

**BBC News Limited**  
**Report and Financial Statements**  
Year ended 31 March 2018  
Registered number 04080424

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## Director's report

The director presents his annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2018.

### Principal activities

BBC News Limited ('the Company') is a wholly owned subsidiary of the British Broadcasting Corporation ('BBC').

During the financial year the Company has not traded. It is not expected to trade in the year to 31 March 2019.

### Results and dividends

The Company made neither a profit nor a loss during the year (2017: £nil). The director does not recommend the payment of a dividend (2017: £nil).

### Strategic report

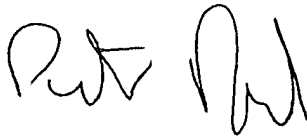
The Company is exempt by virtue of its size from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

### Director

The director who held office during the year and at the date of this report, unless otherwise stated, was:


Peter Ranyard

By order of the Board.



Peter Ranyard

Director

 September 2018

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## **Statement of director's responsibilities**

The director is responsible for preparing the Director's Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the director 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).

Under company law the director must not approve the financial statements unless he is 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 director is 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; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The director is 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. The director has responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to him to safeguard the assets of the Company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

## **Profit and loss account**

for the year ended 31 March 2018

During the financial year and the preceding financial year the Company did not trade and received no income and incurred no expenditure. Consequently, during those years the Company made neither a profit nor a loss.

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## Balance Sheet

as at 31 March 2018

	Note	2018 £	2017 £
Current assets			
Debtors due within one year	13	1	1
Net current assets		1	1
Net assets		1	1
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	- 4	1	1
Total shareholders' funds		1	1

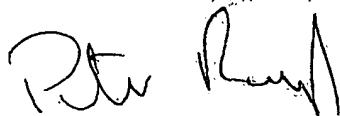
The notes on pages 74 to 8 form part of the financial statements.

For the year ended 31 March 2018 the Company was entitled to exception from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

### Director's responsibilities:

- The members have not required the Company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the period in question in accordance with section 476.
- The director acknowledges his responsibilities for complying with the requirement of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements of BBC News Limited, registered number 04080424, were approved by the director on 21 September 2018 and duly signed by:



Peter Ranyard  
Director

## Statement of changes in equity

for the year ended 31 March 2018


	2018	2017
	£	£
Shareholders' funds at the start and end of the year	1	1

## Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 31 March 2018

### 1 Authorisation of financial statements and statement of compliance with FRS 101

The financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2018 were authorised for issue by the director on

 September 2018. BBC News Limited is incorporated and domiciled in England and Wales.

These financial statements were prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework (FRS 101) and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

The Company's financial statements are presented in Sterling and all values are rounded to the nearest pound except where otherwise indicated.

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption under s400 of the Companies Act 2006 not to prepare group accounts as it is a wholly owned subsidiary of the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC). The group accounts of the BBC are available to the public and can be obtained as set out in note 5.

The principal accounting policies adopted by the Company are set out in note 2.

### 2 Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been consistently applied in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the Company's financial statements.

#### Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, and under the historical cost accounting rules.

The Company meets the definition of a qualifying entity under FRS 100 (Financial Reporting Standard 100) issued by the Financial Reporting Council. The Company has applied the requirements of IFRS 1.6-33 and related appendices. These financial statements were prepared in accordance with FRS 101 (Financial Reporting Standard 101) 'Reduced Disclosure Framework' as issued by the Financial Reporting Council, for all periods presented.

As permitted by FRS 101, the Company has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions under FRS101:

- IFRS 2 Share based payments
- IFRS 3 Business combinations
- IFRS 5 Non-current assets held for sale and discontinued operations
- IFRS 7 Financial instruments
- IFRS 13 Fair value measurement
- IAS 1 Presentation of financial statements
- IAS 7 Statement of cashflows
- IAS 8 Accounting policies, changes in accounting estimates and errors
- IAS 24 Related party disclosures
- IAS 36 Impairment of assets

#### Going concern

Although the Company is not immune from the effects of the current economic environment, the director believes the Company is well placed to manage the risks effectively, and has adequate resources to continue in operation for the foreseeable future. As a result the going concern basis has been adopted in the preparation of the financial statements.



## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

For the year ended 31 March 2018

### 2 Employees and director's remuneration

The Company did not employ staff at any time during the period nor make any payments in respect of wages and salaries.

The director did not receive any remuneration from the Company in either period.

The director is employed under service contracts with the British Broadcasting Corporation.

### 3 Debtors due within one year

	2018	2017
	£	£
Amounts owed by parent undertaking	1	1
<b>Total debtors</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

### 4 Share capital

	2018	2017
	£	£
Allotted, called up and fully paid:		
1 ordinary share of £1 each	1	1

### 5 Ultimate controlling party

The Company's ultimate parent undertaking is British Broadcasting Corporation which is incorporated in the United Kingdom by the Royal Charter. The largest and the only group in which the results of the Company are consolidated is that headed by the British Broadcasting Corporation. Copies of the financial statements of the BBC may be obtained from [www.bbc.co.uk/annualreport](http://www.bbc.co.uk/annualreport).