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## TELEWEST COMMUNICATIONS (SCOTLAND HOLDINGS) LIMITED

## ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017





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## STRATEGIC REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

#### Principal activities and business review

The principal activity of the company during the year was, and will continue to be, that of a holding company. The investments of the company are shown in note 9.

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of Virgin Media Inc. (Virgin Media) which is itself a wholly owned subsidiary of Liberty Global plc (Liberty Global).

The Virgin Media Inc. consolidated group (the group) operates under the Virgin Media brand in the United Kingdom (UK) and Republic of Ireland (Ireland).

The group provides video, broadband internet, fixed-line telephony and mobile services in the UK and Ireland to both residential and business-to-business (B2B) customers. The group is one of the largest providers of video, broadband internet and fixed-line telephony services in terms of the number of customers in the UK and Ireland. The group believes its advanced, deep-fibre cable access network enables it to offer faster and higher quality broadband services than its digital subscriber line, or DSL, competitors. As a result, it provides its customers with a leading, next-generation broadband service and one of the most advanced interactive television services available in the UK and Irish markets.

The group provides mobile services to its customers using a third-party network through mobile virtual network operators (MVNO) arrangements.

In addition, through the Virgin Media Business brand, the group offers a broad portfolio of B2B voice, data, internet, broadband and managed services solutions to small businesses, medium and large enterprises and public sector organisations in the UK and Ireland.

At 31 December 2017, the group provided services to approximately 5.9 million residential cable customers on its network. The group is also one of the largest MVNO by number of customers, providing mobile telephony services to 2.5 million contract mobile customers and 0.5 million prepay mobile customers over third party networks. At 31 December 2017, 82% of residential customers on the group's cable network received multiple services and 62% were "triple-play" customers, receiving broadband internet, video and fixed-line telephony services from the group.

Liberty Global is the world's largest international TV and broadband company with operations in 12 European countries. Its substantial scale and commitment to innovation enables it to develop market-leading products delivered through next-generation networks that, as of 31 December 2017, connected over 22 million customers subscribing to 46 million television, broadband internet and telephony services. In addition at 31 December 2017, Liberty Global served over 6 million mobile subscribers and offered WiFi service across 10 million access points.

The directors do not use key performance indicators (KPI's) to assess the performance of the company as its principal activity is that of a holding company.

The company received dividends amounting to £276,188,000 from its subsidiaries during the year (2016 - £nil).

### Principal risks and uncertainties

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Financial and operational risk management is undertaken as part of the group operations as a whole. The company's operations expose it to a variety of operational and financial risks. These are considered in more detail in the financial statements of Virgin Media Inc. which are available from the company secretary at Virgin Media, Bartley Wood Business Park, Hook, Hampshire, RG27 9UP and are available on Liberty Global's website at www.libertyglobal.com.

#### **Future outlook**

The directors will continue to review management policies in light of changing trading and market conditions. Further detail of the future outlook of the group, including consideration of the impact of the UK referendum in June 2016 and the withdrawal from the European Union, is provided in Virgin Media Inc.'s financial statements and annual report for 2017, which are available from the company secretary at Virgin Media, Bartley Wood Business Park, Hook, Hampshire, RG27 9UP.

This report was approved by the board on 26 June 2018 and signed on its behalf.

R D Dunn Director

### DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017.

#### Results and dividends

The profit for the year, after tax, amounted to £227,533,000 (2016 - £nil).

The directors have not recommended an ordinary dividend (2016 - £nil).

#### Directors

The directors who served the company during the year and thereafter were as follows:

R D Dunn M O Hifzi

The directors of the company have been indemnified against liability in respect of proceedings brought by third parties, subject to the conditions set out in the Companies Act 2006. Such qualifying third party indemnity provision is in force for directors serving during the financial year and as at the date of approving the Directors' report.

#### Going concern

After making suitable enquiries, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing these financial statements

#### **Audit exemption**

Virgin Media Finance PLC issued a guarantee against all outstanding liabilities to which the company is subject as at 31 December 2017, until they are satisfied in full. The guarantee is enforceable against Virgin Media Finance PLC by any person to whom the company is liable in respect of those liabilities. Since Virgin Media Finance PLC is the smallest group to which the company's accounts are consolidated, the company has taken advantage of the exemption from audit of its individual accounts for the year ended 31 December 2017 by virtue of section 479A of the Companies Act 2006.

#### Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

This report was approved by the board on 26 June 2018 and signed on its behalf.

M O Hifzi Director

## DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

The directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic report, the Directors' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law they have elected to prepare 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'.

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- . assess the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; and
- use the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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 responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT AND STATEMENT OF OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

	Note	2017 £000	2016 £000
Exceptional administrative expenses	4	(57,526)	-
Operating loss	4	(57,526)	-
Income from shares in group undertakings	5	276,188	-
Other interest receivable and similar income	7	9,047	-
Interest payable and similar charges	8	(176)	-
Profit before tax	_	227,533	-
Tax on profit	9	-	-
Profit for the year	_	227,533	-

The notes on pages 7 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

There was no other comprehensive income or expenditure for 2017 or 2016 other than that included in the profit and loss account.

All results were derived from continuing operations.

## TELEWEST COMMUNICATIONS (SCOTLAND HOLDINGS) LIMITED REGISTERED NUMBER: SC150058

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2017

	Note	2017 £000	2016 £000
Fixed assets			
investments	10	480	49,282
Current assets			
Debtors due within one year	11	324,2 <del>99</del>	-
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(47,964)	-
Net current assets	_	276,335	-
Net assets	_	276,815	49,282
Capital and reserves	_		
Share capital	13	48,236	48,236
Other reserves	14	1,046	1,046
Profit and loss account	14	227,533	-
Shareholder's funds	_	276,815	49,282

The directors consider that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 479A of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act") and members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

The company's financial statements have been delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf on 26 June 2018.

R D Dunn Director

The notes on pages 7 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

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# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

	Share capital	Other reserves	Profit and loss account £000	Shareholder's funds £000
At 1 January 2017	48,236	1,046	-	49,282
Comprehensive income for the year				
Profit for the year	-	-	227,533	227,533
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	227,533	227,533
At 31 December 2017	48,236	1,046	227,533	276,815

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

	Share capital	Other reserves	Shareholder's funds
	000£	£000	0003
At 1 January 2016	48,236	1,046	49,282
At 31 December 2016	48,236	1,046	49,282

The notes on pages 7 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

#### 1. Company information

Telewest Communications (Scotland Holdings) Limited (the "company") is a private company incorporated, domiciled and registered in the UK. The registered number is SC150058 and the registered office is 1 South Gyle Crescent Lane, Edinburgh, EH12 9EG.

The company is exempt by virtue of \$400 of the Companies Act 2006 from the requirement to prepare group financial statements. These financial statements present information about the company as an individual undertaking and not about its group.

#### 2. Accounting policies

A summary of the principal accounting policies is set out below. All accounting policies have been applied consistently, unless noted below.

#### 2.1 Basis of accounting and transition from UK GAAP

The company was previously dormant and was exempt by virtue of s394A of the Companies Act 2006 from the requirement to file financial statements. During the financial year the company was reactivated and these financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, and under the historical cost basis in accordance with FRS 101.

In the transition to FRS 101, the company has applied IFRS 1 whilst ensuring that its assets and liabilities are measured in compliance with FRS 101. An explanation of how the transition to FRS 101 has affected the reported financial position, financial performance and cash flows of the company is provided in note 16.

IFRS 1 grants certain exemptions from the full requirements of Adopted IFRSs in the transition period. The following exemptions have been taken in these financial statements:

Business combinations that took place prior to transition date have not been restated.

The company's parent undertaking, Virgin Media Finance PLC includes the company in its consolidated financial statements. The consolidated financial statements of Virgin Media Finance PLC are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and are available to the public and may be obtained from Bartley Wood Business Park, Hook, Hampshire, RG27 9UP.

In these financial statements, the company has applied the exemptions available under FRS 101 in respect of the following disclosures:

- a cash flow statement and related notes;
- comparative period reconciliations for share capital;
- disclosures in respect of related party transactions with fellow group undertakings;
- disclosures in respect of capital management;
- the effects of new but not yet effective IFRSs;
- an additional balance sheet for the beginning of the earliest comparative period following the retrospective change in accounting policy:
- disclosures in respect of the compensation of key management personnel; and
- disclosures of tranactions with a management entity that provides key management personnel services to the company.

#### 2.2 Dividend income

Income is recognised when the company's right to receive payment is established.

#### 2.3 investments

Investments are recorded at cost, less provision for impairment as appropriate. The company assesses at each reporting date whether there is an indication that an investment may be impaired. If any such indication exists, the company makes an estimate of the investment's recoverable amount. Where the carrying amount of an investment exceeds its recoverable amount, the investment is considered impaired and is written down to its recoverable amount. A previously recognised in use of the investment or a change in economic conditions. The reversal of impairment loss would be to the extent of the lower of the recoverable amount and the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the investment in prior years.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

#### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

#### 2.4 Trade and other debtors

Trade and other debtors are stated at their recoverable amount. Provision is made when the amount receivable is not considered recoverable and the amount is fully written off when the probability for recovery of a balance is assessed as being remote.

#### 2.5 Deferred tax

Deferred tax is provided using the liability method on temporary differences between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes at the reporting date.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognised for all taxable temporary differences, except:

- When the deferred tax liability arises from the initial recognition of goodwill or 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 nor taxable
  profit or loss.
- In respect of taxable temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries, associates and interests in
  joint ventures, when 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 tax assets are recognised for all deductible temporary differences, the carry forward of unused tax credits and any unused tax losses. Deferred tax assets are recognised 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 credits and unused tax losses can be utilised, except:

- When the deferred tax asset relating to the deductible temporary difference arises from 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 nor taxable profit or loss.
- In respect of deductible temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries, associates and interests
  in joint ventures, deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that the temporary
  differences will reverse in the foreseeable future and taxable profit will be available against which the temporary
  differences can be utilised.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each reporting 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 tax asset to be utilised. Unrecognised deferred tax assets are reassessed at each reporting date and are recognised to the extent that it has become probable that future taxable profits will allow the deferred tax asset to be recovered.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in 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 reporting date.

Deferred tax relating to items recognised outside profit or loss is recognised outside of profit or loss.

Deferred tax items are recognised in correlation to the underlying transaction either in other comprehensive income or directly in equity.

Deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities are offset if a legally enforceable right exists to set off current tax assets against current income tax liabilities and the deferred taxes relate to the same taxable entity and the same tax authority.

## 3. Judgements in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the process of applying the company's accounting policies which are described above, management has not made any critical judgements that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements, except for:

#### Carrying value of investments

Investments are held at cost less any necessary provision for impairment. Where the impairment assessment did not provide any indication of impairment, no provision is required. If any such indications exist, the carrying value of an investment is written down to its recoverable amount.

#### Recoverability of intercompany debtors

Intercompany debtors are stated at their recoverable amount less any necessary provision. Recoverability of intercompany debtors is assessed annually and a provision is recognised if any indications exist that the debtor is not considered recoverable.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

	FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017				
4.	Operating loss				
	The operating loss is stated after charging:				
		2017	2016		
	Loss on disposal of investments	£000 48,720	£000		
	Provision for impairment of investments	8,806			
	Loss on disposal of investments of £48,720,000 is disclosed in note 9.				
	The carrying value of investments are assessed annually. Based on these reviews, and followed directors concluded on a provision for impairment of £8,806,000 (2016 - £nil).	wing a wider group res	tructure, the		
	The directors received no remuneration for the qualifying services as directors of this company by and disclosed in the financial statements of Virgin Media Limited.	All director's remunera	tion is paid		
5.	Income from shares in group undertakings				
		2017 £000	2016 £000		
	Dividends received	276,188	-		
	On 2 June 2017 the company received dividends of £70,778,000, £111,106,000, £5,718,000 Communications (Cumbernauld) Limited, Telewest Communications (Falkirk) Limited, Televille Limited and Telewest Communications (Glenrothes) Limited respectively.	0 and £51,868,000 fro vest Communications	m Telewest (Motherwell)		
	On 4 July 2017 the company received a dividend of £36,718,000 from Telewest Communication	is (Dundee & Perth) Lin	nited.		
6.	On 4 July 2017 the company received a dividend of £36,718,000 from Telewest Communication  Staff costs	is (Dundee & Perth) Lin	nited.		
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6. 7.	Staff costs		nited.		
	Staff costs  The company does not have any directly employed staff and is not charged an allocation of staff		2016 £000		
	Staff costs  The company does not have any directly employed staff and is not charged an allocation of staff	f costs by the group.  2017	2016		
	Staff costs  The company does not have any directly employed staff and is not charged an allocation of staff.  Other Interest receivable and similar income.	f costs by the group.  2017 £000	2016		
7.	Staff costs  The company does not have any directly employed staff and is not charged an allocation of staff.  Other Interest receivable and similar income.	f costs by the group.  2017 £000	2016		

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

9.	Tax on profit		
		2017 £000	2016 £000
	Current tax	2000	2000
	Total current tax		
	Deferred tax		
	Total deferred tax		
			<del>==</del>
	Tax on profit	-	-
	The tax assessed for the year is lower than (2016 - the same as) the standard rate of corpora 20.00%). The differences are explained below:	tion tax in the UK of 19.	25% (2016 -
		2017 £000	2016 £000
	Profit before tax	227,533	-
	Profit multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19.25% (2016 - 20.00%)	43,800	-
			- 
	Profit multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19.25% (2016 - 20.00%)		<u>-</u> -
	Profit multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19.25% (2016 - 20.00%)  Effects of:	43,800	- - - -
	Profit multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19.25% (2016 - 20.00%)  Effects of:  Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	43,800	- - - -
	Profit multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19.25% (2016 - 20.00%)  Effects of:  Expenses not deductible for tax purposes Income not taxable	43,800 11,073 (53,166)	- - - - -

## Factors affecting current and future tax charges

A reduction in the UK corporation tax rate from 21% to 20% (effective from 1 April 2016) was substantively enacted on 2 July 2013. Further reductions to 19% (effective from 1 April 2017) and to 18% (effective 1 April 2020) were substantively enacted on 26 October 2015, and an additional reduction to 17% (effective 1 April 2020) was substantively enacted on 6 September 2016. This will reduce the company's future current tax charge accordingly.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

10.	Investments	
		Investments in subsidiary undertakings £000
	Cost	
	At 1 January 2017	49,282
	Additions	8,724
	Disposals	(48,720)
	At 31 December 2017	9,286
	Amounts written off	
	At 1 January 2017	-
	Charge for the year	8,806
	At 31 December 2017	8,806
	Net book value	
	At 31 December 2017	480
	At 31 December 2016	49,282

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

#### 10. Investments (continued)

Subsidiary undertakings

In the opinion of the directors the aggregate value of the investments in associated undertakings is not less than the amount at which they are stated in the financial statements.

During the year the company subscribed for £1 share for a cost of £8,724,000 in Telewest Communications (Dumbarton) Limited, a fellow group company.

During the year, as part of a wider group restructure, Telewest Communications (Scotland Holdings) Limited disposed of its investment in Telewest Communications (Cumbernauld) Limited, Telewest Communications (Falkirk) Limited, Telewest Communications (Motherwell) Limited and Telewest Communications (Glenrothes) Limited, following those companies' application for Members Voluntary Liquidation. The company received no consideration in respect of this and therefore made a loss on disposal of investments of £48,720,000 (2016 - £nil). Prior to entering Members Voluntary Liquidation, the companies paid a dividend to Telewest Communications (Scotland Holdings) Limited of £239,471,000, representing the companies combined residual net assets. The company also received dividends from Telewest Communications (Dundee & Perth) Limited of £36,717,000.

The carrying value of investments are assessed annually. Based on these reviews, and following a wider group restructure, the directors concluded on a provision for impairment of £8,806,000 (2016 - £nil) in respect of Telewest Communications (Dumbarton) I imited.

The investments in which the company holds at least 20% of the nominal value of any class of share capital, all of which are unlisted, are as follows:

Direct shareholdings		Holdings	Proportion	Nature of
			held	business
Telewest Communications (Scotland) Limited		Ordinary	100%	Telecoms
Telewest Communications (Dumbarton) Limited	Γ	Ordinary	100%	Telecoms
Telewest Communications (Dundee & Perth) Limited		Ordinary	100%	Telecoms

All companies are registered at 1 South Gyle Crescent Lane, Edinburgh, EH12 9EG.

Γ Placed in Members Voluntary Liquidation subsequent to the year end

#### 11. Debtors due within one year

	2017 £000	2016 £000
Amounts owed by group undertakings	324,299	<u>-</u>

Amounts owed by group undertakings are unsecured and repayable on demand.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

#### 12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

2017 £000 2016 £000

Amounts owed to group undertakings

47,964

2000

Amounts owed to group undertakings are unsecured and repayable on demand.

#### 13. Share capital

2017

2016

Allotted, called up and fully paid 48,236,221 Ordinary shares of £1 each

48,236,221

48,236,221

#### 14. Reserves

#### Other reserves

Includes the excess of fair value of shares issued over nominal value when shares are issued in exchange for obtaining at least a 90% interest in the equity share capital of another entity and the excess of consideration paid over the book value of net assets acquired on the acquisition of the trade and assets of fellow group companies when accounted for as a common control transfer.

#### Profit and loss account

includes all current and prior year retained profits and losses.

## 15. Guarantees

Fellow group undertakings are party to a senior secured credit facility with a syndicate of banks. As at 31 December 2017, this comprised term facilities that amounted to £3,410 million (2016 - £3,595 million) and an outstanding balance of £nil (2016 - £nil) which was borrowed under a revolving facility of £675 million (2016 - £675 million). Borrowings under the facilities are secured against the assets of certain members of the group.

In addition, a fellow group undertaking has issued senior secured notes which, subject to certain exceptions, share the same guarantees and security which have been granted in favour of the senior secured credit facility. The amount outstanding under the senior secured notes at 31 December 2017 amounted to £4,870 million (2016 - £5,024 million). Borrowings under the notes are secured against the assets of certain members of the group.

The company has joint and several liabilities under a group VAT registration.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

## 16. Parent undertaking and controlling party

The company's immediate parent undertaking is Telewest Limited.

The smallest and largest groups of which the company is a member and in to which the company's accounts were consolidated at 31 December 2017 are Virgin Media Finance PLC and Liberty Global plc, respectively.

The company's ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party at 31 December 2017 was Liberty Global plc.

Copies of group accounts referred to above which include the results of the company are available from the company secretary, Virgin Media, Bartley Wood Business Park, Hook, Hampshire, RG27 9UP.

In addition copies of the consolidated Liberty Global plc accounts are available on Liberty Global's website at www.libertyglobal.com.

#### 17. First time adoption of FRS 101

The policies applied under the entity's previous accounting framework are not materially different to FRS 101 and have not impacted on equity or profit or loss.