







## Debt Investor Presentation June 2021















## PRESENTING AND TREASURY TEAM



James
Bowling
Chief
Financial
Officer

James is a chartered accountant, having started his career with Touche Ross. He brings significant financial management, M&A and business transformation expertise to the Board

Prior to joining Severn Trent in March 2015, James was interim Chief Financial Officer of Shire plc, where he had been since 2005, first as Head of Group Reporting and from 2008 as Group Financial Controller

Prior to joining Shire, James spent nine years at Ford Motor Company in various finance roles of increasing responsibility



Adam Stephens Group Treasurer

Adam joined Severn Trent in April 2015. He has performed a number of senior finance roles within the organisation, most recently as Finance Director of the Group's Business Services division.

Adam is a fellow of the ICAEW having trained as a Chartered Accountant with Deloitte, and is qualified with the Association of Corporate Treasurers



**Nick Corker** Assistant Treasurer

Nick is Assistant Treasurer of Severn Trent Plc. He joined the company in 2004 as an Internal Auditor

Nick has worked in the Treasury team since 2008 and leads the Front Office

Prior to joining Severn Trent he worked for EY in Birmingham and Melbourne

Nick is a chartered accountant and an Associate Member of the Association of Corporate Treasurers

## **AGENDA**

- FY21 Review
- Green Recovery
- Regulatory backdrop
- Financials
- ESG

## **FY 2020/21 SUMMARY**

#### **Financial Performance**

**Credit Performance** 

Adjusted Group
PBIT of £473
million in line
with
expectations

net ODI
performance,
resulting in
£79m reward
across all areas

Strong
liquidity
new £1bn
5+1+1
sustainable RCF
agreed

Pension deficit reduction plan on track - £368m

**5.8% RoRE** outperformance of 1.9%

Fast start to
AMP7 with
over £590
million of
capital
investment

Green
Recovery
enhancing RCV
and successful
Equity Raise

STW Credit Ratings Baa1/BBB+ stable



**RECORD YEAR IN WATER** 

**Major advances in Water performance** 

Ensuring our water is of the highest quality

**Step change** in CRI scores and improving water quality complaints by more than **60%** and **10%** respectively

Focusing on customer key measures

Targeting those measures customers care about most with reductions in persistent low pressure and leadership in lead pipe replacement by HD

Using technology to improve efficiency

Installing **over 80,000 water meters** through the year, leading to improvements in leakage performance and water efficiency

Educating the next generation of customers

More than 750 classes provided to schools in our region teaching on responsible water usage and sewer savviness

## **LEADERS IN WASTE**

Integrated approach delivers targeted benefits

Focus on hotspot areas has decreased blockages by 30%

Installing up to 40,000 sensors by 2025 in our network giving us better data and insight

Beating our pollutions target by 20% through targeted improvements on key assets

Reduction of 31% year-on-year in sewer flooding following successful strategies





## **ENVIRONMENT-LED APPROACH**

**Outperformance underpinned by exciting future partnerships** 

Full AMP biodiversity delivered in year 1

Delivering AMP target with **ambitions to improve 5,000ha by 2027**, enhancing the environment

**Catchment management** 

Educating and creating partnerships with over 7,000 farmers, improving the quality of our water resources

53% of energy selfgenerated

Leaders in **generating energy from our own renewable sources**, helping reduce our emissions further

On track for Net Zero

**Strong progress on Triple Carbon Pledge**, aligned with plans for Net Zero by 2030, Scope 2 emissions target met

## **CUSTOMERS FIRST**

Supporting our customers through a difficult year

Supported more than 150,000 customers and launched COVID-specific Back on Track scheme

Doubled number of customers supported

custome

Creating an **intelligent customer system** so we're available whenever our customers need us

Using digital initiatives

Net reward across C-MeX and D-Mex, and continued progress on UKCSI with upper quartile position among utilities

**Upper quartile in UKCSI** 

Creating partnerships with local authorities and councils to ensure we help those who need it most

**Building partnerships** 

## **GREEN RECOVERY - OVERVIEW**

Objective: To build back greener from the pandemic, delivering lasting environmental improvements for current and future generations, while meeting the economic and social challenges England faces.

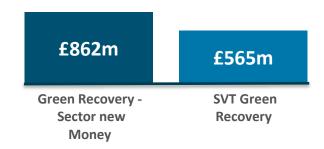
July 2020 – English water companies invited to submit plans January 2021 – Five companies provide formal proposals

May 2021 – Ofwat provides Draft Determination

STW awarded £565m (£624m in nominal prices)

- ✓ **Supports Green Recovery**, creating 2,500 jobs
- ✓ Delivers **6.6% additional RCV growth** at attractive returns
- ✓ Innovative new investments, setting template for future expenditure
- **★ £250m equity placement** funded at notional gearing protecting credit rating
- ✓ Benefits local communities and the environment

## STW awarded almost 2/3's of new sector investment



#### £565m

## **GREEN RECOVERY – USE OF PROCEEDS**

Leading the sector in supporting the UK's green economic recovery and environmental sustainability



Trialling innovative nature-based flood solutions for Mansfield

Increasing water supplies by enough to supply a city the size of Derby

**Creating bathing quality stretches of the River Leam and Teme** 

Removing old, lead pipes in up to 26,000 customers' homes

Accelerating improvements to 500km of our rivers, five years early

Installing over 150,000 smart meters to help customers save water

### REGULATORY BACKDROP

Well established, transparent predictable regulatory regime

Fast tracked AMP7 Plan provides stable cashflows

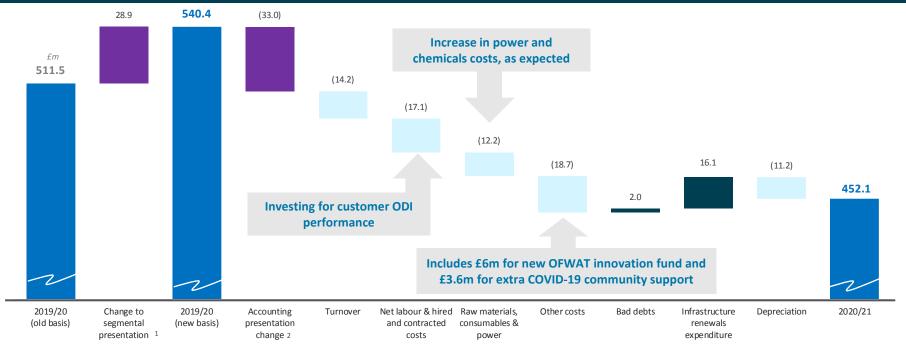
Strong operational performance provides opportunities in incentive based regime

£565m Green Recovery proposals approved

CMA decision provides positive backdrop for AMP8 negotiations

## REGULATED WATER AND WASTE WATER PBIT

#### **COVID** impacts but adjusted PBIT remains in line with expectations



<sup>1.</sup> In the prior year the Bioresources and Developer Services businesses were managed by, and included in, Business Services. Both of these businesses form part of the appointed businesses of Severn Trent Water and Hafren Dyfrdwy, and are included in the regulatory settlement determined by Ofwat and are now managed by Regulated Water and Waste Water. We have therefore amended our segmental presentation to include Bioresources and Developer Services as part of our Regulated Water and Waste Water business. We have restated the prior year segmental analysis to present both years on a consistent basis.

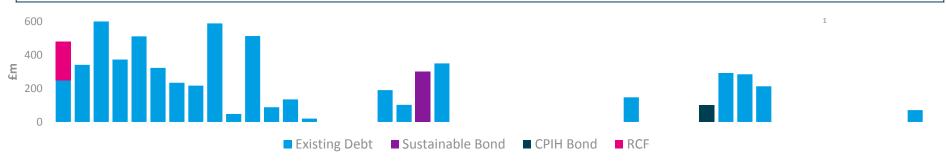
<sup>2.</sup> Following a change in presentation, which has resulted in a reclassification of deferred income and diversions income released to the income statement, previously credited to operating costs.

## **FINANCING OVERVIEW**

Net debt and gearing					Recent Financing Activity
ST Plc STW	<b>2021</b> 6,444 6,150	<b>2020</b> 6,232 6,187	<b>2021</b> 67.5% 64.5%	<b>2020</b> 64.9% 64.4%	<ul> <li>✓ £250m Equity Placement</li> <li>✓ £1 billion Sustainable 5+1+1 RCF</li> <li>✓ £100m 35 year CPIH bond issue</li> <li>✓ £300m 20 year 2% Sustainable Bond</li> <li>✓ £200m Sustainable USPP</li> </ul>
Credit Rating					Debt Structure
Moody <sup>6</sup> <b>S&amp;P</b> All rating	<b>'s</b> gs on stable	STW Baa1 BBB+ outlook	ST Plc Baa2 BBB		■ Bonds ■ Bank loans ■ EIB ■ USPP ■ Leases
Debt issued by ST Plc rated BBB-					Leases

## **FINANCING STRATEGY**

Maintaining strong liquidity and diversified sources of funding to support £3bn funding requirement					
Liquidity	Prudent 18 month liquidity policy, underpinned by £1bn 5+1+1 Sustainable RCF – Liquidity to early 2023				
Funding risk	Diversified sources of funding (Bank loans, bonds, USPP) and careful management of refinancing profile				
Interest rate and inflation management	Balanced debt portfolio, rates closely monitored by Treasury Committee Fixed 67%, index linked 25%, floating 8%				
Interest cost	Efficient financing targeting outperformance vs iBoxx				
Sustainability	Use of Sustainable Finance Framework				



#### **Green commitments in AMP7**

## SUSTAINABILITY RUNS THROUGH OUR BUSINESS

**Biodiversity** 

Improving 5,000ha of biodiversity Planting 1.3m trees

**Catchment management** working with 9,000 farmers in 44 catchments to prevent pollution of raw water

Triple carbon pledge

100% Renewable energy by 2030 Carbon neutral by 2030

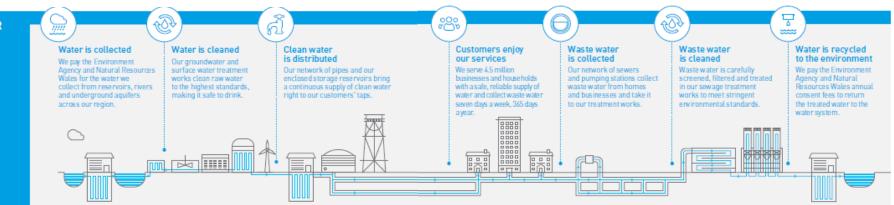
100% Electric vehicles by 2030

Reducing leakage 15% reduction by 2025 **Green communities** 

£0.6m of new natural capital created through 'green communities'

Improving the environment Improve the quality of over 50% of rivers in the region by 2025

### THE WATER CYCLE



**Social mobility** 

1,000 jobs offered in social mobility coldspots

Social commitments in AMP7

#### **Education and behaviours change**

155,250 customers commit to changing their water use

#### Supporting those in need

Supporting 195,000 customers who struggle to pay their bills £3.5m trust fund donations annually, 2.62 social return on investment

#### 1% community dividend

Funding projects focussed on improving the wellbeing of the region

## **EXTERNAL BENCHMARKS**

#### Severn Trent has been recognised across multiple indices for our commitments to sustainability



#### FTSE4Good

We have been a constituent of the FTSE4Good index since 2006



#### **Green Economy Mark**

We were awarded in 2020, which recognises companies that are driving the global green economy



#### **MSCI**

In December 2020, MSCI rated us A (Scale AAA to CCC)



#### CDP

Assesses our plans for climate change the action we are taking Rated B in 2020



## Tortoise Intelligence Responsibility100 Index

Measures the the gap between companies' walk and talk, we ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in October 2020



#### ISS

In August 2020 we received a B+ 'Prime' ESG rating, on a scale of D- to A+



#### **Sustainalytics**

In early 2021, Sustainalytics gave us a risk rating score of 14.4, placing us in the first percentile within the water utilities sub-industry.



#### **Carbon Trust**

We have held the Carbon Trust standard for over 10 years



#### Task Force on Climaterelated Disclosures (TCFD)

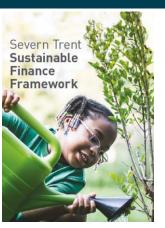
First year reporting inline with TCFD, with specific reporting in our Sustainability Report

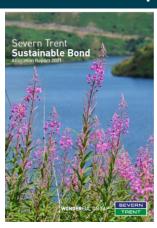
## **SUSTAINABLE FINANCE**

Connecting our financing with the delivery of our bold commitments to the environment and wider society

- In November 2019 we published our Sustainable Finance Framework
- The Framework was reviewed by DNV-GL who issued a Second Party Opinion
- The Framework is used to fund eligible investments which fall within Social or Green Eligible Categories
- These are aligned with our nine Business
   Plan outcomes and the UN Sustainable
   Development Goals
- We have now completed three debt issues under the Framework
- Sustainable Finance reporting is available on our website

#### **Sustainable Finance Reporting**







#### **Debt issues completed under the Framework**

£200m ST Plc USPP March 2020 **E300m STW GBP Bond**June 2020

£1bn STW RCF April 2021

## **SUMMARY**

Creating foundations for a successful future, with Green Recovery driving increased growth



Resilient financials delivering performance in line with expectations

Strong operational performance and best-ever customer ODIs of £79m

Helping our region bounce back and creating 2,500 jobs through Green Recovery award of £565m

Supporting our environment, communities and colleagues – on track for Net Zero by 2030; improving 5,000ha by 2027

# Q&A

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