial interest rates are charged. The parent has confirmed in writing that it will continue to fund the company's assets in line with the repayment of those assets.

<b>11. Called up share capital</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Ordinary shares of £1 each		
Authorised	2	2
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Allotted, issued and fully paid	2	2

### 12. Reconciliation of the movement in shareholders' funds

	<b>Profit and Loss account £'000</b>	<b>Share Capital £'000</b>	<b>Shareholders Funds £'000</b>
At 1 April 2006	74,388	-	74,388
Profit for year ended 31 March 2007	6,162	-	6,162
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At 1 April 2007	80,550	-	80,550
<b>Profit for year ended 31 March 2008</b>	5,671	-	5,671
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<b>At 31 March 2008</b>	<b>86,221</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>86,221</b>

### 13. Risk management and control

#### Overview

Nationwide Syndications Limited seeks to manage appropriately all the risks that arise from its activities. The principal risks inherent within the Company's business are market risk, credit risk, liquidity risk and operational risk.

#### Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a customer or counterparty will not be able to meet its obligations as they become due. Credit risk is managed through a combination of risk analytics, which includes the use of credit checking agencies and risk policies. Significant changes in the economy, or a sector that represents a concentration of the Company's portfolio, could result in losses that are different from those provided for at the balance sheet date.

The carrying amounts of financial assets best represents the maximum credit risk exposure at the balance sheet date. The company had not incurred any credit losses at the balance sheet date and therefore no provisions were provided.

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### Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2008

#### 13. Risk management and control (continued)

##### Market risk

The net interest income of Nationwide Syndications Limited is exposed to movements in market interest rates. These movements do not pose a significant risk to the net interest income as the funding rates are matched to the terms on the underlying assets, floating rate assets have floating rate funding and fixed rate assets have fixed rate funding.

Exposure to interest rate risk is not a material risk to Nationwide Syndications Limited therefore individual sensitivity analysis has not been performed but has been managed at Group level on a continuous basis, within limits set by the Nationwide Building Society Board. The Nationwide Group uses three metrics to monitor the Group's interest rate risk. Limits have been established around these metrics to reflect the Nationwide Group's low risk appetite. The metrics are not calculated at individual subsidiary level. Details of the metrics used to monitor Group interest rate risk are included in the Nationwide Building Society accounts.

##### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company is not able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due or can do so only at excessive cost.

The group liquidity policy is to maintain sufficient liquid resources to cover cash flow imbalances and fluctuations in funding, to retain full public confidence in the solvency of the group and to enable it to meet all financial obligations. This is achieved through maintaining a prudent level of liquid assets, through management control of the growth of business and through wholesale funding facilities.

The table below analyses assets and liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period at the balance sheet date to the contractual maturity date.

At 31 March 2008 – Residual maturity	Repayable on demand £'000	Up to 3 months £'000	3 - 12 months £'000	1 - 5 years £'000	More than 5 years £'000	Total £'000
<b>Assets</b>						
Loans and advances to customers	3,600	10,000	13,500	101,766	610,039	738,905
Other assets			1,073			1,073
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>3,600</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>14,573</b>	<b>101,766</b>	<b>610,039</b>	<b>739,978</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Amounts owed to banks, customers and debt securities in issue	175,742	10,000	12,500	79,085	374,096	651,423
Other liabilities			2,334			2,334
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>175,742</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>14,834</b>	<b>79,085</b>	<b>374,096</b>	<b>653,757</b>
<b>Net liquidity gap</b>	<b>(172,142)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(261)</b>	<b>22,681</b>	<b>235,943</b>	<b>86,221</b>

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## **Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2008**

### **13. Risk management and control (continued)**

At 31 March 2007 – Residual maturity	Repayable on demand £'000	Up to 3 months £'000	3 - 12 months £'000	1 - 5 years £'000	More than 5 years £'000	Total £'000
<b>Assets</b>						
Loans and advances to customers	5,446	2,938	37,296	182,444	736,769	964,893
Other assets	1,717					1,717
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>7,163</b>	<b>2,938</b>	<b>37,296</b>	<b>182,444</b>	<b>736,769</b>	<b>966,610</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Amounts owed to banks, customers and debt securities in issue	410,563	1,737	37,158	92,242	342,886	884,586
Other liabilities	1,474					1,474
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>412,037</b>	<b>1,737</b>	<b>37,158</b>	<b>92,242</b>	<b>342,886</b>	<b>886,060</b>
<b>Net liquidity gap</b>	<b>(404,874)</b>	<b>1,201</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>90,202</b>	<b>393,883</b>	<b>80,550</b>

Other assets include amounts owed by parent undertaking and other assets.

Other liabilities includes current tax liabilities.

The Group Assets and Liabilities Committee ("ALCO") is responsible for setting limits over the level and composition of liquidity balances and the level and maturity profile of wholesale funding. A series of liquidity stress tests is performed by ALCO each month to confirm that the limits remain appropriate.

The following is an analysis of the gross contractual cash flows payable under financial liabilities:

At 31 March 2008 – Gross Contractual cash flows	Repayable on demand £'000	Up to 3 months £'000	3 - 12 months £'000	1 - 5 years £'000	More than 5 years £'000	Total £'000
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Amounts owed to banks	175,742	13,269	44,166	173,541	427,488	834,206
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>175,742</b>	<b>13,269</b>	<b>44,166</b>	<b>173,541</b>	<b>427,488</b>	<b>834,206</b>

At 31 March 2007 – Gross Contractual cash flows	Repayable on demand £'000	Up to 3 months £'000	3 - 12 months £'000	1 - 5 years £'000	More than 5 years £'000	Total £'000
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Amounts owed to banks,	410,563	4,755	62,332	171,444	386,518	1,035,613
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>410,563</b>	<b>4,755</b>	<b>62,332</b>	<b>171,444</b>	<b>386,518</b>	<b>1,035,613</b>

### **Operational risk**

Operational risk is the risk associated with the operational activities of the business. An operational risk framework is in place to monitor, evaluate and resolve operational risk issues as they are identified and ultimately to limit the incidence of future operational risk issues to an acceptable level.

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#### 13. Risk management and control (continued)

##### Fair value of financial assets and liabilities

The following table summarises the carrying amounts and fair values of those financial assets and liabilities not presented on the company balance sheets at fair value.

2008	Carrying value £'000	Fair value £'000
<b>Financial assets</b>		
Loans and advances to customers	738,905	746,105
<b>Financial liabilities</b>		
Amounts due to parent undertaking	653,757	660,957

2007	Carrying value £'000	Fair value £'000
<b>Financial assets</b>		
Loans and advances to customers	964,893	963,273
<b>Financial liabilities</b>		
Amounts due to parent undertaking	884,586	882,966

##### a) Loans and advances to customers

Historically there have been no incurred losses recorded for any commercial mortgage advances; consequently no impairment provision has been provided. The estimated fair value of loans and advances represents the discounted value of estimated future cash flows expected to be received. Expected cash flows are discounted at current market rates to determine fair value.

##### b) Amounts due to parent undertaking

The estimated fair value of fixed interest bearing deposits and other borrowings without a quoted market price is based on discounted cash flows using interest rates matched to the underlying loan asset.

#### 14. Related party transactions

##### Key Management Personnel

Key management personnel include both the directors of Nationwide Syndications Limited and the parent and ultimate controlling company, Nationwide Building Society.

No transactions were entered into with key management personnel. See note 6.

##### Transaction with Group Companies

A number of transactions are entered into with the parent undertaking in the normal course of business. These include loans, and the payment and recharge of administrative expenses. The volumes of related party transactions, outstanding balances at the year end, and the related income and expenses for the year are as follows:

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	2008 £'000	2007 £'000
<b>Loans payable to the Society</b>		
Loans outstanding at 1 April	884,586	1,008,592
Loans issued during the year	69,237	109,849
Loan repayments during the year	(302,592)	(233,855)
Loans outstanding at 31 March	651,231	884,586
<b>Net interest expense</b>		
Interest expense	41,772	49,702
<b>Other income and expenses</b>		
Fees and expenses paid to the Society	155	155

**15. Commitments**

The company has commitments to lend of £188.6 million at 31 March 2008 (2007 - £207.4 million) under existing syndicated lending facilities.

**16. Capital management**

Capital comprises the retained earnings and share capital. Capital is managed on a Group basis.

The Group is subject to the capital requirements imposed by its regulator the Financial Services Authority (FSA). During the year the Group complied with the capital requirements set by the FSA.

Further information on the Group's capital position can be viewed in the Business Review on page 19 of the Group Annual Report and Accounts, which can be obtained from the address below.

**17. Ultimate Parent Undertaking**

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Nationwide Building Society, its immediate and ultimate parent and controlling party which is registered in England. Copies of the Group accounts can be obtained from Nationwide House, Pipers Way, Swindon, SN38 1NW.