# SKY OPERATIONAL FINANCE LIMITED

Annual report and financial statements
For the 18-month period ended 31 December 2019

Registered number: 02906994



# **Directors and Officers**

For the period ended 31 December 2019

#### **Directors**

Sky Operational Finance Limited's ("the Company's") present Directors and those who served during the period are as follows:

CJ Taylor (Resigned 10 June 2019)

K Holmes (Resigned 10 June 2019)

CR Jones (Resigned 10 June 2019)

CSmith (Appointed 10 June 2019)

T C Richards (Appointed 10 June 2019)

S Robson (Appointed 10 June 2019)

## Secretary

CJ Taylor (Resigned 10 June 2019)

Sky Corporate Secretary Limited (Appointed 10 June 2019)

## **Registered office**

Grant Way

Isleworth

Middlesex

United Kingdom

TW75QD

## **Auditor**

Deloitte LLP

Statutory Auditor

London

United Kingdom

# Strategic and Directors' Report

#### Strategic Report

The Directors present their Strategic and Directors' report on the affairs of the Company, together with the financial statements and Auditor's Report for the 18 month period ended 31 December 2019. During the period the Company changed its year-end from 30 June to 31 December, to align with that of Comcast Corporation ("Comcast"), the ultimate controlling party of the Company. Accordingly, the financial statements comprise the 18-month period to 31 December 2019, with comparatives for the 12 months to 30 June 2018.

The purpose of the Strategic Report is to inform members of the Company and help them assess how the directors have performed their duty under section 172 of the Companies Act 2006 (duty to promote the Company).

#### **Business review and principal activities**

The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sky Limited ("Sky") (the immediate parent company). The Company is ultimately controlled by Comcast and operates together with Comcast's other subsidiaries as a part of the Comcast Group ("the Group").

The Company's principal activity is to assist in financing the operations of the Group. The Directors are not aware, at the date of this report, of any major changes in the Company's activities in the next year.

On 9 October 2018, the offer by Comcast Bidco Limited to acquire the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Sky became wholly unconditional. As a result, and as of that date, the ultimate controlling party of Sky and its direct and indirect subsidiaries, including the Company, is now Comcast. In the fourth quarter of 2018, Comcast Bidco Limited acquired the remaining Sky shares and it now owns 100% of the share capital of Sky Limited.

On 18 February 2019, Sky cancelled its previous £1 billion revolving credit facility, which had a maturity date of 30 November 2021, and the Company, as part of the Sky group of companies, is now part of Comcast's inter-company funding relationships, which is discussed further below.

The Company has adopted IFRS 15 'Revenue from Contracts with Customers' and IFRS 9 'Financial Instruments' from 1 July 2018. Except for the first-time application of IFRS 15 and IFRS 9, the significant judgements made by management in applying the Company's accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty were the same as those applied to the Company's financial statements as at and for the 12 month period ended 30 June 2018.

The audited financial statements for the 18-month period ended 31 December 2019 are set out on pages 11 to 27. The profit after tax for the period was £6,858,000 (2018: £4,029,000 profit). During the 18-month period the Company had investment income of £193,367,000 (2018: £128,979,000) and finance costs of £185,075,000 (2018: £124,005,000).

The Balance Sheet shows that the Company's shareholders' position at the end of the 18-month period was a surplus of £179,158,000 (2018: £172,500,000).

# Key performance indicators (KPIs)

The Group manages its operations on a divisional basis. For this reason, the Company's directors believe that further key performance indicators for the Company are not necessary or appropriate for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the Company.

#### Principal risks and uncertainties

The Company's activities expose it to financial risks, namely credit risk, liquidity risk and interest rate risk.

The Directors do not believe the Company is exposed to significant cash flow risk, price risk or foreign exchange.

# Financial risk management objectives and policies

The use of financial derivatives is governed by the Group's treasury policy approved by the Board of Directors, which provide written principles on the use of financial derivatives to manage these risks. The Company does not use derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

#### Credit risk

The Balance Sheet of the Company includes intercompany balances. The Company is therefore exposed to credit risk on these balances. The intercompany balances of the Company are detailed in notes 6 and 7.

# Liquidity risk

The Company relies on the Group Treasury function to manage its liquidity and ensure that sufficient funds are available for ongoing operations and future developments. The Company currently has access to a £3 billion revolving credit facility with Comcast which is due to expire on 11 January 2024. The Company benefits from this liquidity through intragroup facilities and loans.

#### Interest rate risk

The Company has financial exposure to UK interest rates arising from the investment of surplus cash and various loan balances with other companies within the Sky Group. The Group's Treasury function monitors the Company's exposure to fluctuations in interest rates.

## Legislation and Regulation risk

# U.K. Exit from the European Union

Sky's businesses are subject to risks relating to uncertainties and effects of the implementation of the United Kingdom's referendum to withdraw membership from the EU (referred to as "Brexit"), including financial, legal, tax and trade implications.

The telecommunications and media regulatory framework applicable to Sky's businesses in the U.K. and the EU may be subject to greater uncertainty following the U.K.'s withdrawal from the EU in January 2020. We cannot predict the extent of any potential changes to the regulatory framework involving U.K. and EU regulation of telecommunications and media, or changes to certain mutual recognition arrangements for media and broadcasting.

#### Impacts of COVID-19

The novel coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19") and measures taken to prevent its spread across the globe are impacting Sky's businesses in a number of ways.

As a result of COVID-19, many sporting events and professional sports seasons were postponed in the first half of 2020, with certain sports, including European football, resuming in May and June 2020. This had a significant impact on Skys results of operations for the first nine months of 2020. Direct-to-consumer revenue has been negatively impacted as a result of lower sports subscription revenue, and continued negative impacts as a result of the impacts of COVID-19 on

#### Impacts of COVID-19 (continued)

the reopening plans of Sky's commercial customers are expected. Additionally, significant costs associated with broadcasting these programmes were not recognised as a result of sporting events not occurring as scheduled in the first half of 2020. These costs were generally recognised in the third quarter of 2020; and although sporting events have resumed, COVID-19 continues to result in uncertainty in the ultimate timing of when, or the extent to which, these events will occur for the remainder of 2020; their broadcast is expected to impact the timing, and potentially the amount, of revenue and expense recognition

Sky also temporarily suspended certain sales channels due to COVID-19, which negatively impacted net customer additions and revenue in the first half of 2020. Sales channels generally resumed operations in June 2020.

COVID-19 has resulted in the deterioration of economic conditions and increased economic uncertainty in the United Kingdom and Europe, intensifying what was an already deteriorating economic and advertising environment. These conditions negatively impacted revenue in the first nine months of 2020, and these conditions are expected to continue to reduce advertising spend and consumer demand for Sky's services for the remainder of 2020. In addition, there is increased risk associated with collections on Sky's outstanding receivables, and Sky has incurred and expects to continue to incur increases in its bad debt expense.

On Behalf of the Board

**CSmith** 

Director

Grant Way

Isleworth

Middlesex

United Kingdom

TW75QD

16 December 2020

#### **Directors' Report**

The Directors who served during the period are shown on page 1.

During the 18-month period ended 31 December 2019 the Directors proposed a dividend of £nil (2018: £nil).

The Company has chosen, in accordance with section 414C(11) of Companies Act 2006, to include such matters of strategic importance to the Company in the Strategic Report which otherwise would be required to be disclosed in the Directors' Report.

#### **Going concern**

The Company's business activities together with the factors likely to affect its future development and performance are set out in the Business Review. The Strategic Report details the financial position of the Company, as well as the Company's objectives and policies, and details of its exposures to credit risk, liquidity risk and interest rate risk.

Given the integrated nature of the Group's financial planning and treasury functions, the impact of COVID-19 on the Company's operations and funding requirements has been assessed at the Group level. Although negatively impacted by COVID-19, the Directors expect that the businesses will continue to generate adequate cash flow from operating activities and believe that these cash flows, together with the Company's existing cash, cash equivalents and investments, and available borrowings under its existing credit facilities, including the £3 billion revolving credit facility with Comcast, will be sufficient for the Company to meet its current and long-term liquidity and capital requirements. We further highlight that the Company has received confirmation of support from Comcast for a period of at least 12 months from the date of signing of these financial statements.

As a result, after making enquiries, the Directors have formed a judgement at the time of approving the financial statements that the Company will have access to adequate resources to continue in existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

#### Auditor

In accordance with the provisions of Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006, each of the persons who are Directors of the Company at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- so far as the Director is aware, there is no relevant audit information (as defined in the Companies Act 2006) of which the Company's auditor is unaware; and
- the Director has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a Director to make himself/herself aware of any relevant audit information (as defined) and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

Deloitte LLP have expressed their willingness to continue as auditor and a resolution to reappoint them was approved by the Board of Directors on 16 December 2020.

On Behalf of the Board:

CSmith

Director

**Grant Way** 

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16 December 2020

# Statement of Directors' responsibilities

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable lawand regulations.

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year / period. 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. 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, International Accounting Standard 1 requires that Directors:

- properly select and apply accounting policies;
- present information, including accounting policies, in a manner that provides relevant, reliable, comparable and understandable information;
- provide additional disclosures when compliance with the specific requirements in IFRSs are insufficient to
  enable users to understand the impact of particular transactions, other events and conditions on the
  Company's financial position and financial performance; and
- make an assessment of the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

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.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SKY OPERATIONAL FINANCE LIMITED

# Report on the audit of the financial statements

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion the financial statements of Sky Operational Finance Limited (the 'company'):

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2019 and of its profit for the period then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union and IFRSs as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB); and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements which comprise:

- the statement of comprehensive income;
- the balance sheet;
- the statement of changes in equity;
- the related notes 1 to 13.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and IFRSs as adopted by the European Union

#### **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 Financial Reporting Council's (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 basisfor our opinion.

## Conclusions relating to going concern

We are required by ISAs (UK) to report in respect of the following matters where:

- the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the directors have not disclosed in the financial state ments any identified material uncertainties that may
  cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting
  for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

#### Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance condusion thereon.

#### Other information (continued)

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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 respect of these matters.

#### Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the statement of directors' responsibilities, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the FRC's website at: <a href="https://www.frc.org.uk/auditor/sresponsibilities">www.frc.org.uk/auditor/sresponsibilities</a>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

# Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the strategic report and the directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the strategic report and the directors' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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

# Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report in respect of the following matters 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.

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

#### Other Matter

As the company was exempt from audit under section 479A of the Companies Act 2006 in the prior year we have not audited the corresponding amounts for that year.

#### 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.

Jon Young FCA (Senior statutory auditor)
For and on behalf of Deloitte LLP
Statutory Auditor
London, United Kingdom
16 December 2020

# Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the period ended 31 December 2019

	Notes	18 months to 31 December 2019 £'000	12 months to 30 June 2018 £'000
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Investment income	. 2	193,367	128,979
Finance costs	2	(185,075)	(124,005)
Profit before tax	3	8,292	4,974
Тах	4	(1,634)	(945)
Profit for the period attributable to equity shareholders		6,658	4,029

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this Statement of Comprehensive Income.

From 1 July 2018, the Company has applied IFRS 15 'Revenue from contracts with customers' and IFRS 9 'Financial instruments' using a modified retrospective approach.

As a result, the 2018 figures presented for comparison purposes have not been adjusted. The impacts of this first-time adoption are presented in Note 1.

For the year ended 30 June 2018 and the period ended 31 December 2019, the Company did not have any other items of Comprehensive Income.

All results relate to continuing operations.

# **Balance Sheet**

As at 31 December 2019

		31 December	30 June
		2019	2018
<u> </u>	Notes	£,000	£'000
Non-current assets			
Investments	5	353,511	353,511
Total non-current assets		353,511	353,511
Current assets		-	
Trade and other receivables	. 6	8,827,733	9,357,463
Total current assets	<u> </u>	8,827,733	9,357,463
Total assets		9,181,244	9,710,974
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	7	9,002,086	9,538,474
Total current liabilities		9,002,086	9,538,474
Share capital	10	31,441	31,441
Retained Earnings		147,717	141,059
Total equity attributable to equity shareholders		179,158	172,500
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity		9,181,244	9,710,974

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this Balance Sheet.

As at 31 December 2019 and 30 June 2018, the Company did not have any cash or cash equivalents. Accordingly, no cash flow statement or reconciliation of operating profit to cash flows from operating activities has been prepared.

From 1 July 2018, the Company has applied IFRS 15 'Revenue from contracts with customers' and IFRS 9 'Financial instruments' using a modified retrospective approach.

As a result, the 2018 figures presented for comparison purposes have not been adjusted. The impacts of this first-time adoption are presented in Note 1.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this Balance Sheet.

The financial statements of Sky Operational Finance Limited, registered number 02906994 were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 16 December 2020 and were signed on its behalf by:

C Smith Director

16 December 2020

# Statement of Changes in Equity

For the period ended 31 December 2019

	Share	Retained	Total shareholders'
	capital	earnings	equity
	000°3	£,000	£′000
At 1 July 2017	31,441	137,030	168,471
Profit for the year	-	4,029	4,029
At 30 June 2018	31,441	141,059	172,500
Profit for the period	-	6,658	6,658
At 31 December 2019	31,441	147,717	179,158

From 1 July 2018, the Company has applied IFRS 15 'Revenue from contracts with customers' and IFRS 9 'Financial instruments' using a modified retrospective approach. There were no impacts identified on transition which have been recognised in equity reserves.

As a result, the 2018 figures presented for comparison purposes have not been adjusted. The impacts of this first-time adoption are presented in Note 1.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this Statement of Changes in Equity.

#### 1. Accounting policies

Sky Operational Finance Limited (the "Company") is a private company limited by shares, incorporated in the United Kingdom, and registered in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is Grant Way, Isleworth, Middlesex, TW7 5QD, United Kingdomand registered number is 02906994.

#### a) Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as adopted by the European Union ("EU") and the Companies Act 2006. In addition, the Companyalso complied with IFRS as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB").

#### b) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis (as set out in the Directors' Report) and on a historical cost basis, except for the remeasurement to fair value of certain financial assets and liabilities as described in the accounting policies below.

The Company has adopted the new accounting pronouncements which became effective this period. The Company has adopted IFRS 15 'Revenue from Contracts with Customers' and IFRS 9 'Financial Instruments' from 1 July 2018.

#### i) IFRS 15 - 'Revenue from contracts with customers'

The Company has finalised its analysis and adopted IFRS 15 from 1 July 2018. As permitted by the standard, the Company has taken advantage of the modified transitional provisions and as such the prior period results remain as previously reported. No adjustment has been identified on transition to IFRS 15, or recognised during the period.

Since 1 July 2018, the Company has applied the provisions of IFRS 15, described below, to measure and recognise revenue.

IFRS 15 requires that the recognition of revenue from contracts with customers must reflect:

- the rate at which performance obligations are fulfilled, corresponding to the transfer to a customer of control of a good or service, where control transfers either over time, or at a point in time; and
- the amount to which the seller expects to be entitled as consideration for its activities.

#### ii) IFRS 9 - 'Financial Instruments'

IFRS 9 'Financial Instruments' replaces IAS 39 'Financial instruments: Recognition and Measurement' and is effective on the Company from 1 July 2018.

The Company has applied the classification, measurement and impairment requirements of the standard on a modified retrospective basis, with no restatement of comparative periods. No adjustment has been recognised on transition to IFRS 9 or during the period.

The areas which impact the Company relate to financial assets and liabilities. IFRS 9 also contains new rules relating to hedge accounting although the adoption of these is not mandatory and the Company will continue to apply IAS 39 hedge accounting policies.

IFRS 9 introduces an impairment model based on expected credit losses. This requires a provision for impairment to be considered, and if required to be recorded, when the receivable is recognised, compared to IAS 39 which requires a provision to be made only when a loss event occurs. The Company elected to apply IFRS 9's simplified approach to 14 SKY OPERATIONAL FINANCE LIMITED

# 1. Accounting policies (continued)

## b) Basis of preparation (continued)

## ii) IFRS 9 - 'Financial Instruments' (continued)

measuring expected credit losses using a lifetime expected credit loss provision for trade receivables. This involves, for example, the application of a provision matrix where trade receivables are grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics and ageing, or other appropriate methods given the nature of the receivable, and requires an estimate of expected lifetime credit loss rates. These loss rates are based on, inter alia, the entity's historical credit losses, adjusted for reasonable and supportable information that is available at the reporting date about past events, current conditions and forecasts of future economic conditions, in order to derive an expectation. The application of this approach has not had a material impact on the provision for impairment of third-party trade receivables compared to the Company's previous approach under IAS 39.

Amounts due from group companies are typically non-interest bearing and are repayable on demand. With respect to impairment provisions under IFRS 9, an expectation of credit losses for intercompany loan receivables is required, taking into consideration similar factors as for third party balances above, in addition to entity's ability to trade and borrow as part of the wider Group, in order to settle the receivables. The IFRS 9 credit loss model has not had a material impact with respect to impairment of entity's intercompany receivables compared to the Company's previous approach under IAS 39.

IFRS 9 requires that amounts recognised in non-financial assets (basis adjustment) are recognised directly in equity, which were previously recognised in other comprehensive income under IAS 39 'Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement.

In addition to the first-time application of IFRS 15 and IFRS 9, no other new accounting pronouncements had a significant impact on the Company's results or financial position.

The Company has classified assets and liabilities as current when they are expected to be realised in, or intended for sale or consumption in, the normal operating cycle of the Company.

#### c) Investments

Investments are recognised at cost, less any provision for impairment.

#### d) Foreign currency translation

The Company's functional currency and presentational currency is pounds sterling. Trading activities denominated in foreign currencies are recorded in pounds sterling at the applicable monthly exchange rates. Monetary assets, liabilities and commitments denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are recorded at the rates of exchange at that date. Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated to pounds sterling at the exchange rate prevailing at the date of the initial transaction. Gains and losses from the retranslation of assets and liabilities are included net in the profit or loss for the year.

#### e) Financial assets and liabilities

Directly attributable transaction costs are included in the initial measurement of financial assets and liabilities only with respect to those assets and liabilities that are not subsequently measured at fair value through profit and loss. At each balance sheet date, the Company assesses whether there is any objective evidence that any financial asset is impaired.

# 1. Accounting policies (continued)

#### e) Financial assets and liabilities (continued)

Financial assets and liabilities are recognised on the Company's Balance Sheet when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the financial asset or liability. Financial assets are derecognised from the Balance Sheet when the Company's contractual rights to the cash flows expire or the Company transfers substantially all the risks and rewards of the financial asset. Financial liabilities are derecognised from the Company's Balance Sheet when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

#### i. Trade and other receivables

Trade and other receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and, where no stated interest rate is applicable, are measured at the original invoice amount, if the effect of discounting is immaterial. Where discounting is material, trade and other receivables are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

An allowance account is maintained to reduce the carrying value of trade and other receivables for impairment losses provided for on an expected loss model according to IFRS 9, with movements in the allowance account, either from increased impairment losses or reversals of impairment losses, being recognised in the Income Statement / Statement of Comprehensive Income.

#### ii. Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables are non-derivative financial liabilities and are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Trade and other payables with no stated interest rate are measured at the original invoice amount if the effect of discounting is immaterial.

#### f) Impairment

At each balance sheet date, in accordance with IAS 36 "Impairment of Assets", the Company reviews the carrying amounts of all its assets excluding financial assets (see accounting policy e) and deferred taxation (see accounting policy g) to determine whether there is any indication that any of those assets have suffered an impairment loss.

An impairment is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income whenever the carrying amount of an asset or its cash generating unit exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the greater of net selling price, defined as the fair value less costs to sell, and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and risks specific to the asset.

Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the Company estimates the recoverable amount of the cash generating unit to which the asset belongs. Impairment losses recognised in respect of cash generating units are allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to those units, and then to reduce the carrying amount of other assets in the unit on a pro-rata basis.

An impairment loss for an individual asset or cash generating unit shall be reversed if there has been a change in estimates used to determine the recoverable amount since the last impairment loss was recognised and is only reversed to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortisation, if no impairment loss had been recognised.

# 1. Accounting policies (continued)

#### g) Tax, including deferred tax

The Company's liability for current tax is based on taxable profits for the period, and is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognised using the balance sheet liability method, providing for temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the Balance Sheet and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profits.

Taxable temporary differences arising from goodwill and, except in a business combination, the initial recognition of assets or liabilities that affect neither accounting profit nor taxable profit, are not provided for. Deferred tax liabilities are recognised for taxable temporary differences arising on investments in subsidiaries and associates, and interests in joint ventures, except where the Company is able to control the reversal of the temporary difference and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future. The amount of deferred tax provided is based on the expected manner of realisation or settlement of the carrying amount of assets and liabilities, using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each balance sheet date and adjusted to reflect an amount that is probable to be realised based on the weight of all available evidence. Deferred tax is calculated at the rates that are expected to apply in the period when the liability is settled or the asset is realised. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted. Deferred tax is charged or credited in the Statement of Comprehensive Income, except where it relates to items charged or credited directly to equity, in which case the deferred tax is also included within equity.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when they relate to income taxes levied by the same tax authority and the Company intends to settle its current tax assets and liabilities on a net basis.

#### h) Distributions to equity shareholders

Dividends are recognised in the retained earnings reserve in the year in which they are declared.

#### i) Accounting Standards, interpretations and amendments to existing standards that are not yet effective

The Company has not yet adopted certain new standards, amendments and interpretations to existing standards, which have been published but are only effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2020. These new pronouncements are listed below. The Directors are currently evaluating the impact of the adoption of these standards, amendments and interpretations in future periods.

Amendments to References to the Conceptual Framework in IFRS Standards

# j) Critical accounting policies and the use of judgement and estimates

Certain accounting policies are considered to be critical to the Company. An accounting policy is considered to be critical if, in the Directors' judgement, its selection or application materially affects the Company's financial position or results. The application of the Group's accounting policies also requires the use of estimates and assumptions that affect the Group's financial position or results.

# 1. Accounting policies (continued)

# j) Critical accounting policies and the use of judgement and estimates (continued)

Below is a summary of the Company's critical accounting policies and details of the key areas of judgement that are exercised in their application.

#### (i) Taxation, including deferred taxation (see note 4)

The Company's tax charge is the sum of the total current and deferred tax charges. The calculation of the Company's total tax charge necessarily involves a degree of judgement in respect of certain items whose tax treatment cannot be finally determined until resolution has been reached with the relevant tax authority or, as appropriate, through a formal legal process.

Provisions for tax contingencies require management to make judgements in relation to tax audit issues and exposures. Amounts accrued are based on management's interpretation of country-specific tax law and the likelihood of settlement. Tax benefits are not recognised unless it is probable that the tax positions will be sustained. Once considered to be probable, management reviews each material tax benefit to assess whether a provision should be taken against full recognition of the benefit on the basis of the likely resolution of the issue through negotiation and/or litigation. The amounts recognised in the financial statements in respect of each matter are derived from the Company's best judgement, as described above.

However, the inherent uncertainty regarding the outcome of these items means the eventual resolution could differ from the provision and insuch event the Company would be required to make an adjustment in a subsequent period which could have a material impact on the Company's profit and loss and/or cash position.

The key area of judgement in respect of deferred tax accounting is the assessment of the expected timing and manner of realisation or settlement of the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities held at the balance sheet date. In particular, assessment is required of whether it is probable that there will be suitable future taxable profits against which any deferred tax assets can be utilised.

#### 2. Investment income and finance costs

	2019	2018
	€'000	£'000
Investmentincome		
Interest on Sky Television debenture (see note 5)	28,645	15,817
Intercompany interest receivable (1)	164,722	113,162
	193,367	128,979
	2019	2018
	£'000	£'000
Finance costs		
Sky Television Limited Ioan note (see note 7b)	(18,940)	(10,458)
Intercompany interest payable (ii)	(166,135)	(113,547)
	(185,075)	(124,005)

### 2. Investment income and finance costs (continued)

- (i) Investment income from other Group undertakings represents, in the main, interest receivable from Sky UK Limited, Sky International Operations Limited, Sky International Limited, Sky History Limited and Sky International AG (see note 6)
- (ii) Interest payable to other Group companies represents, in the main, amounts payable to Sky Limited, Sky UK Limited, Sky Television Limited, The Cloud Networks Limited and Sky International Operations Limited.

#### 3. Profit before tax

#### **Employee Services**

There were no employee costs during the period, as the Company had no employees, other than the Directors. Services are provided by employees of other companies within the Group with no charge being made for their services. The Directors did not receive any remuneration during the period in respect of their services to the Company.

#### **Audit fees**

Amounts paid to the auditor for the audit of the Company's annual accounts of £10,000 (2018: not audited) were borne by another Group subsidiary in 2019 and 2018. No amounts for other services have been paid to the auditor.

#### 4. Tax

#### a) Tax recognised in the income statement / statement of comprehensive income

	2019	2018
	£,000	£′000
Current tax expense (credit)		
Current year/period	1,575	945
Adjustment in respect of prior years	59	-
Total current tax charge (credit)	1,634	945

## b) Reconciliation of effective tax rate

The tax expense for the period is higher than (2018: consistent) the expense that would have been charged using the rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19.0% (2018: 19.0%) applied to profit before tax. The differences are explained below:

	2019	2018
	£'000	£′000
Profit / (loss) beforetax	8,292	4,974
Profit / (loss) before tax multiplied by rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19.0% (2018:		
19.0%)	1,575	945
Effects of:		
Group relief / (claimed) surrendered for £nil consideration	-	-
Double taxation relief	(195)	-
Overseastax	195	-
Adjustment in respect of prior years	59	-
Тах	1,634	945

 $All\,tax\,relates to\,UK\,corporation\,tax$ 

#### 5. Investments

	2019	2018
	£′000	£'000
Loan to fellow subsidiary – Sky Television Limited debenture	353,511	353,511

The debenture issued by Sky Television Limited is not repayable until 31 October 2080, except at the option of the Company. Interest on the debenture is accrued at 1.5% above the HSBC base rate, compounds semi-annually and is payable on demand.

#### 6. Trade and other receivables

	2019	2018
,	£'000	£′000
Amounts receivable from other Group companies (a)	8,303,467	8,861,842
Accrued interest on SkyTelevision Limited debenture(b)	524,266	495,621
Current trade and other receivables	8,827,733	9,357,463

 $The \ Directors \ consider that \ the \ carrying \ amount \ of \ trade \ and \ other \ receivables \ approximates \ their \ fair \ value.$ 

The Company is exposed to credit risk on its trade and other receivables, which are entirely with other members of the Group and represents a concentration of risk. No allowances have been recorded against amounts receivable from Group companies as they have been assessed to be fully recoverable

# a) Amounts receivable from other Group companies

In July 2014, the Company entered into a loan agreement with Sky UK Limited for £1,345,720,000. This loan is non-interest bearing and is repayable on demand. The balance outstanding at 31 December 2019 was £1,345,720,000 (2018: £1,345,720,000).

In September 2014, the Company entered into loan agreements with Sky International Operations Limited for  $\[ \le 581,373,000, \le 968,899,000, \le 1,500,000,000,000 \]$  and  $\[ \le 1,000,000,000,000. \]$  These loans are repayable on demand and bear interest at EURIBOR + 0.6563% 2.1867%, 1.5% and 2.5% respectively. On 11 April 2019, the balance outstanding against the loan for  $\[ \le 581,373,000 \]$  was settled for the equivalent of  $\[ \le 500,846,000. \]$  The balance outstanding on these loans at 31 December 2019 was  $\[ \le 11,826,220,000, \]$  E1,276,619,000 and  $\[ \le 853,580,000 \]$  (2018:  $\[ \le 514,197,000, \]$  E862,361,000,  $\[ \le 1,342,318,000 \]$  and  $\[ \le 901,905,000 \]$ .

In November 2014, the Company entered into a loan agreement with Sky UK Limited for £408,340,000. This loan is non-interest bearing and is repayable on demand. The balance outstanding on this loan at 31 December 2019 was £408,340,000 (2018: £408,340,000).

In November 2014, the Company entered into a loan facility with SkyUK Limited for up to €200,000,000. This loan is repayable on demand and bears interest at EURIBOR -0.1% The balance outstanding on this loan at 31 December 2019 was £181,693,000 (2018: £199,765,000).

#### 6. Trade and other receivables (continued)

#### a) Amounts receivable from other Group companies (continued)

In November 2014, the Company entered into loan facilities with Sky International Operations Limited for up to €125,000,000 and up to €800,000,000. In November 2015, the first facility was increased to a limit of up to €250,000,000. These loans are repayable on demand and bear interest at EURIBOR +1%. The balance outstanding on these loans at 31 December 2019 was £294,641,000 and £332,325,000 respectively (2018: £227,121,000 and £343,359,000 respectively).

In November 2014, the Company entered into a loan and deposit agreement with Skyltalia S.r.l, allowing for advances to be made from the Company to Sky Italia S.r.l of up to €200,000,000. This was subsequently extended to €500,000,000 in September 2018. This agreement is repayable on demand, with advances bearing interest at EURIBOR +1% and deposits bearing interest at EURIBOR -0.1%. The balance outstanding on this loan at 31 December 2019 was £293,436,000 (2018: £nil).

In February 2015, the Company entered into a loan facility with Sky UK Limited for up to €138,785,000. The loan is repayable on demand and bears interest at a rate equivalent to what is charged under the Sky Deutschland Credit Agreement. The balance outstanding on this loan at 31 December 2019 was £122,360,000 (2018: £123,968,000).

In November 2015, the Company entered into a loan agreement with Sky UK Limited for £356,252,000. This loan is repayable on demand and bears interest at 3.72075% per annum. The balance outstanding on the loan at 31 December 2019 was £357,886,000 (2018: £357,923,000).

In June 2015, the Company entered into a loan agreement with Sky International AG for  $\le$ 30,000,000. This loan is repayable on demand and bears interest at EURIBOR plus 1%. The balance outstanding on the loan at 31 December 2019 was £22,717,000 (2018: £17,238,000).

In June 2015, the Company entered into a loan agreement with Sky UK Limited for  $\leq$ 2,476,592. This loan is repayable on demand and bears interest at 1.5%. The balance outstanding on the loan at 31 December 2019 was £2,146,000 (2018: £2,191,000).

In March 2016, the Company entered into a loan agreement with Sky UK Limited for £400,400. This loan is repayable on demand and bears interest at 12 month LIBOR plus 0.4%. The balance outstanding on the loan at 31 December 2019 was £412,000 (2018: £412,000).

In March 2017, the Company entered into a loan agreement with Sky History Limited for up to £17,000,000. This loan is repayable on demand and bears interest at 1.5%. The balance outstanding on the loan at 31 December 2019 was £15,304,000 (2018: £14,965,000).

#### 6. Trade and other receivables (continued)

#### a) Amounts receivable from other Group companies (continued)

The Company has other RCF agreements, all of which are repayable on demand, with each of the following Group companies:

- Sky UK Limited; £492,000 (2018: £488,000) interest bearing at 6 month LIBOR + 1%
- Sky IP International Limited; £254,000 (2018: £247,000) interest bearing at 6 month LIBOR + 1%
- Sky UK Limited; £22,779,000 (2018: £22,779,000) non-interest bearing
- Sky In-Home Service Limited; £179,034,000 (2018: £179,034,000) non-interest bearing

All other amounts receivable are non-interest bearing and are also repayable on demand. The balance outstanding on these additional items at 31 December 2019 was £599,366,000 (2018: £576,861,000).

#### b) Accrued Interest

In September 1999, the Company loaned £576,000,000 to Sky Television Limited. The loan bears interest at one month HSBC base rate plus 1.5%. The balance now outstanding is £524,266,000 for accrued interest (2018: £495,621,000).

## 7. Trade and other payables

	2019	2018
	£'000	£,000
Amounts payable to parent Company <sup>(a)</sup>	5,945,869	5,740,910
Amounts payable to other Group companies <sup>(b)</sup>	3,056,217	3,797,564
	9,002,086	9,538,474

 $The \ Directors \ consider that \ the \ carrying \ amount \ of \ trade \ and \ other \ payables \ approximates \ their \ fair \ values.$ 

#### a) Amounts payable to the parent company

In September 2014, the Company entered into loan agreements with Sky Ltd for €581,373,000, €968,899,000, €1,500,000,000 and €1,000,000,000. These loans are repayable on demand and bear interest at EURIBOR + 0.6563%, 2.1867%, 1.5% and 2.5% respectively. On 11 April 2019, the balance outstanding against the loan for €581,373,000 was settled for the equivalent of £500,846,000. The balance outstanding on these loans at 31 December 2019 was £nil, £826,220,000, £1,276,619,000 and £853,580,000 (2018: £514,197,000, £862,361,000, £1,342,318,000 and £901,905,000).

In November 2014, the Company entered into loan agreements with Sky Ltd for €400,000,000, €850,000,000 and €125,549,000. These loans are repayable on demand and bear interest at LIBOR+ 2.75%, 1.875% and 2.94% respectively. The balance outstanding on these loans at 31 December 2019 was £339,823,000, £721,632,000 and £106,686,000 (2018: £359,519,000, £760,184,000 and £111,328,000).

In April 2015, the Company entered into a loan facility with Sky Ltd for up to €600,000,000. The loan is repayable on demand and bears interest at EURIBOR +0.75% The balance outstanding on this loan at 31 December 2019 was £508,968,000 (2018: £531,175,000).

# 7. Trade and other payables (continued)

#### a) Amounts payable to the parent company (continued)

In November 2015, the Company entered into a loan with Sky Ltd for £356,252,000. The loan is repayable on demand and bears interest at 3.72075% per annum. The balance outstanding on this loan at 31 December 2019 was £357,886,000 (2018: £357,923,000).

In July 2014, the Company entered into a loan agreement with Rainbow Finance (Jersey) Limited for £1,345,720,000. This loan is non-interest bearing and is repayable on demand. The balance outstanding at 31 December 2019 was £953,853,000 (2018: £950,998,000). This loan was assigned from Rainbow Finance (Jersey) Limited to Sky Ltd following the winding up of Rainbow Finance (Jersey) Limited in December 2017.

All other amounts payable are non-interest bearing and are also repayable on demand. The balance outstanding on these additional items at 31 December 2019 was £601,000 (2018: £nil).

## b) Amounts payable to other Group companies

On 12 February 2002, Sky Television Limited loaned £576,000,000 to the Company under the terms of an interest-bearing loan note. The loan note bears interest at base rate plus a margin of 1.5% and is repayable on demand. The accumulated interest on this balance for the year is £18,940,000 (2018: £10,458,000). The outstanding liability at 31 December 2019 was £580,386,000 (2018: £561,446,000).

In November 2014, the Company entered into a loan facility with Sky UK Limited for up to €125,000,000 which was extended to €350,000,000 in February 2018. The loan is repayable on demand and bears interest at EURIBOR +1%. The balance outstanding on the loan at 31 December 2019 was £294,641,000 (2018: £227,121,000).

In November 2014, the Company entered into a loan agreement with Sky Ventures Limited for £408,340,000. This loan is repayable on demand and is non-interest bearing. The balance outstanding on this loan at 31 December 2019 was £408,340,000 (2018: £408,340,000).

In November 2014, the Company entered into a loan facility with Sky UK Ltd for up to €200,000,000, which was extended to €500,000,000 in September 2018. This loan is repayable on demand and bears interest at EURIBOR - 0.1%. The balance outstanding on this loan at 31 December 2019 was £293,434,000 (2018: £ nil).

In February 2015, the Company entered into a loan facility with Sky International Operations Limited for up to €140,000,000. The loan is repayable ondemand and bears interest at a rate equivalent to what is charged under the Sky Deutschland Credit Agreement. The balance outstanding on this loan at 31 December 2019 was £122,360,000 (2018: £123,968,000).

In June 2015, the Company entered into a loan agreement with Sky UK Limited for  $\leq$  30,000,000. This loan is repayable on demand and bears interest at EURIBOR plus 1%. The balance outstanding on the loan at 31 December 2019 was £22,717,000 (2018: £17,238,000).

In June 2015, the Company entered into a loan agreement with The Cloud Networks Limited for  $\leq$ 2,477,000. This loan is repayable on demand and bears interest at 1.5%. The balance outstanding on the loan at 31 December 2019 was £2,146,000 (2018: £2,191,000).

#### 7. Trade and other payables (continued)

#### b) Amounts payable to other Group companies (continued)

In March 2017, the Company entered into a loan agreement with Sky UK Limited for up to £17,000,000. This loan is repayable on demand and bears interest at 1.5% per annum. The balance outstanding on the loan at 31 December 2019 was £15,301,000 (2018: £14,961,000).

The Company has other RCF agreements, all of which are repayable on demand, with each of the following Group companies:

- Sky Television Limited; £112,697,000 (2018: £110,261,000) interest bearing at 1 month LIBOR + 0.75%
- Sky UK Limited; £254,000 (2018: £245,000) interest bearing at 6 month LIBOR + 1%
- Sky SNI Operations Limited; £492,000 (2018: £487,000) interest bearing at 6 month LIBOR minus 0.2%
- Sky UK Limited; £126,020,000 (2018: £298,950,000) non-interest bearing
- Sky Subscribers Services Limited; £45,104,000 (2018: £45,104,000) non-interest bearing

All other amounts payable are non-interest bearing and are also repayable on demand. The balance outstanding on these additional items at 31 December 2019 was £1,032,325,000 (2018: £1,035,843,000).

#### 8. Derivatives and other financial instruments

The Group's treasury function is responsible for raising finance for the Group's operations, together with associated liquidity management, and the management of foreign exchange, interest rate and credit risks. Treasury operations are conducted within a framework of policies and guidelines authorised and reviewed by both the Audit Committee and the Board, which receive regular updates of treasury activity. Derivative instruments are transacted for risk management purposes only. It is the Group's policy that all hedging is to cover known risks and that no speculative trading in financial instruments is undertaken. Regular and frequent reporting to management is required for all transactions and exposures, and the internal control environment is subject to periodic review.

#### (a) Carrying value and fair value

The Company's financial instruments comprise trade payables, trade receivables and an investment.

The accounting classification of each class of the Company's financial assets and financial liabilities is as follows:

	Financial assets held at amortised cost £'000	Financial liabilities held at amortised cost £'000	Total carrying value £'000	Total fair values £'000
At 31 December 2019				
Trade and other payables	-	(9,002,086)	(9,002,086)	(9,002,086)
Trade and other receivables	8,827,733	(2,002,000)	8,827,733	8,827,733
Investment	353,511	-	353,511	353,511
At 30 June 2018				
Trade and other payables	-	(9,538,474)	(9,538,474)	(9,538,474)
Trade and other receivables	9,357,463	-	9,357,463	9,357,463
Investment	353,511	-	353,511	353,511

# 8. Derivatives and other financial instruments (continued)

#### (a) Carrying value and fair value (continued)

The directors consider that the fair values of the balances recognised is substantially the same as their carrying values.

#### 9. Financial risk management objectives and policies

The Group's Treasury function is responsible for raising finance for the Company's operations, together with associated liquidity management and management of foreign exchange, interest rate and credit risks. Treasury operations are conducted within a framework of policies and guidelines authorised and reviewed by both the Audit Committee and the Board, which receive regular updates of Treasury activity. Derivative instruments are transacted for risk management purposes only. It is the Group's policy that all hedging is to cover known risks and no speculative trading is undertaken. Regular and frequent reporting to management is required for all transactions and exposures, and the internal control environment is subject to periodic review by the Group's internal audit team.

The Group's principal market risks are exposures to changes in interest rates and foreign exchange rates, which arise both from the Group's sources of finance and its operations. Following evaluation of those market risks, the Group selectively enters into derivative financial instruments to manage these exposures. The principal instruments currently used are interest rate swaps to hedge interest rate risks, and cross currency swaps and forward foreign exchange contracts to hedge transactional and translational currency exposures.

## Capital Risk Management

The capital structure of the Company consists of equity attributable to equity holders of the parent Company, comprising issued capital, reserves and retained earnings. Risk and treasury management is governed by Comcast's policies approved by its Board of Directors.

#### Credit risk

The Company is exposed to default risk amounting to cash and cash equivalents of £8,827,733 (2018: £9,357,463). The Company's maximum exposure to credit risk on trade receivables is the carrying amounts disclosed in note 6. Given the amount and nature of the receivables balance, no allowance account has been made under IFRS 9, and there has been no write-off during the period.

The Company does not have any material interest rate exposure. Debt proceeds are loaned on to other Group companies at terms similar to the cost of the underlying borrowing, thereby limiting the interest rate risk that the Company would otherwise be subject to.

#### Liquidity risk

The Company's financial liabilities are shown in note 7.

The following table analyses the Company's financial liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period at the balance sheet date to the contractual maturity date. The amounts disclosed in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows.

# 9. Financial risk management objectives and policies (continued) Liquidity risk (continued)

	Less than 12	Between one	<b>Between two</b>	More than five
	months	and two years	and five years	years
	£'000	£,000	£'000	£'000
At 31 December 2019				
Trade and other payables	9,002,086	•	-	-
At 30 June 2018				
Trade and other payables	9,538,474	-	-	-
10. Share capital				
			2019	2018
		<del></del>	£'000	£,000
Authorised, allotted, called-up a	nd fully paid			
31,440,638 (2018: 31,440,638) ordi	nary shares of £1 (2018:	£1) each	31,441	31,441

The Company has one class of ordinary shares which carries equal voting rights and no contractual right to receive payment.

#### 11. Transactions with related parties

# a) Transactions with parent company

The Group's treasury function is responsible for liquidity management across the Group's operations. It is standard practice for the parent to lend cash to its subsidiaries as required, see note 7(a).

# b) Key management

The Company has a related party relationship with the Directors of the Company. At 31 December 2019, there were 3 (2018: 3) members of key managers, all of whom were Directors of the Company. The Directors received £nil renumeration in the period in respect of their services to the Company (2018: £nil)

# c) Transactions with other Group companies

The Company has related party transactions with other related entities by virtue of its status as finance company to Sky and the Group. In particular, it is normal practice for the Company to lend and borrow funds to and from other related parties, as required. Interest is earned and paid on certain loans to other related parties. For details of amounts owed by and amounts owed to other Group companies, see notes 6 and 7 respectively. For details of investment income and finance costs in relation to other Group companies, see note 2.

# 12. Ultimate parent undertaking

The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary undertaking of Sky, a Company incorporated and registered in England and Wales. The Company's ultimate parent company and the largest group in which the results of the company are consolidated is Comcast Corporation ("Comcast"), a company incorporated in Pennsylvania, United States.

# 12. Ultimate parent undertaking (continued)

The Company is ultimately controlled by Comcast and operates together with Comcast's other subsidiaries, as a part of the Comcast Group (the "Group"). The only group in which the results of the Company are consolidated is that headed by Comcast.

The consolidated financial statements of the Group are available to the public and may be obtained from Comcast Investor Relations at Comcast Corporation, One Comcast Center, Philadelphia, PA 19103, USA Or at: <a href="https://www.cmcsa.com">https://www.cmcsa.com</a>.

## 13. Post balance sheet event(s)

Subsequent to 31 December 2019, the novel COVID-19 outbreak was declared a pandemic, and measures taken to prevent its spread are impacting Sky's business in a number of ways. The impacts of COVID-19 on the Company's business activities are set out in the Strategic Report.