

INTERIM RESULTS

Six months ended 30 September 2015

26th November 2015

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HY 15/16 HIGHLIGHTS

Good start to the new regulatory period:

- Progress made on the 5 levers of outperformance

ODIs

Delivering for customers – expecting a £10m reward this year

Totex

Thinking smarter, delivering savings

Efficiencies

£372m locked in, up to a further £50m locked in by May

Renewables

4% uplift in self generation – remain confident of 50% by 2020

Financing

Actively managing down the cost of debt

JAMES BOWLING

Chief Financial Officer

H1 HIGHLIGHTS

Turnover
£896.1m
-0.2%

Underlying PBIT¹
£281.0m
+2.6%

**Effective finance
cost**
4.6%

ODI performance
£10m

**Underlying
basic EPS²**
58.6 pence
+11.4%

Interim dividend
32.3 pence
-5.0%

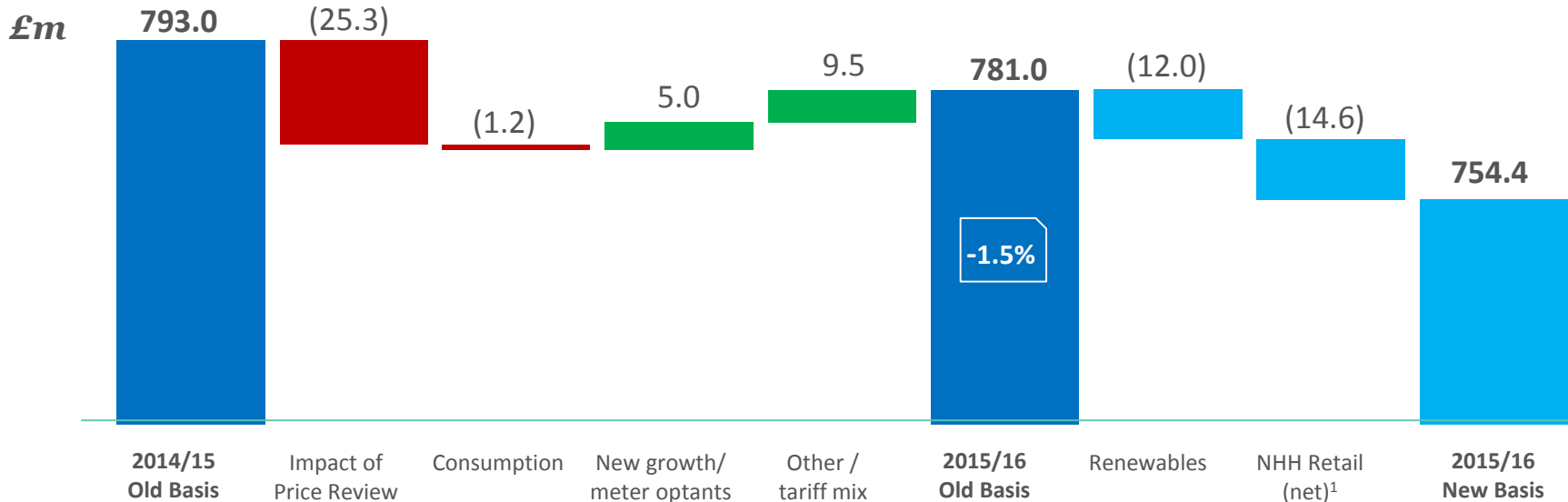
Good start to AMP6

1. Before exceptional items
2. Before exceptional items, net losses/gains on financial instruments, current tax on exceptional items and on financial instruments and deferred tax

REGULATED WATER & WASTE WATER

TURNOVER
£754.4m

- Turnover 1.5% lower² due to £25m agreed lower prices for customers under AMP6
- Offset by new growth & tariff mix effects



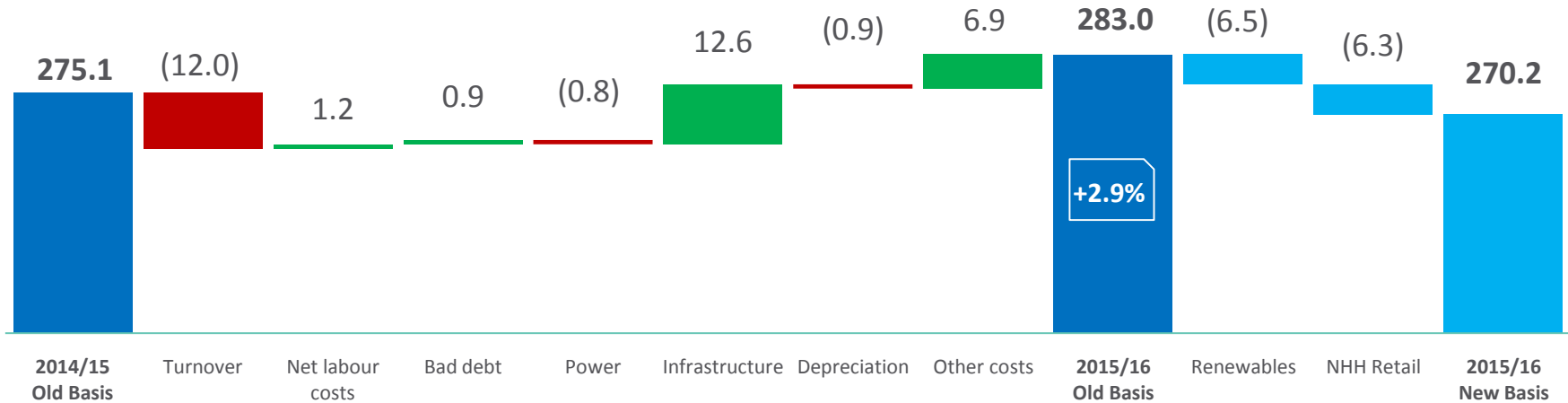
1. Gross NHH Retail turnover £200.3m, offset by inter-segment charge of £185.7m from Regulated Water & Waste Water to Business Services for wholesale services.
 2. Reduction year on year on old basis of reporting structure

IMPROVING MARGIN PERFORMANCE IN REGULATED WATER AND WASTE WATER

PBIT
£270.2m

- Turnover down £12m driven by price reduction
- More than offset by £20m of net cost reductions

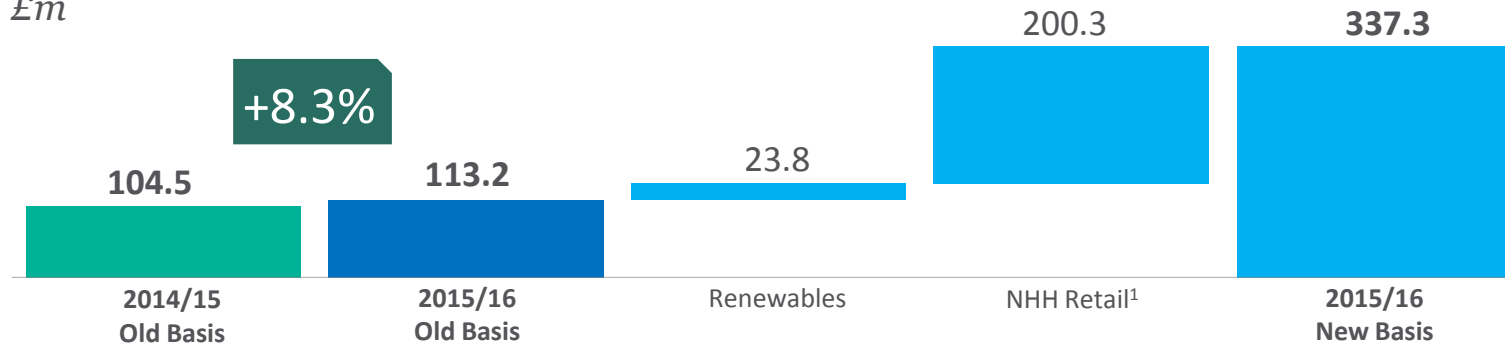
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BUSINESS SERVICES

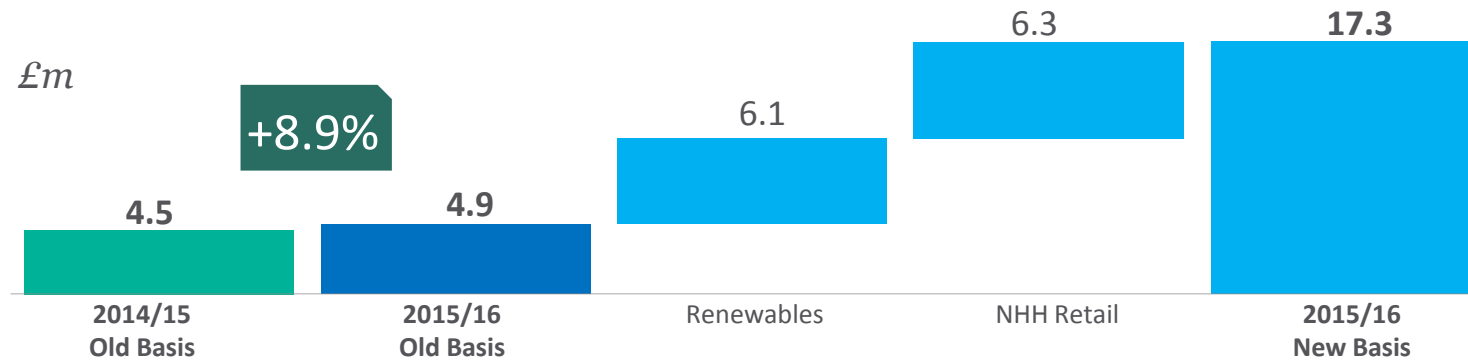
Turnover

£m



Profit

£m

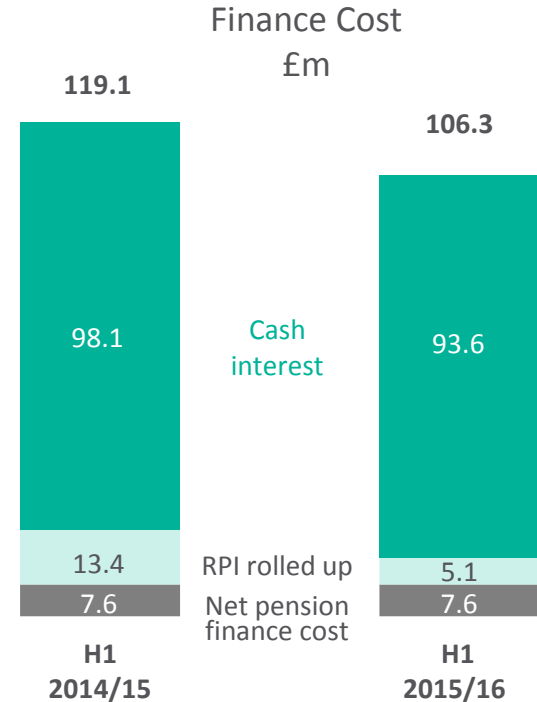


1. NHH Retail turnover comprises gross retail sales to customers. Regulated Water & Waste Water charge Business Services £185.7m for wholesale services.

FINANCING OUTPERFORMANCE ON TRACK

Delivered in H1

- Effective interest cost: 4.6%
 - Down from 5.5% in 2014/15
- Effective cash¹ interest cost: 4.3%
 - Down from 4.8% in 2014/15
- Benefit from debt management actions and lower index linked costs



1. Before exceptional items and net pension finance costs

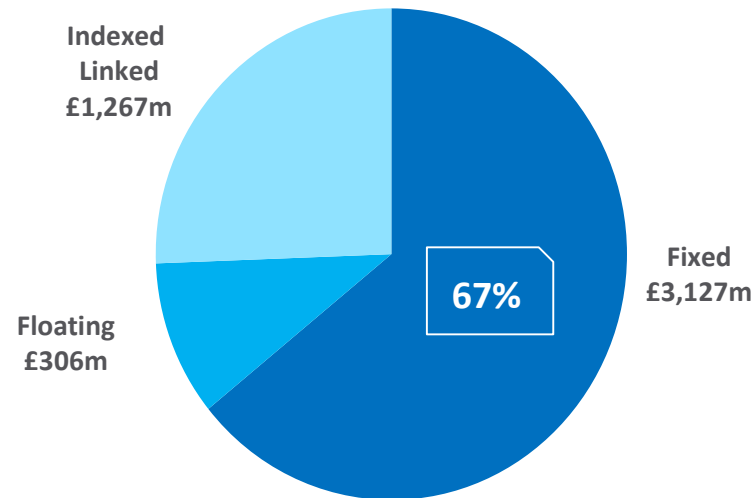
DELIVERING A BETTER DEBT STRUCTURE FOR AMP6 AND BEYOND

Actions taken

- US private placement - £471m¹ raised
 - Competitive, floating rate pricing
 - Range of “infill” tenors 11-15 years
- Liquidity of £1 billion in place for AMP6
 - £100m of new bilaterals plus £900m RCF
- Share buyback - £90m of £110m completed
- Net debt/RCV² at 59.7%
 - Down due to strong operational cashflows & WP receipt

1. Total sterling value of £ and \$ denominated debt raised
2. Estimated RCV at 30 September 2015

Gross Debt Profile
Total £4.7bn



Net Debt^{3,4} £4,637m (14/15: £4,753m)

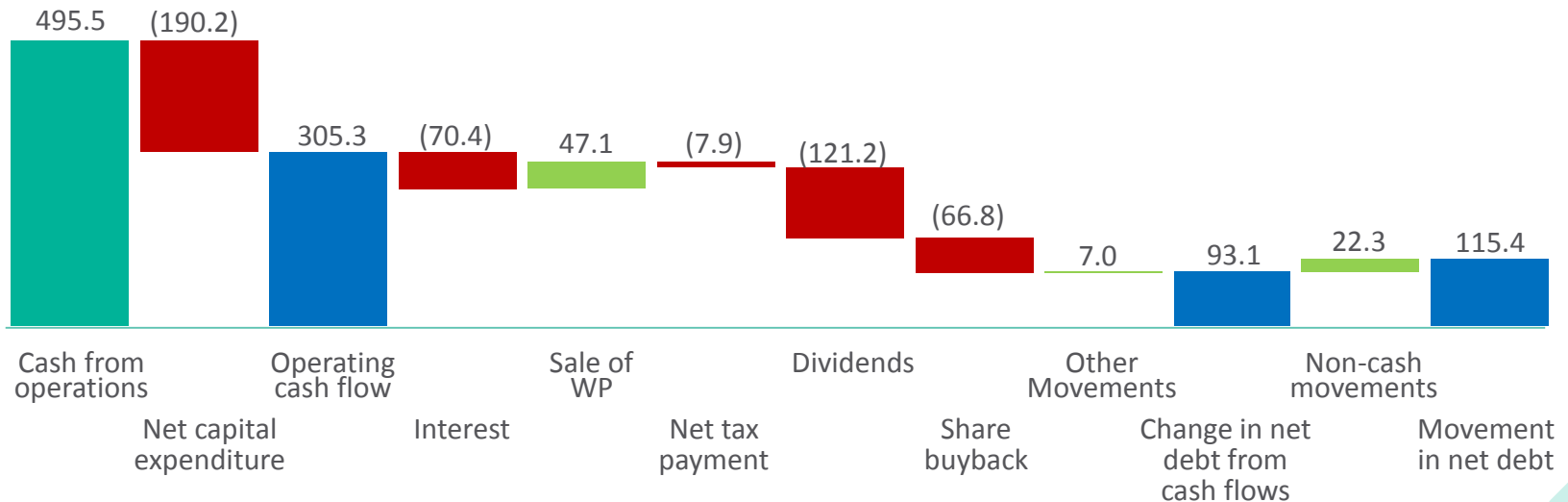
3. Includes net cash of £54.6 million & cross currency swaps hedging debt of £8.1m
4. Regulated net debt £4,743m (31 Mar 2015: £4,701m)

GROUP CASH FLOW

MOVEMENT IN NET DEBT
£115.4m

- Solid cashflows from operations - up year on year, despite turnover reduction

£m



CREATING VALUE

MEASURING SUCCESS

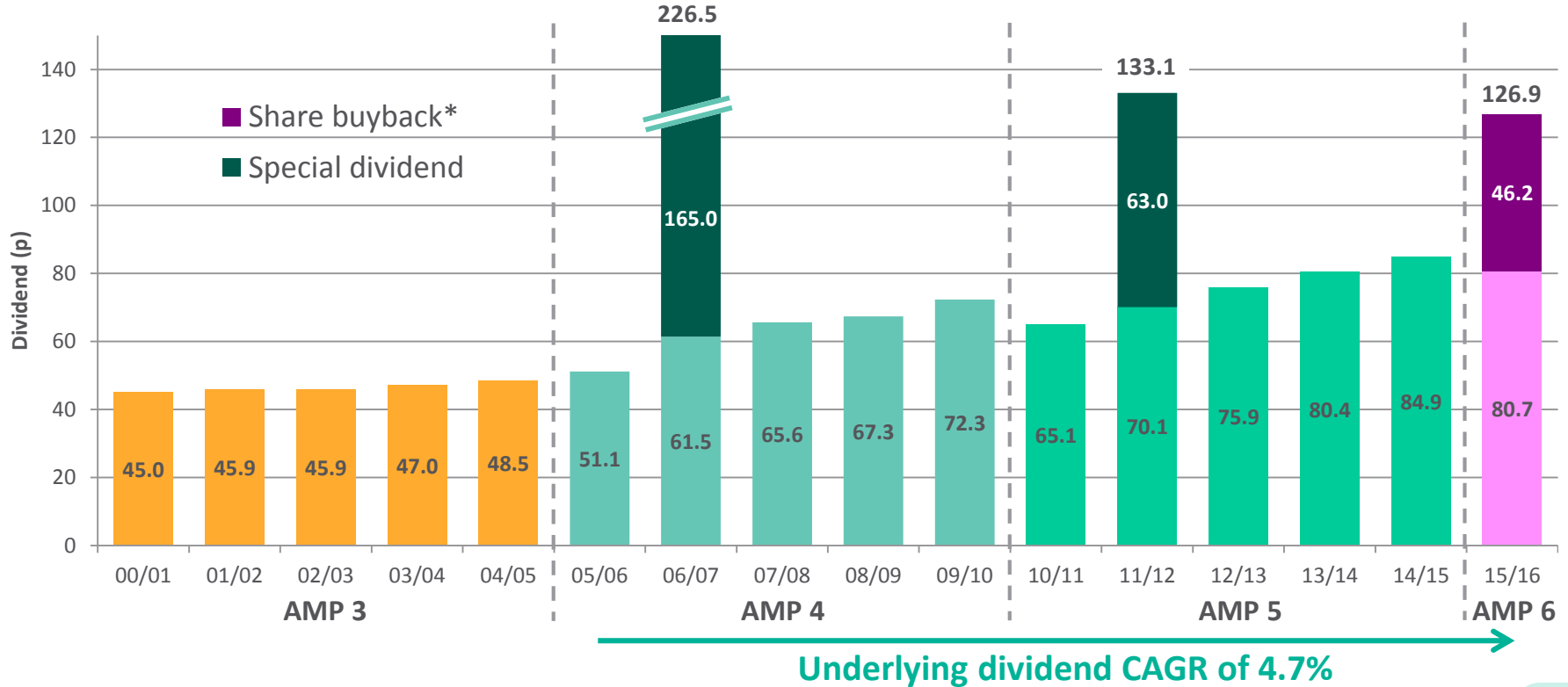
PBIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improving margin performance
Totex	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• £372m of efficiencies locked in• Further opportunities
ODIs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• £10m rewards expected in 2015/16• Good start, more to play for
RCV Growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Capital programme off to a good start• Fastest growing RCV of listed WASCs for AMP6
Financing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Effective interest cost 4.6%

RoRE

Shareholder returns

TRACK RECORD OF DELIVERING RETURNS FOR SHAREHOLDERS

2000/01 – 2015/16



*Based on £110m share buyback divided by 238m shares (average no. over buyback period)

FY 2015/16 TECHNICAL GUIDANCE

Regulated Water and Waste Water

Y-on-Y

Turnover	£1.49bn to £1.51bn (new reporting basis)	▼
Wholesale totex¹	£1.03bn to £1.06bn	↔
RCV	34.7% of 15/16 wholesale totex will be capitalised onto the RCV	▲
Opex (IFRS)	Lower Opex - benefits of tighter cost control and organisational efficiencies	▼
Capex (IFRS, net cash)	£410 million to £430 million	▲
IRE	£125 million to £135 million	▼
ODIs	Net rewards of £10 million expected, received on a two year lag	▲

Business Services

Growth in revenues and PBIT ▲

Group

Interest charge	Lower year on year, due to reduced debt costs	▼
Tax rate	Effective tax rate between 17% and 19%	▲
Dividend	Set at 80.66p for 2015/16. The Board's policy is then to grow the dividend annually by at least RPI until March 2020	▼

1. Excludes retail costs, includes regulated renewables

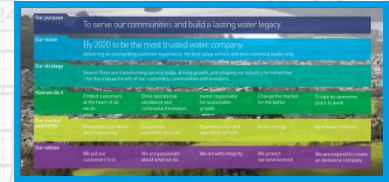
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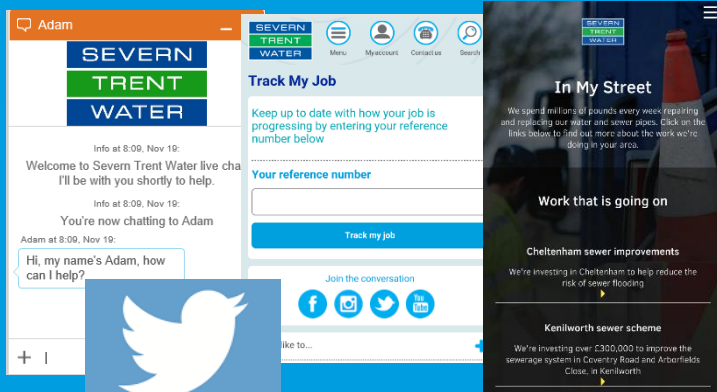
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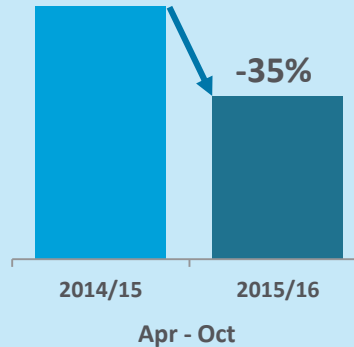
A CUSTOMER FOCUSED BUSINESS

Digital colleagues and customers

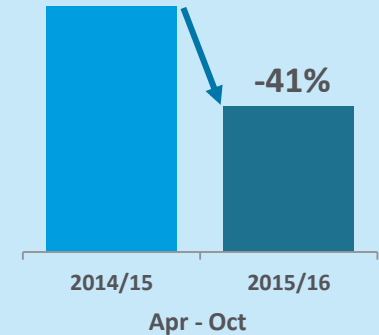


Focus on issue resolution

Complaints



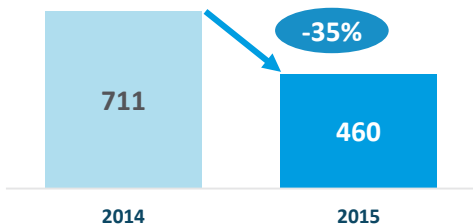
Escalated Complaints



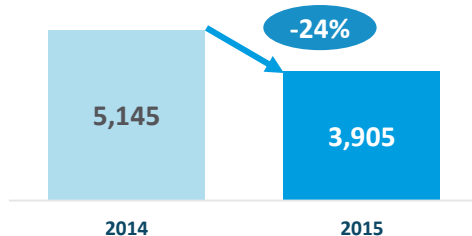
OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE: SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN LAST 18 MONTHS

Improved year on year performance on 83% of our operational measures, including:

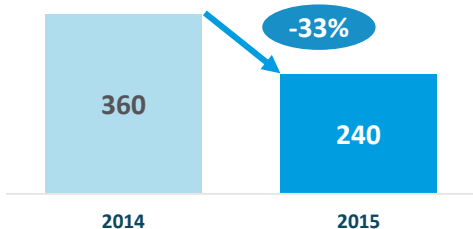
Internal Sewer Flooding (Apr-Oct)



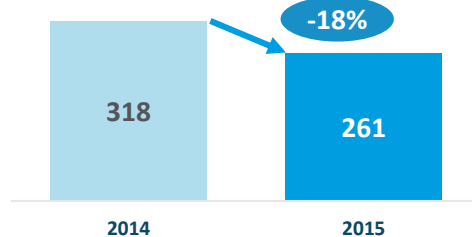
External Sewer Flooding (Apr-Oct)



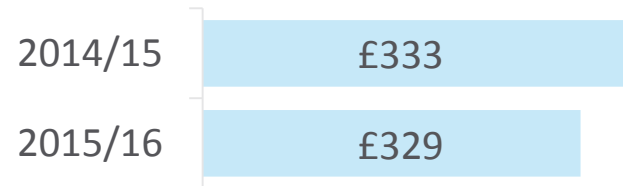
Supply Interruptions (Apr-Oct)



Category 3 pollutions (Jan-Oct)



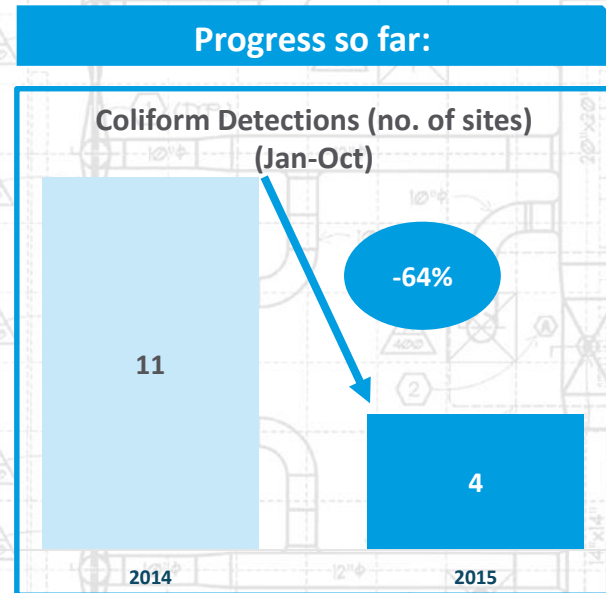
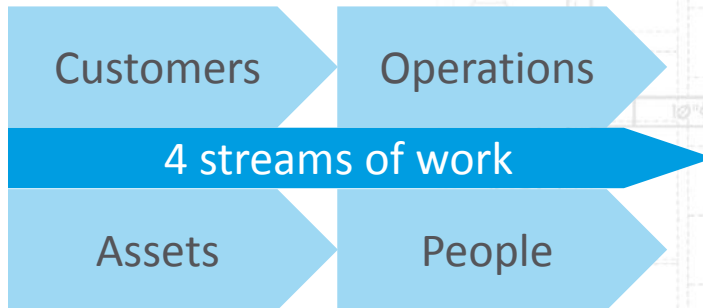
Against a background of reduced customer bills:



UNDERLYING SERVICEABILITY MEASURES IMPROVING

Serviceability Focus: WATER QUALITY

- Applying project-type discipline to 14 initiatives
- Governance uniting all key parties to drive them
- Cleanest Water dashboard – weekly review by STEC
- External expert appointed



TRANSLATING INTO ODI REWARDS

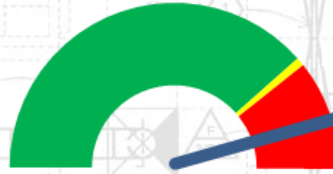
Performance to end October

In AMP

Category 3 Pollutions



Water quality complaints



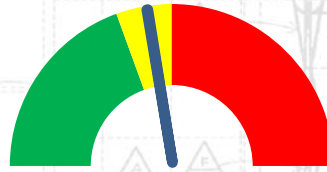
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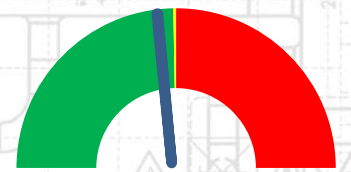
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Leakage



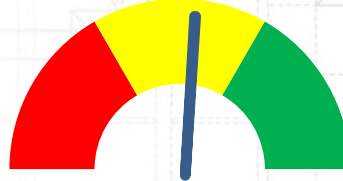
External sewer flooding



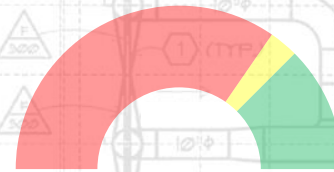
Coliform detections



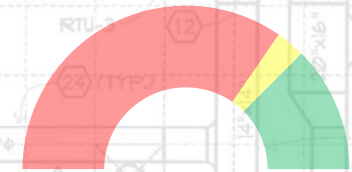
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Catchment management



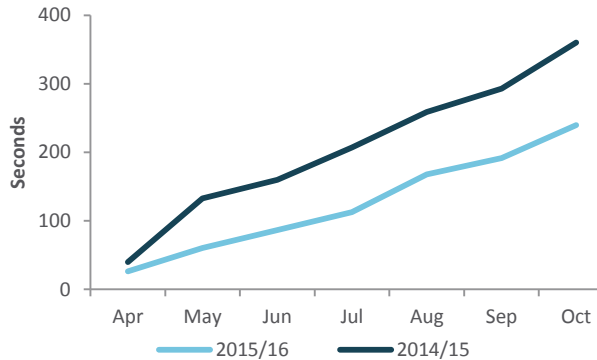
Water framework directive



End of
AMP

ODI SPOTLIGHT: SUPPLY INTERRUPTIONS

YTD Performance:



Our July initiative:

Striving to add zero minutes onto our supply interruptions

Driving belief in our ability to deliver



How we're achieving outperformance:

- Cross-regional and cross-functional collaboration
- Reorganisation and redeployment of equipment
- Improved incident management
- Revised approach to planned work

EMBEDDING TOTEX THINKING

You can always find ways to improve what you do

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Taking a risk based approach to identify highest priority risks, focusing on ODI impact

Asset Management



Network modelling identified low cost solution with no impact on network performance

- Embedding totex thinking at every level of the organisation
- Focusing on the whole life costs of assets

BIRMINGHAM RESILIENCE: ON TRACK TO DELIVER



Land purchases now complete



Formal planning agreements in place



Abstraction licence 'pre-application'
approved by the EA



Stakeholder engagement programme off
to positive start



LOCKING IN EFFICIENCIES

All £372m¹ now locked in



Supplier Contract Efficiencies

- Sewerage commercial model
- Chemical contracts

Capital Programme Efficiencies

- Working with our One Supply Chain partners to deliver capex efficiencies

Restructuring

- Delaying the organisation
- Reducing the cost base

Focused on outperformance

- Up to £50m more to be locked in by May
- Further opportunities

GOING BEYOND £372m EFFICIENCIES

Already frontier efficiency for Waste Water

Striving for upper quartile performance on Water

How we will get there:

Digitalisation of our networks

Driving proactive asset management

Supply chain activity

Utilising new technology



LEADERS IN RENEWABLES

32%

of energy needs today¹

50%

of energy needs by 2020²

£190m
investment

DOUBLE DIGIT

IRR

on all investments

Potential for
outperformance with
new technology



Wind turbines
2 sites

~25GWh



Solar
40 sites

~25GWh



Sewage sludge THP
2 sites

~250GWh



Crop & food waste AD
4 sites

~130GWh

New sites over AMP6

Target generation
by end of AMP6

1. As at 30th September 2015

2. By end of AMP6

STRONG START TO AMP6

- ✓ Customers at the heart of what we do
- ✓ ODIs delivering; for customers and shareholders
- ✓ Totex thinking embedded
- ✓ Going beyond £372m efficiencies
- ✓ Opportunity through renewable energy
- ✓ Engaged in the debate



More to do – focused on delivery

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APPENDIX

DEFINING RoRE

$$\text{RoRE} = \frac{\text{PAT}^1 + \text{Regulatory adjustments}}{\text{RCV} \times (1 - \text{Actual Gearing})}$$

The diagram illustrates the formula for Return on Regulatory Expense (RoRE). It is structured as follows:

- RoRE** is equal to the sum of **PAT¹** and **Regulatory adjustments**, divided by the product of **RCV** and **(1 – Actual Gearing)**.
- Regulatory adjustments** are further broken down into **Performance variance**, which includes **TOTEX**, **ODIs²**, and **Financing**.

1. As per the Final Determination
2. Includes SIM

GROUP EARNINGS

PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

2014/15 £m		2015/16 £m	Variance £m	Variance %
107.5	Profit for the period attributable to owners of the company	143.7	36.2	33.7%
(0.5)	Adjusted for discontinued operations	0.6	1.1	220.0%
107.0	Profit for the period from continuing operations attributable to owners of the company	144.3	37.3	34.9%
Pence		Pence	Variance Pence	Variance %
	Basic EPS from continuing operations			
52.6	Underlying basic EPS (before exceptional items, net gain/loss on financial instruments and deferred tax)	58.6	6.0	11.4%
44.8	Basic EPS	60.5	15.7	35.0%
	Diluted EPS from continuing operations			
52.4	Underlying diluted EPS (before exceptional items, net gain/loss on financial instruments and deferred tax)	58.4	6.0	11.5%
44.7	Diluted EPS	60.3	15.6	34.9%

GROUP BALANCE SHEET

AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

31 March 2015 £m		30 September 2015 £m	Movement in the period £m
7,520.0	Property, plant and equipment	7,581.6	61.6
81.0	Intangible assets	80.8	(0.2)
4.7	Other non-current assets	4.8	0.1
(1,310.8)	Working capital, provisions and pensions	(1,277.8)	33.0
6,294.9	Capital employed	6,389.4	94.5
72.6	Net assets held for sale	-	(72.6)
11.2	Tax debtor/(creditor)	(11.3)	(22.5)
(625.1)	Deferred tax provision	(652.4)	(27.3)
176.7	Cash	57.2	(119.5)
(4,926.7)	Borrowings	(4,702.5)	224.2
(2.6)	Cross currency swaps	8.1	10.7
(4,752.6)	Net debt	(4,637.2)	115.4
(177.7)	Other derivative financial instruments	(159.5)	18.2
823.3	Net assets	929.0	105.7
85%	Gearing ¹	83%	

1. Net debt divided by net debt and equity

MOVEMENT ON SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

	£m
At 1 April 2015	823.3
Total comprehensive income for the period	217.9
Dividends paid to shareholders of Severn Trent Plc	(121.2)
Share based payments charge (after tax)	2.0
Shares issued	7.0
At 30 September 2015	929.0

GEARING

AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

31 March 2015	Net debt/RCV	30 September ¹ 2015
61%	Severn Trent Group	60%
61%	Severn Trent Water	61%

1. Estimated RCV at 30 September 2015.

WHOLESALE TOTEX RECONCILIATION

PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

	Opex £m	Capex £m	Totex £m
STW Opex per income statement	292.5	-	292.5
STW Capex per cash flow statement	-	180.8	180.8
Infrastructure maintenance expenditure	-	52.0	52.0
ROC income deducted from Totex	(7.4)	-	(7.4)
Proceeds on sale of fixed assets	3.4	7.4	10.8
Change in capital creditors	-	(4.2)	(4.2)
Amortisation of grants and contributions	5.3	-	5.3
Retail Opex	(59.7)	-	(59.7)
Non-appointed Opex	(4.6)	-	(4.6)
Other income	1.6	-	1.6
Wholesale Totex	231.1	236.0	467.1

SEVERN TRENT SERVICES PERFORMANCE

PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

Turnover				Underlying PBIT ¹		
2014/15 £m	2015/16 £m	Change %		2014/15 £m	2015/16 £m	Change %
104.5	113.2	8.3	As reported	4.5	4.9	8.9
4.6	-		Exchange rate impacts	(0.1)	-	
109.1	113.2	3.8	Like for like ²	4.4	4.9	11.4

1. Before exceptional items

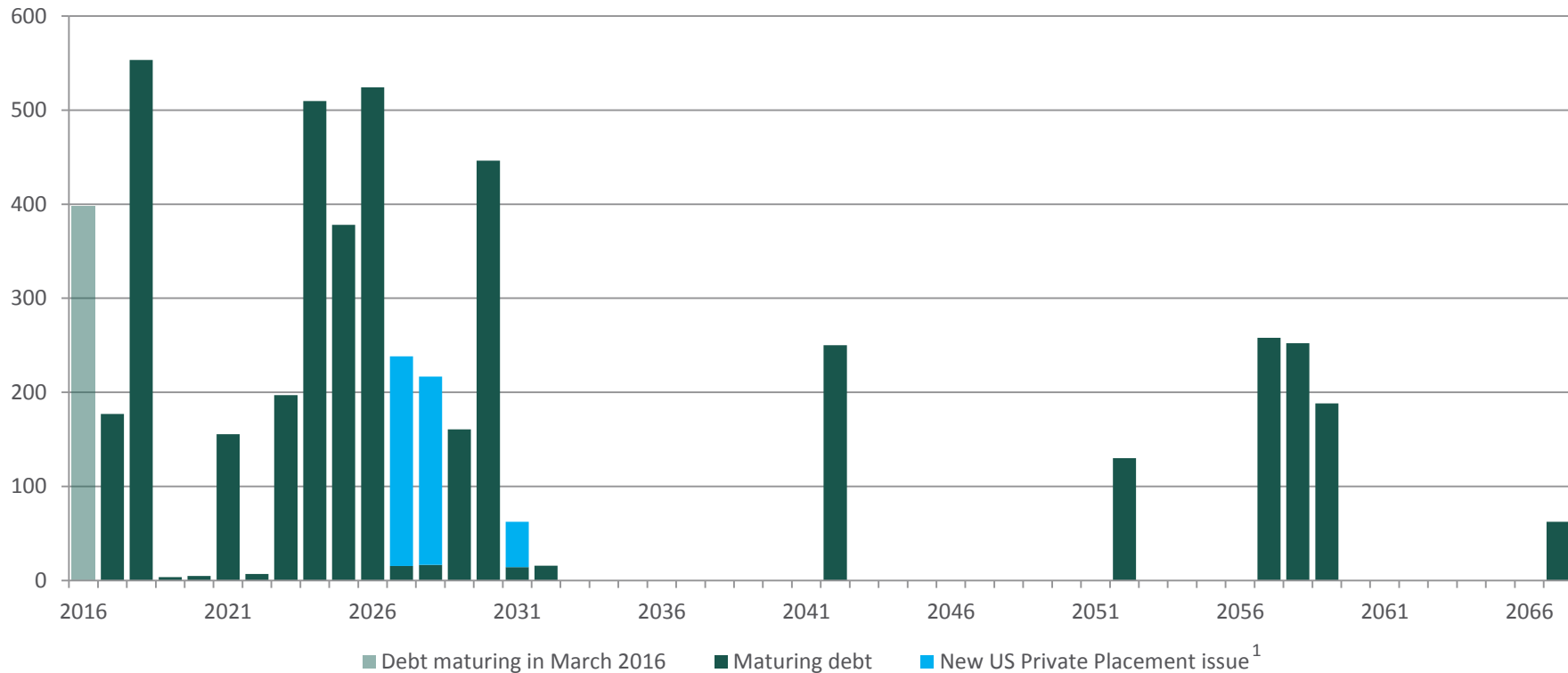
2. On constant currency excluding acquisitions and disposals

NET FINANCE COSTS

PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

	Income statement charge 2015/16 £m	Capitalised interest 2015/16 £m	Gross interest incurred 2015/16 £m
“Cash” interest (including accruals)	93.6	7.5	101.1
Net pension finance cost	7.6	-	7.6
RPI interest	5.1	0.4	5.5
	106.3	7.9	114.2

IMPROVING MATURITY PROFILE



1. Funds to be received in March 2016

NET DEBT

AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

	30 September 2014 £m	31 March 2015 £m	30 September 2015 £m
Cash and cash equivalents	(154.1)	(176.7)	(57.2)
Bank overdrafts	0.6	-	2.6
Bank loans	595.8	1,279.2	1,125.1
Other loans	3,786.1	3,467.5	3,432.2
Finance leases	180.7	180.0	142.6
Cross currency swaps	(26.3)	2.6	(8.1)
Net debt	4,382.8	4,752.6	4,637.2

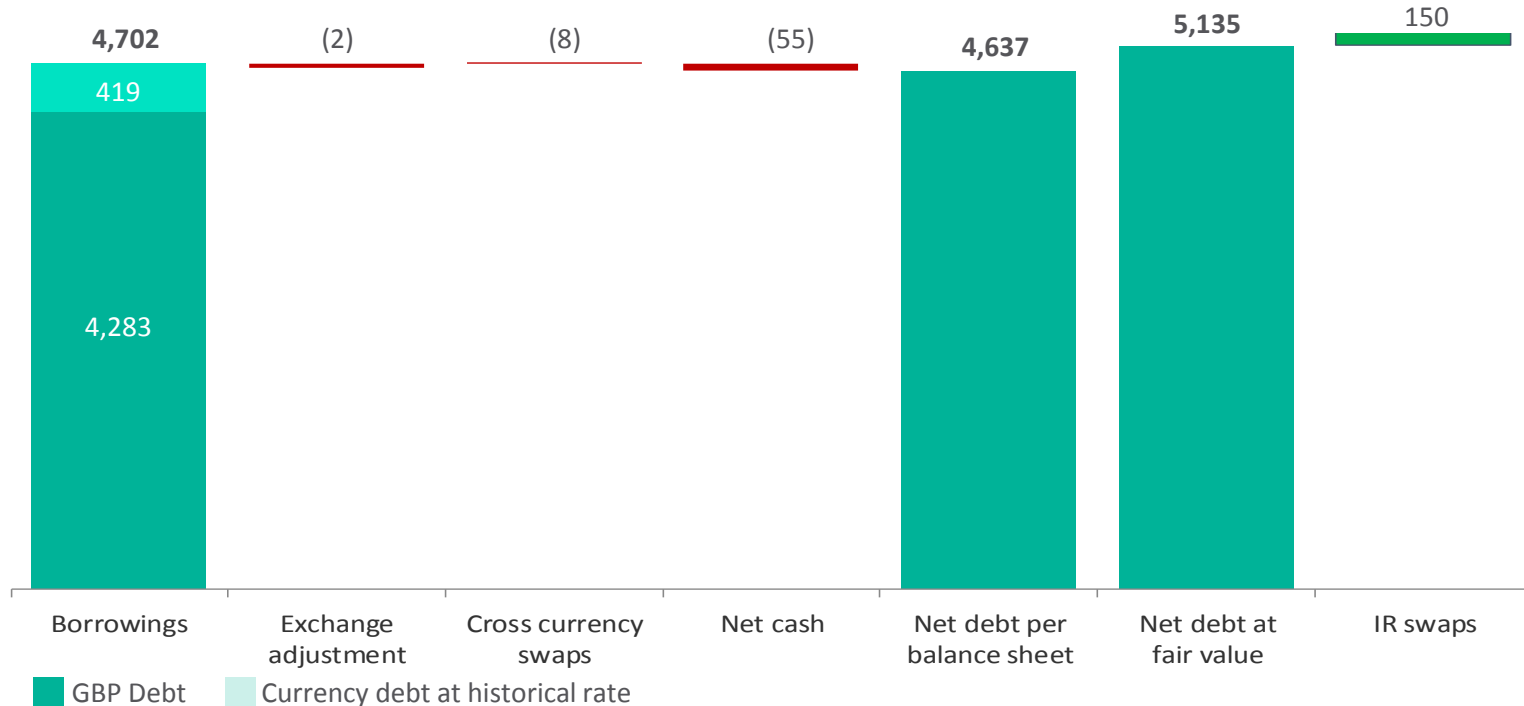
FAIR VALUE OF NET DEBT

AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

	30 September 2014 £m	31 March 2015 £m	30 September 2015 £m
Bank loans	613	1,298	1,136
Other loans	4,289	4,331	3,914
Finance leases	175	191	148
	5,077	5,820	5,198
Net cash and cash equivalents	(154)	(177)	(55)
Cross currency swaps	(26)	3	(8)
Fair value of net debt	4,897	5,646	5,135
Net debt (previous slide)	4,383	4,753	4,637
Difference	514	893	498

ANALYSIS OF BORROWINGS, NET DEBT AND SWAPS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

At 30 September
2015



CREDIT RATINGS

Severn Trent Water

Severn Trent Plc

Moody's

A3

Baa1

Standard & Poor's

BBB+

BBB-

Moody's – outlook is negative

Standard & Poor's – outlook is stable

SEVERN TRENT WATER - RCV

2015/16 Opening RCV **£7,683m**

£m	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Per Determination ¹	7,336	7,490	7,684	7,866	7,948
Projected Outturn (OBR RPI assumptions ²)	7,855	8,220	8,695	9,177	9,560

1. 2012/13 prices

2. Based on Office of Budget Responsibility RPI assumptions (2.7% average)

COMPANY VISION, PURPOSE AND VALUES

WHAT WE STAND FOR

Our Vision:

By 2020 to be the most trusted water company:
delivering an outstanding customer experience, the best value service and environmental leadership

Our Purpose:

To serve our communities and build a lasting water legacy

Our Strategy:

Severn Trent are transforming service today, driving growth, and shaping our industry for tomorrow – for the mutual benefit of our customers, communities and investors

How we do it:

Embed customers at the heart of all we do

Drive operational excellence and continuous innovation

Invest responsibly for sustainable growth

Change the market for the better

Create an awesome place to work

Our Market Segments:

Wholesale operations and engineering

Household customer services

Business retail and operating services

Green energy

New water markets

Our Values:

We put customers first

We are passionate about what we do

We act with integrity

We protect the environment

We are inspired to create an awesome company