# Company Registration No. 05663735

FCC Environment (Berkshire) Limited

Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2015



# Annual report and financial statements 2015

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# Annual report and financial statements 2015

# Officers and professional advisers

#### **Directors**

P Taylor V F Orts-Llopis

#### **Company Secretary**

C Nunn

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### Strategic report

The directors present their strategic report on the affairs of FCC Environment (Berkshire) Limited ("the Company") for the year ended 31 December 2015.

#### Overview of Group

The Company is a direct subsidiary of FCC Environment (UK) Limited ("FCC E UK") and its ultimate parent is Fomento de Construcciones y Contratas, S.A. ("FCC"). FCC is a significant multi-national business listed on the Madrid stock exchange with operations in Europe, America, Africa and the Middle East. FCC's principal activities cover Environmental Services (including water and waste management), Construction, Cement and Infrastructure.

The activities, strategy and risks affecting the Company are inextricably similar to, and dependent on, those of FCC Environment (UK) Limited ("FCC E UK") and FCC E UK's subsidiary undertakings (together the "Group"), which, like the Company, are all fellow subsidiary undertakings of FCC. The Company relies upon the Group for the provision of many of its services and to operate the waste management facilities and contracts. Consequently the following narrative relates to the Group and includes the Company as a fellow subsidiary undertaking of FCC.

FCC's financial capacity and depth of experience in the European waste infrastructure sector is backed by over 100 years of experience in operating municipal services contracts. This complements both the position of the Group as a leading waste management, recycling and renewable energy business, and the Group's ambition to maintain its position as a significant player in establishing the next generation of waste treatment infrastructure in the UK. The core services provided by the Group are fully aligned with FCC's strategic growth plans and it is ideally placed to take advantage of local opportunities to provide the services and infrastructure required by the UK to meet existing legislative framework and emerging proposals to create a circular economy by recognising the true value of the materials we handle. The Board continues to look forward to the opportunities that are presented to the Group and its employees by virtue of FCC's plans to expand and embed its operations in the UK.

The Group's strategy is to "Own the Waste" and to maximise the value of resource, produce renewable energy and provide 360° solutions to its customers. The Directors see the development of major waste infrastructure to support sustainable waste management and strategic long-term partnerships as key to the Group's future business growth. It anticipates considerable activity and deployment of Group resources into recycling facilities, renewable energy projects, the development of innovative waste treatment solutions and the provision of regional facilities. The Directors remain of the view that Energy from Waste ("EfW") will be a key component of UK's waste and resource strategy and, in combination with other treatment, recycling and recovery operations, backed up by landfill disposal for residues, is a strategy that represents a long-term sustainable solution for meeting the Group's clients' diversion targets.

#### Principal activities

The principal activity of the Company during the year ended 31 December 2015 was handling, recycling and disposal of waste materials.

The activities, strategies and risks affecting the Company are inextricably similar to, and dependent on, those of the Group, and consequently it is appropriate that the following narrative applies to the Group in its entirety.

The Group is a key player within the municipal waste management sector, with over 65 Local Authority clients across England, Wales and Scotland.

The Group provides a diverse range of cost effective and sustainable waste processing, recycling, treatment, disposal and energy recovery services for Local Authority and private commercial customers. During 2015, the Group received, treated, recycled and disposed of 8.6million (2014: 8.4million) tonnes of household, commercial and industrial waste and managed around 200 waste management facilities. Through innovative solutions, the Group is committed to working with its Local Authority partners and industrial and commercial customers to respond to often complex and far-reaching waste management strategies, to meet the challenges of increased regulation from the UK and EU, and to improve upon waste management targets.

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#### Principal activities (continued)

The Company undertakes activities in the following divisions of FCC E UK:-

- Recycling comprising mechanical treatment plants ("MTP"), composting and household waste recycling centre ("HWRC") operations as well as several limestone quarries in Yorkshire;
- Waste Processing comprising transfer station, landfill, hazardous waste treatment (including solid and liquid wastes) and clinical waste solutions; and

#### **Business review**

The Directors consider that the business performance showed substantial improvement, following progressive repositioning of the Company as a recycling and treatment provider.

#### Results, dividends and key performance indicators

The results for the year ended 31 December 2015 are set out on page 10. The profit for the financial year ended 31 December 2015 amounted to £1.4million (2014: £2.2million). The Company did not pay an interim dividend during the year (2014: £nil) and furthermore, the Directors do not recommend the payment of a final dividend (2014: £nil). The profit (2014: profit) for the financial year has been transferred to (2014: transferred to) reserves, resulting in a corresponding increase (2014: increase) in total equity in the year.

For the year ended 31 December 2015, turnover from continuing activities decreased by 6.0% to £18.9million (2014: £20.1million). This reflects the decrease in tonnages processed by the Company's recycling and treatment facilities during the year.

Operating profit in 2015 was £1.3million (2014: £2.3million). The result reflects the trends highlighted above.

At 31 December 2015 total equity stood at £26.0million (2014: £24.6million), with the increase reflecting profit for the year.

FCC E UK manages its operations on a divisional basis and information regarding key performance indicators is included within the FCC E UK annual report. For this reason, the Company's Directors believe that the disclosure of further financial and non-financial key performance indicators for the Company is not appropriate for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business.

At 1 January 2014, the company transitioned to FRS 101 from previously extant UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. The effects of the change on financial position and financial performance are considered in note 2 to the financial statements.

#### **Future developments**

The Directors consider that the waste industry continues to be under a rapidly changing and complex environment, due to the prevailing budgetary conditions of the municipal sector and the need to satisfy growing demand for more sophisticated services. The Directors continues to focus the Group's strategy on leveraging value from its existing assets and ensuring that it offers best value, quality services through sustainable waste management for both the municipal and commercial sectors whilst continuing to reduce costs.

The Group will also continue to pursue its stated strategy of owning the waste, maximising the value of resource and the investment in alternative waste treatment infrastructure and energy recovery technology as set out in the Overview of Group.

# Strategic report

#### Principal risks and uncertainties

Operating in the UK's highly regulated waste management market presents numerous risks and uncertainties to the Group. The Directors regard the following to be the principal risks and uncertainties affecting the Group and their approach to managing these risks and uncertainties is considered below:

- Environmental risks: The Group's environmental risks are tightly controlled under environmental legislation enforced principally by the Environment Agency ("EA"), Scottish Environment Protection Agency ("SEPA") and Natural Resources Wales ("NRW"). Compliance with all environmental legislation pertinent to the Group's activities is a minimum requirement. A dedicated in-house team prepare regular reports on environmental compliance at the Group's sites for the Director's review. Environmental objectives are reviewed annually and highlighted within the Group's Safety Health Environment and Quality (SHEQ) Policy Statement. In addition to this there are detailed environmental procedures to enable compliance with environmental legislation.
- Health and safety: Health and safety is a key issue for the Group due to the nature of its operations, including the use of heavy plant equipment and difficult working conditions. The Group is continually improving in this area as a result of ongoing consultation with the relevant authorities and the monitoring of best practice initiatives. Whenever an area is highlighted for improvement, the Group seeks to implement such improvement expeditiously; through bulletins, on-line training courses and tool-box briefings. The Group's Incident Review Panel meets quarterly, at which senior management review significant health and safety incidents that have occurred at Group sites to identify improvements and lessons for the business. All employees undertake a rigorous health and safety training programme, which is underpinned by the latest UK legislation, detailed policies and procedures. The Group's executive management receive regular, detailed reports on health and safety performance affecting the Group's operations and it employs a dedicated team, led by the Group Safety, Health, Environment and Quality Manager, to monitor and promote high standards. All employees are expected to recognise their role in achieving acceptable standards of health and safety and to exhibit such understanding through their approach and attitude to work.
- Business continuity: The Group, as part of its risk management programme, has developed business continuity planning for its operations. As part of this planning the Group has developed a bespoke emergency plan for each operational facility (including the diversion of waste from single or multiple sites in the event of major disruption or disaster affecting a site or region). The Group's IT systems are outsourced to a specialist IT services company and are covered by an IT disaster recovery plan, to ensure business continuity. The Group is working on the development of a new business continuity plan under the control of FCC E UK's IMS that will be designed around the British Standard 25999.
- Legislation: The Group monitors forthcoming and current legislation to ensure full compliance and to anticipate and assess the impact upon its operations, including the significant opportunities it can present. The waste management industry is subject to extensive government regulation which has a substantial impact on the Group's business, FCC E UK therefore actively lobbies for its interests at European, national and regional levels through trade associations and federations.
- **Economic:** The Group has exposure to reduced economic activity, and in the current year has seen waste volumes reduce where lower economic output has been a factor. The Group's strategy is focused on growing through recycling and EfW where margins are generally higher than traditional landfill.
- Litigation: The Group is subject to litigation from time to time. The outcome of legal action is always uncertain and there is a risk that it may prove more costly and time consuming than expected. There is also a risk that litigation could be instigated in the future that could materially impact the Group. In some liability cases legal expenses are covered by the Group's liability insurance. This risk is mitigated through continued monitoring and employing an experienced and dedicated in-house legal team.
- Competitive risk: The Group operates in highly competitive markets in which competitors' service offerings may react faster to legislative and market dynamics than those of the Group. To mitigate this risk the Group ensures that its asset, cost and capital base is regularly reviewed and flexed to meet changes in customers' demands and to maximise cash generation.

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#### Principal risks and uncertainties (continued)

- Employees: The loss of key employees or the inability to hire experienced management personnel could have a materially adverse effect on the business. To manage this risk, succession planning for senior positions within the Group is undertaken. In addition, the Group has the benefit of being able to draw on wider resources from within the FCC Group.
- Technology: The Group relies on a variety of information technology platforms for the efficient delivery of its services and has therefore employed a structured IT support team, using internal and external resources. In addition, as there are a wide variety of technologies available to the waste management industry, there is a risk that the technologies employed by the Group might fail to deliver expected performance levels or end products for its customers and so the Group has made a significant investment into establishing a dedicated technical and development team. This team review and assess the available technologies before any are adopted to ensure they will meet the needs of the business and those of its customers.

#### Financial risk management objectives and policies

The Company's activities expose it to a number of financial risks including credit risk, liquidity risk and interest rate risk. The Company does not use derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

#### Credit and liquidity risk

The Company's exposure to credit and liquidity risk is reduced as it is a wholly owned subsidiary of FCC E UK and participates in a cash-pooling agreement with the other members of the Group.

Credit risk arises from the risk of having credit exposures to customers, including outstanding receivables. The Company reviews the credit ratings of all significant customers regularly and continues to monitor the quality of debtor balances on an ongoing basis. Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company does not have sufficient cash resources to meet its commitments. The Company prepares and reviews cash flow forecasts frequently to ensure that it has sufficient resources to meet its cash flow commitments.

#### Going concern

The directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual financial statements.

Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in note 2 to the financial statements.

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

C Nunn

Company Secretary

25 April 2016

# Directors' report

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2015.

#### **Directors**

The following individuals served as Directors of the Company during the year ended 31 December 2015 and up to the date of this report:

P Taylor V F Orts-Llopis

#### Directors' indemnities

During the financial year, qualifying third party indemnity provisions for the benefit of all Directors of the Company were in force and continue to be in force at the date of this report. Such provisions were made by FCC.

#### **Future developments**

The future developments of the company are considered in detail in the Strategic report on page 3.

#### **Employees**

The professionalism and commitment shown by the Group's employees over the last year continues to be a major contribution to its operations. The Board would like to thank all employees for their hard work, dedication and loyalty during the year.

FCC E UK is committed to ensuring that its policies and practices reflect human resource best practice. The Group's policy of equal opportunity gives all employees the same chance to succeed, irrespective of age, race, nationality, ethnic origin, disability, membership of a trade union, sex or marital status. The Group has a structured training and development programme and is fully committed to ensuring that all employees have the necessary skills and knowledge to do their jobs effectively. Subject to the nature of its businesses in the waste management industry, the policy of the Group is to ensure that there are fair opportunities for the employment, career development and training of disabled persons.

The Board is dedicated to maintaining the highest standards of honesty, openness and accountability and recognise that employees have an important part to play in achieving this goal. All employees are encouraged to report any concerns they may have over wrongdoing at work via the Group's internal reporting system. In addition, FCC E UK has engaged an independent confidential reporting (whistleblowing) service that employees can access should they feel uncomfortable in approaching management.

Training continues to be a high priority for the Group and it recognises that it is vital that its employees have the relevant skills to take up the new and exciting roles that are being created as the industry, and therefore the business, evolves.

The Directors recognise the importance of communication with employees and members of the executive management team regularly visit sites and discuss matters of current interest and concern to the business with staff. In addition, the executive management regularly report on the Group's successes and performance to the entire Group via a monthly brief delivered by local management and announcements on the Group Intranet. An in-house magazine is also published on a regular basis.

# Directors' report

#### Directors' responsibility statement

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 prepared the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework (FRS 101).

Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 101, have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The Directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

#### Auditor

Each of the persons who is a director at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- so far as the Directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware; and
- the Directors have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of s418 of the Companies Act 2006.

Pursuant to section 487 of the Act, the auditor will be deemed to be reappointed annually by the Company and Deloitte LLP will therefore continue in office until further notice.

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

C Nunn

Company Secretary

25 April 2016

# Independent auditor's report to the members of FCC Environment (Berkshire) Limited

We have audited the financial statements of FCC Environment (Berkshire) Limited for the year ended 31 December 2015 which comprise of the statement of comprehensive income, the balance sheet, the statement of changes in equity and the related notes 1 to 18. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and Financial Reporting Standard 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework.

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.

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditor

As explained more fully in the Directors' responsibilities statement, the Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

#### Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the annual report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

#### Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 December 2015 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

#### Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion 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.

# Independent auditor's report to the members of FCC Environment (Berkshire) Limited

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

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Makhan Chahal (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of Deloitte LLP

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor

London, United Kingdom

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# Statement of comprehensive income Year ended 31 December 2015

	Notes	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
Turnover Cost of sales	4	18,913 (17,021)	20,054 (17,337)
Gross profit		1,892	2,717
Administrative expenses		(549)	(420)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		1,343	2,297
Tax credit/(charge) on profit on ordinary activities	8	83	(103)
Profit for the financial year		1,426	2,194
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total comprehensive income for the year		1,426	2,194

All results in the year ended 31 December 2015 relate to continuing operations.

The notes on pages 13 to 22 are an integral part of these financial statements.

# Balance sheet at 31 December 2015

	Note	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	9	121	74
Current assets		•	
Cash held on deposit		1,530	1,530
Debtors: amounts due within one year	10	28,465	27,849
Debtors: amounts due in more than one year	10	1,500	1,500
	•	31,495	30,879
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(5,620)	(6,383)
Net current assets		25,875	24,496
Total assets less current liabilities and net assets		25,996	24,570
Capital and reserves			
Called-up share capital	13	-	
Profit and loss account		25,996	24,570
Total equity		25,996	24,570

The notes on pages 13 to 22 are an integral part of these financial statements.

The financial statements of FCC Environment (Berkshire) Limited, registered number 05663735 were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 25 April 2016. They were signed on its behalf by:

V F Orts-Llopis Director

# Statement of changes in equity Year ended 31 December 2015

	Called-up share capital £'000	Profit and loss account £'000	Total £'000
Year ended 31 December 2015			
At 1 January 2015	-	24,570	24,570
Profit for the year	-	1,426	1,426
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-
At 31 December 2015	-	25,996	25,996
Year ended 31 December 2014			
At 1 January 2014	-	22,376	22,376
Profit for the year	-	2,194	2,194
Other comprehensive income	-	-	<u>-</u>
At 31 December 2014	_	24,570	24,570

# Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 31 December 2015

#### 1. Corporate information

FCC Environment (Berkshire) Limited is a company incorporated in the United Kingdom under the Companies Act. The address of the registered office is given on page 1. The nature of the Company's operations and its principal activities are set out in the Strategic report.

#### 2. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. They have all been applied consistently throughout the year and to the preceding year.

#### General information and basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework (FRS 101) issued by the Financial Reporting Council.

The Company has transitioned to FRS 101 from previously extant UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice for all periods presented. There were no adjustments to the financial statements arising from the transaction.

The functional and presentational currency of FCC Environment (Berkshire) Limited is considered to be pounds sterling because that is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Company operates.

#### Exemptions for qualifying entities under FRS 101

The Company has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions under FRS 101:

- (a) The requirements of paragraphs 45(b) and 46 to 52 of IFRS 2 Share-based Payment
- (b) The requirements of paragraphs 62, B64(d), B64(e), B64(g), B64(h), B64(j) to B64(m), B64(n)(ii), B64(o)(ii), B64(p), B64(q)(ii), B66 and B67 of IRFS 3 Business Combinations
- (c) The requirements of IFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures
- (d) The requirements of paragraphs 91 to 99 of IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement
- (e) The requirement in paragraph 38 of IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements to present comparative information in respect of:
  - i. paragraph 79(a)(iv) of IAS 1;
  - ii. paragraph 73(e) of IAS 16 Property, Plant and Equipment;
  - iii. paragraph 118(e) of IAS 38 Intangible Assets;
- (f) The requirements of paragraphs 10(d), 10(f), 16, 38A, 38B, 38C, 38D, 40A, 40B, 40C, 40D, 111 and 134 to 136 of IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements
- (g) The requirements of IAS 7 Statement of Cash Flows
- (h) The requirements of paragraphs 30 and 31 of IAS 8 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting
- (i) The requirements of paragraph 17 of IAS 24 Related Party Disclosures
- (j) The requirements in IAS 24 Related Party Disclosures to disclose related party transactions entered into between two or more members of a group, provided that any subsidiary which is a party to the transaction is wholly owned by such a member
- (k) The requirements of paragraphs 134(d) to 134(f) and 135(c) to 135(e) of IAS 36 Impairment of Assets

# Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 31 December 2015

#### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

#### Amendments to IFRSs that are mandatorily effective for the current year

In the current year, the Group has applied a number of amendments to IFRSs issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) that are mandatorily effective for an accounting period that begins on or after 1 January 2015 (except as noted below). Their adoption has not had any material impact on the disclosures or on the amounts reported in these financial statements.

- Amendments to IAS 19 Defined Benefit Plans: Employee Contributions
- Annual Improvements to IFRSs 2010 2012 Cycle
- Annual Improvements to IFRSs 2011 2013 Cycle

#### New international accounting standards and interpretations not yet adopted

At the date of authorisation of these financial statements, the following new or amended IFRS accounting standards and interpretations, which have not yet been adopted by the Group, were in issue but not yet effective (and in some cases had not yet been adopted by the EU):

- IFRS 9 Financial instruments
- IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers
- IFRS 11 (amendments) Accounting for Acquisitions of Interests in Joint Operations
- IAS 1 (amendments) Disclosure Initiative
- IAS 16 and IAS 38 amendments Clarification of Acceptable Methods of Depreciation and Amortisation
- IAS 27 (amended) Equity Method in Separate Financial Statements
- IFRS 10 and IAS 28 amendments Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture
- IFRS 10, IFRS 12 and IAS 28 (amendments) Investment Entities: Applying the Consolidation Exemption
- Annual Improvements to IFRSs 2012 2014 Cycle

The Directors do not expect that the adoption of the aforementioned standards and interpretations will have a material impact on the financial statements of the Company in future periods.

Beyond the information above, it is not practicable to provide a reasonable estimate of the effect of these standards until a detailed review has been completed.

#### Going concern

The Directors, having assessed the responses of their enquiries to the immediate parent company, FCC E UK, have reviewed projected cash flows and carefully considered the risks to the Company's trading performance and cash flows, and continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the Annual report and financial statements.

# Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 31 December 2015

#### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

#### Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life, as follows:

Freehold buildings
Plant and machinery

over 25 to 50 years

over 3 to 20 years

Residual value represents the estimated amount which would currently be obtained from disposal of an asset, after deducting estimated costs of disposal, if the asset were already of the age and in the condition expected at the end of its useful life.

#### **Taxation**

Turnover, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of sales tax except:

- where the sales tax incurred on a purchase of goods and services is not recoverable from the taxation authority, in which case the sales tax is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense item as applicable; and
- debtors and creditors are stated with the amount of sales tax included.

The net amount of sales tax recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included as part of debtors or creditors in the balance sheet. Tax on the profit or loss for the year comprises current and deferred tax.

Current tax is the expected tax payable on the taxable surplus for the year using average tax rates in place during the financial year, and any adjustments in respect of previous periods. Income tax relating to items recognised directly in equity is recognised in equity and not in the income statement.

Deferred income tax is provided, using the liability method, on all temporary differences at the balance sheet date between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes. Deferred income tax is recognised for all temporary differences:

- except where the deferred income tax liability arises from the initial recognition of goodwill, non-tax
  deductible goodwill amortisation or the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction that is not
  a business combination and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting profit or loss nor
  taxable profit or loss; and
- in respect of taxable temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries except where the
  timing of the reversal of the temporary differences can be controlled and it is probable that the temporary
  differences will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Deferred income tax assets are recognised for all deductible temporary differences and unused tax losses, to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences, and the carry-forward of unused tax assets and unused tax losses can be utilised.

The carrying amount of deferred income tax assets is reviewed at each balance sheet date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred income tax asset to be utilised.

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the year when the asset is realised or the liability is settled, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

# Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 31 December 2015

#### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

#### Turnover

Turnover, including landfill tax, is stated net of VAT and trade discounts and is recognised when the significant risks and rewards are considered to have been transferred to the buyer. Turnover from the supply of services represents the value of services provided under contracts to the extent that there is a right to consideration and is recorded at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. Turnover is recognised in respect of waste disposal services when the waste has been received and disposed of. Where payments are received from customers in advance of services provided, the amounts are recorded as deferred income and included as part of creditors due within one year.

#### **Employee benefits**

The Company operates a defined contribution scheme on behalf of its eligible employees. Contributions to the scheme are charged to the profit and loss account for the year in which they are payable. Differences between contributions payable in the year and contributions actually paid are shown as either accruals or prepayments in the balance sheet.

#### 3. Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the Company's accounting policies, which are described in note 2, the Directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

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

- Useful economic lives of tangible assets The annual depreciation charge for tangible assets is sensitive to
  changes in the estimated useful economic lives and residual values of the assets. The useful economic lives
  and residual values are re-assessed annually. They are amended when necessary to reflect current estimates,
  based on technological advancement, future investments, economic utilisation and the physical condition of
  the assets. See note 9 for the carrying amount of tangible fixed assets
- Taxation Estimates may be required in determining the level of current and deferred income tax assets and liabilities which the Directors believe are reasonable and adequately recognise any income tax related uncertainties. Various factors may have favourable or adverse effects on the income tax assets or liabilities. These include changes in legislation, tax rates and allowances, future levels of spending and the Company's future earnings.

# Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 31 December 2015

#### 4. Turnover

All turnover was generated in the United Kingdom from the handling, recycling and disposal of waste materials.

#### 5. Profit on ordinary activities before taxation

Profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging:

	2015	2014
·	£'000	£'000
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets - owned	38	31
Operating lease rentals	32	18

Auditor's remuneration in respect of audit fees pursuant to legislation of £5,000 (2014: £4,000) has been borne by FCC Recycling (UK) Limited, a fellow subsidiary undertaking of FCC E UK.

In accordance with SI 2008/489 the company has not disclosed the fees payable to the company's auditor for 'Other services' as this information is included in the consolidated financial statements of FCC Environment (UK) Limited.

#### 6. Staff costs

The average monthly number of employees employed by the company during the year was:

	2015	2014
	Number	Number
Operational	55	51
Administration	· 1	1
	56	52
Their aggregate remuneration comprised:		
	2015	2014
•	£'000	£'000
Wages and salaries	1,188	1,136
Social security costs	103	102
Other pension costs (see note 14)	33	32
	1,324	1,270

'Other pension costs' includes only those items included within operating costs. Items reported elsewhere have been excluded.

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#### 7. Directors' remuneration and transactions

None of the Directors received any remuneration or other benefits through the Company during the year ended 31 December 2015 or the previous financial year.

They are all remunerated as Directors or employees of FCC E UK for services to the Group as a whole and as such it is not possible to directly attribute any element of their remuneration to services as a director of this Company.

#### 8. Tax on profit on ordinary activities

The tax (credit)/charge comprises:

	2015	2014
	£'000	£'000
Current tax		
United Kingdom corporation tax at 20.25% (2014: 21.5%) based on profits for the year	-	
Adjustments in respect of prior years	(83)	103
Total current tax	(83)	103
Deferred tax		
Origination and reversal of timing differences		<u>-</u>
Total deferred tax (see note 12)	<u>-</u>	-
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	(83)	103
Total current and deferred tax relating to items of other		
comprehensive income		
	(83)	103

Finance Act 2015 (No.2), which was substantively enacted in October 2015, included provisions to reduce the rate of corporation tax to 19% with effect from 1 April 2017 and 18% from 1 April 2020. Accordingly, deferred tax balances have been revalued to the lower rate of 18% in these accounts which has resulted in a credit to the profit and loss account of £nil and a debit to reserves of £nil. To the extent that the deferred tax reverses before 1 April 2020 then the impact on the net deferred tax asset will be increased.

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#### 8. Tax on profit on ordinary activities (continued)

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The total tax (credit)/charge for both the current and previous year differs from the average standard rate of 20.25% (2014: 21.5%) for the reasons set out in the following reconciliation:

20.25% (2014: 21.5%) for the reasons set out in the following reco	onciliation:		
		2015	2014
		£'000	£'000
Profit on ordinary activities before tax			2,297
Tax on profit on ordinary activities at average standard rate		272	494
Effects of:			
Non-taxable items		21	27
Group relief claimed		(293)	(521)
Adjustments in respect of prior years		(83)	103
Total tax (credit)/charge		(83)	103
Tangible fixed assets			
	Freehold	Plant and	
	buildings	machinery	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cost or valuation			
At 1 January 2015	56	135	191
Additions	9	. 76	85
1.21 0.15			076

Additions	9	. 76	85
At 31 December 2015	65	211	276
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2015	28	89	117
Charge for the year	10	28	38
At 31 December 2015	38	117	155
Net book value			
At 31 December 2015	<u> </u>	94	121
At 31 December 2014	28	46	74

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#### 10. Debtors - amounts due within one year

	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
Amounts falling due within one year: Trade debtors	-	692
Amounts owed by fellow subsidiary undertakings Prepayments	28,454 11	27,147 10
Topuyment	28,465	27,849
Amounts falling due after more than one year: Amounts owed by fellow subsidiary undertakings	1,500	1,500
Infounts owed by follow substantily undertakings	====	1,500

Amounts owed by fellow subsidiary undertakings due within one year are unsecured, interest free, have no fixed date of repayment and are repayable on demand.

Amounts owed by fellow subsidiary undertakings due after more than one year are unsecured, interest free, have no fixed date of repayment and are repayable on demand.

#### 11. Creditors – amounts falling due within one year

	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
Trade creditors Amounts owed to fellow subsidiary undertakings Other creditors	194 1,500 3,320	363 1,500 4,086
Accruals	5,620	6,383

Amounts owed to fellow subsidiary undertakings due within one year are unsecured, interest free, have no fixed date of repayment and are repayable on demand.

#### 12. Provisions

#### Deferred tax

Deferred tax is provided as follows:

	Provided		Provided Unprovided	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	£'000	£,000	£'000	£,000
Company				
Depreciation (in excess of)/less than capital				
allowances	-	-	(6)	(7)

The Company has unprovided deferred tax assets as there is insufficient certainty as to whether events will materialise to crystallise the deferred tax.

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#### 13. Called-up share capital and reserves

	2015	2014
	£	£
Allotted, called-up and fully-paid	1	
1 ordinary share of £1 each	1	1

#### Other reserves

The profit and loss account represents cumulative profits or losses.

#### 14. Pension contributions

The Company participates in the defined contribution scheme operated by FCC E UK on behalf of its eligible employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Company in independently administered funds. The contributions by the Company to the scheme for the year ended 31 December 2015 amounted to £33,000 (2014: £32,000).

#### 15. Contingent liabilities

- (a) The Company is a member of a group VAT registration and as such has contingent liabilities for VAT in respect of other members of the Group.
- (b) On 22 January 2014, the Company was a party to the refinancing of Azincourt Investment S.L. ("Azincourt") and its subsidiary companies. Azincourt was the company used by Fomento de Construcciones y Contratas, S.A. for the acquisition of the Group and its subsidiary undertakings including the Company. Under the re-financing, the Group has granted legal mortgages (or the relevant Scottish equivalent) over specified real property, fixed charges over certain assets, fixed charges or share pledges over investments in addition to assigning certain of its insurance policies and interests in hedging arrangements. The Group has granted floating charges over all present and future undertakings not already charged pursuant to any of the above. Additionally, the Group has granted fixed and floating charges over certain assets as security under an Asset Backed Lending Facility.

#### 16. Related party transactions

The Directors regard all subsidiaries of FCC as related parties. In the ordinary course of business, the Company has traded with fellow subsidiaries of FCC.

Under FRS 101, the company is exempt from disclosing related party transactions with other wholly owned subsidiaries of FCC.

#### 17. Financial commitments

Total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

Plant and r	Plant and machinery	
2015	2014	
\$ '000°£	£'000	
Not later than one year -	4	

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#### 18. Controlling party

The immediate parent of the Company is FCC Environment (UK) Limited, a company registered in England and Wales.

The Directors regard Fomento de Construcciones y Contratas, S.A., a company registered in Spain, as the ultimate parent company and controlling party.

Fomento de Construcciones y Contratas, S.A. is the parent company of the largest group of which the Company is a member and for which group financial statements are drawn up. FCC Environment (UK) Limited is the parent company of the smallest group of which the Company is a member and for which group financial statements are drawn up. Copies of the financial statements of both FCC Environment (UK) Limited and Fomento de Construcciones y Contratas, S.A. are available from the Company Secretary, Ground Floor West, 900 Pavilion Drive, Northampton Business Park, Northampton, NN4 7RG.