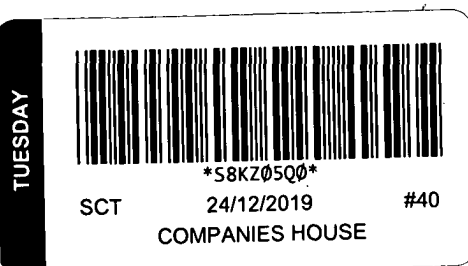


SSE Beatrice Offshore Windfarm Holdings Limited

Directors' report and financial statements

Year ended 31 March 2019

Registered No.: SC436255



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SSE Beatrice Offshore Windfarm Holdings Limited

Directors and Other Information

Directors

P. Cooley
F. McCutcheon
J. Smith

Registered office

Inveralmond House
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PH1 3AQ

Secretary

B. O'Connor (appointed 7 August 2019)
S. Fairbairn (resigned 7 August 2019)

Auditor

KPMG LLP
Chartered Accountants
319 St Vincent Street
Glasgow
G2 5AS

Registered number

SC436255

SSE Beatrice Offshore Windfarm Holdings Limited

Directors' Report

The Directors present their report together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2019.

The Directors have also taken advantage of the exemption from preparing a Strategic report available under section 414b of Companies Act 2006.

1 Principal activities

The company is a holding company for the purposes of holding shares in Beatrice Offshore Windfarm Limited, via its direct investment in Beatrice Offshore Windfarm Holdco Limited.

The company's immediate parent undertaking is SSE Renewables Offshore Windfarm Holdings Limited, registered in Scotland. The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of SSE plc.

2 Principal risks and uncertainties

The principal risk facing the company is the recovery of its investment in Beatrice Offshore Windfarm Limited. To mitigate this risk the directors will continue to monitor the performance and financial status of the investment in Beatrice Offshore Windfarm Limited on an ongoing basis.

3 Results and dividends

The profit and loss account for the year ended 31 March 2019 is set out on page 7. The profit for the year after taxation amounted to £0.2m (2018: profit of £0.2m). The balance sheet at 31 March 2019 is set out on page 8 and indicates net assets of £26.0m (2018: net assets of £25.7m).

4 Directors

The directors and secretary who served during the year are as listed on page 1. In accordance with the Articles of Association of the company the directors are not required to retire by rotation.

5 Political and charitable donations

The company did not make any political or charitable donations during the year (2018: *Nil*).

6 Post balance sheet events

There have been no significant events since the balance sheet date.

7 Disclosure of information to auditor

The Directors who held office at the date of approval of this Directors' Report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware; and each director has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a director to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

8 Going concern

The directors have assessed that the company will prepare its financial statements on a going concern basis, see note 1 for details.

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Directors' Report (*continued*)

9 Auditor

In accordance with Section 489 of the Companies Act 2006, Ernst and Young LLP were appointed as SSE Group's External Auditor for the year ended 31 March 2020 at the Annual General Meeting held on 18 July 2019. Following their appointment as External Auditor of the Group, it is the intention of the directors to appoint Ernst and Young LLP as External Auditor of the company.

On behalf of the Board:



P. Cooley
Director

20 December 2019

SSE Beatrice Offshore Windfarm Holdings Limited

Statement of directors' responsibilities in respect of the Directors' report and the financial statements

The directors are responsible for preparing 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 UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including FRS101 Reduced Disclosure Framework.

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- 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.

On behalf of the Board:



P. Cooley
Director

20 December 2019

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of SSE Beatrice Offshore Windfarm Holdings Limited

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of SSE Beatrice Offshore Windfarm Holdings Limited ("the company") for the year ended 31 March 2019 which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet, the statement of changes in equity and related notes, including the accounting policies in note 1.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 March 2019 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK accounting standards, including FRS 101 *Reduced Disclosure Framework*; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ("ISAs (UK)") and applicable law. Our responsibilities are described below. We have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities under, and are independent of the company in accordance with, UK ethical requirements including the FRC ethical standard. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is a sufficient and appropriate basis for our opinion.

Going Concern

The directors have prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis as they do not intend to liquidate the company or to cease its operations, and as they have concluded that the company's financial position means that this is realistic. They have also concluded that there are no material uncertainties that could have cast significant doubt over its ability to continue as a going concern for at least a year from the date of approval of the financial statements ("the going concern period").

We are required to report to you if we have concluded that the use of the going concern basis of accounting is inappropriate or there is an undisclosed material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt over the use of that basis for a period of at least a year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In our evaluation of the directors' conclusions, we considered the inherent risks to the company's business model, including the impact of Brexit, and analysed how those risks might affect the company's financial resources or ability to continue operations over the going concern period. We have nothing to report in these respects.

However, as we cannot predict all future events or conditions and as subsequent events may result in outcomes that are inconsistent with judgements that were reasonable at the time they were made, the absence of reference to a material uncertainty in this auditor's report is not a guarantee that the company will continue in operation.

Directors' report

The directors are responsible for the directors' report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover that report and we do not express an audit opinion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the directors' report and, in doing so, consider whether, based on our financial statements audit work, the information therein is materially misstated or inconsistent with the financial statements or our audit knowledge. Based solely on that work:

- we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report;
- in our opinion the information given in that report for the financial year is consistent with the financial statements; and
- in our opinion that report has been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of SSE Beatrice Offshore Windfarm Holdings Limited (*continued*)

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

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

We have nothing to report in these respects.

Directors' responsibilities

As explained more fully in their statement set out on page 4, the directors are responsible for: the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view; 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; 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 they either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.


Auditor's responsibilities

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 our opinion in an auditor's report. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but does not 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 aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

A fuller description of our responsibilities is provided on the FRC's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities.

The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

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.



Gordon Herbertson (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants
319 St Vincent Street
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G2 5AS
20 December 2019

SSE Beatrice Offshore Windfarm Holdings Limited

Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31 March 2019

	Note	2019 £000	2018 £000
Administrative costs		-	(1)
Operating loss		-	(1)
Interest receivable and similar income	3	3,735	192
Interest payable and similar charges	4	(3,465)	-
Profit before taxation		270	191
Tax on profit	6	(51)	(36)
Profit for the financial year		219	155

The above results are derived from continuing activities.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Total other comprehensive income

The company had no other comprehensive income in the current or prior financial years.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2019

	Note	2019 £000	2018 £000
Fixed Assets			
Investments	7	252,290	15
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Current assets			
Debtors: amounts falling due after more than one year	8	-	25,760
		<u>-</u>	<u>25,760</u>
Total assets		<u>252,290</u>	<u>25,775</u>
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(51)	(36)
Creditor: amounts falling due after more than one year	10	(226,281)	-
Net assets		<u>25,958</u>	<u>25,739</u>
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	11	-	-
Share premium account		19	19
Profit and loss account		25,939	25,720
Equity Shareholders' funds		<u>25,958</u>	<u>25,739</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Directors on 20 December 2019 and signed on their behalf by:

P. Cooley
Director
Company registered number: SC436255

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Notes on the Financial statements *(continued)* for the year ended 31 March 2019

1 Significant accounting policies *(continued)*

Non-derivative financial instruments

i) Trade and other debtors

Trade and other debtors do not carry any interest and are measured at cost (less an appropriate allowance for irrecoverable balances).

ii) Trade and other creditors

Trade and other creditors do not carry any interest and are measured at cost.

Taxation

The charge for taxation is based on the profit for the year and takes into account deferred taxation.

Current tax, including UK corporation tax, is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted, or substantially enacted, by the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax is provided on temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes. 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 enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

A net deferred tax asset is regarded as recoverable and therefore recognised only when, on the basis of all available evidence, it can be regarded as probable there will be suitable profits from which future reversals of the underlying temporary differences can be deducted.

Going concern

The directors have assessed that the Company has adequate resources to meet its liabilities as they fall due for a period of at least twelve months following the approval of these financial statements. These financial statements have therefore been prepared on a going concern basis.

2 Expenses and auditor's remuneration

The audit fee in the year and the previous year was borne by the Parent company, £8,200 of this was in relation to the audit of SSE Beatrice Offshore Windfarm Holdings Limited (2018: £8,200).

3 Interest receivable and similar income

	2019 £000	2018 £000
Interest receivable on loans to joint ventures	3,465	-
Interest receivable from group companies	270	192
	<u>3,735</u>	<u>192</u>

4 Interest payable and similar charges

	2019 £000	2018 £000
Interest payable to group companies	3,465	-
	<u>3,465</u>	<u>-</u>

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Notes on the Financial statements *(continued)* for the year ended 31 March 2019

5 Staff costs and numbers

Directors' Remuneration

	2019 £000	2018 £000
Directors' Remuneration	<u>1,609</u>	<u>1,320</u>

The aggregate of remuneration and amounts receivable under long term incentive schemes of the highest paid director was £0.9m (2018: £0.7m), and the company paid contributions of £nil (2018: £nil) to a money purchase scheme on his behalf.

The above value is for three (2018: three) directors of the company who were remunerated via another group company during the year. A value for the allocation of services to the company for these directors cannot be determined therefore the above value represents the remuneration they received for services to the group as a whole.

The company had no employees in the current or prior year.

6 Taxation

	2019 £000	2018 £000
UK corporation tax		
Current tax on income for the period	51	36
Total current tax charge	<u>51</u>	<u>36</u>
Total tax on profit	<u>51</u>	<u>36</u>

The difference between the total current tax shown above and the amount calculated by applying the standard rate of UK corporation tax to the profit before tax is as follows:

	2019 £000	2018 £000
Reconciliation of effective tax rate		
Profit before taxation	270	191
Tax on profit at standard UK corporation tax rate of 19% (2018: 19%)	51	36
Total tax charge for year	<u>51</u>	<u>36</u>

A reduction in the UK corporation tax rate to 17% (effective from 1 April 2020) was substantively enacted on 15 September 2016. This will reduce the company's future current tax charge accordingly.

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Notes on the Financial Statements *(continued)*

for the year ended 31 March 2019

7 Fixed asset investments

	Investments in joint ventures (Loans) £000	Investment in joint ventures (Equity) £000	Total £000
Cost			
At 1 April 2018	-	15	15
Additions	147,771	104,504	252,275
At 31 March 2019	<u>147,771</u>	<u>104,519</u>	<u>252,290</u>

During the year the Company issued £147.8m additional loans and contributed £104.5m in additional equity to Beatrice Offshore Windfarm Holdco Limited. As at 31 March 2019 the company held a 40% (2018: 40%) shareholding in Beatrice Offshore Windfarm Holdco Limited, which holds 100% of Beatrice Offshore Windfarm Limited.

Beatrice Offshore Windfarm Holdco Limited has a registered office at Inveralmond House, 200 Dunkeld Road, Perth, PH1 3AQ, Scotland.

Beatrice Offshore Windfarm Limited has a registered office at Inveralmond House, 200 Dunkeld Road, Perth, PH1 3AQ, Scotland.

The directors have reviewed the recoverability of the carrying value of the investment at 31 March 2019 and are satisfied that the carrying amount is not less than the recoverable amount.

8 Debtors

	2019 £000	2018 £000
Amounts falling due after more than one year:		
Amounts due from group undertakings	-	25,760
	<u>-</u>	<u>25,760</u>

The amounts due from group undertakings receivable after more than one year were in respect of amounts advanced by the Company to its parent, SSE plc. Interest was earned at 0.75%.

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2019 £000	2018 £000
Corporation tax payable	51	36
	<u>51</u>	<u>36</u>

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Notes on the Financial statements *(continued)* for the year ended 31 March 2019

10 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

2019	2018
£000	£000

Amounts owed to group undertakings

226,281	-
<u>226,281</u>	<u>-</u>

The amounts owed to group undertakings are in respect of amounts advanced to the Company by its ultimate parent SSE plc. Interest is charged at 8.00%

11 Share capital

2019	2018
£	£

Equity:

Allotted, called up and fully paid:

101 ordinary shares of £1.00 each

101	101
<u>101</u>	<u>101</u>

12 Ultimate parent company

The Company is a subsidiary of SSE plc, which is the ultimate parent company and is registered in Scotland. The largest and smallest Group in which the results of the Company are consolidated is that headed by SSE plc. The consolidated financial statements of the Group (which include those of the Company) are available from the Company Secretary, SSE plc, Inveralmond House, 200 Dunkeld Road, Perth, PH1 3AQ or by accessing the Company's website at www.sse.com.