

Suffolk Coastal Norse Limited

Suffolk Coastal District Council has held a 20% share of Suffolk Coastal Norse Limited since 1 April 2009. This company provides a package of services including Refuse, Cleansing and Maintenance.

Group accounts have been prepared as the Council has the 'power' to participate in operating decisions and because transactions between Suffolk Coastal Norse Ltd and the Council are material. Group Accounts incorporate the Council's share of the net assets and surplus of Suffolk Coastal Norse Ltd as an Associate using the Equity method.

The Company prepares its accounts for the period to the week ending closest to the end of January each year, closing its accounts two months before those of the Council. This is within the permissible period for consolidation, subject to there being no significant movements within that period. Therefore for both the current accounts and the comparative figures no adjustment has been made to the accounts of the Company to make it co-terminus with the Council. The Group Accounts are included in this document as separate Primary Statements, showing the extent of the Council's 20% interest in the Company.

In addition to the Group Accounts, the following information has been disclosed to aid an understanding of the nature of the group relationship and the impact of the arrangement on the Council's Statement of Accounts.

- a) The registered name of the Company is Suffolk Coastal Norse Limited;
- b) Nature of the business - the principal activity of the Company is that of refuse, cleansing and maintenance services;
- c) The immediate parent undertaking is Norse Commercial Services Limited;
- d) The ultimate parent undertaking is Norse Group Limited;
- e) The Company's ultimate controlling party is Norfolk County Council, by virtue of them owning 100% of the ordinary share;
- f) The Council holds fully paid Ordinary Share capital of £2, with no special rights or constraints. It has a 20% share of the Company and also receives a 50-50 profit / loss share at year-end;
- g) Payments made to Suffolk Coastal Norse Limited in respect of refuse, cleansing and maintenance services are included within the Cost of Services in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. Total payments to Suffolk Norse Ltd were £7.666m in 2014/15 (£7.521m in 2013/14) and included as follows:

	2014/15	2013/14
	£'000	£'000
Car Parks	396	390
Central Support Services	230	226
Environmental Protection	93	163
Highway Services	183	171
Outdoor Leisure	944	882
Public Conveniences	311	288
Resort Activities	152	136
Street Furniture	151	193
Waste Management	5,005	4,874
Other Services	201	198
	<u>7,666</u>	<u>7,521</u>

- i) Details of the Company's annual financial results to 1st February 2015 are set out below:

	2015 Suffolk Coastal Norse Ltd £'000	2015 Council Investment (20%) £'000	2014 Suffolk Coastal Norse Ltd £'000	2014 Council Investment (20%) £'000
Property, Plant & Equipment	-	-	-	-
Current Assets				
Stock	189	38	68	14
Debtors	3,982	796	3,064	613
Cash at Bank	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>
	4,177	835	3,135	628
Creditors falling due within one year	(2,754)	(551)	(1,936)	(387)
Provision of Deferred Taxation	-	-	(26)	(5)
Defined Benefit Pension Scheme Liability	<u>(3,219)</u>	<u>(644)</u>	<u>(1,666)</u>	<u>(333)</u>
Net Assets / Shareholder's funds	<u>(1,796)</u>	<u>(360)</u>	<u>(493)</u>	<u>(97)</u>
Share of Actuarial Gains/(Losses)	(1,983)	(397)	(558)	(112)
Turnover	12,135	2,427	11,926	2,385
Profit on ordinary activity before taxation	425	85	281	56
Tax on profit on ordinary activity	(87)	(17)	(4)	(1)
Profit for the Financial Period	338	68	277	55
Tax components included in the above figures are as follows:	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Debtors				
- Deferred Tax asset	19	4	20	4
Creditors falling due within one year				
- Corporation Tax	(81)	(16)	(78)	(16)
Tax on profit on ordinary activity	(73)	(15)	(4)	(1)
- Current Tax	(14)	(3)	-	-
- Deferred Tax	(87)	(18)	(4)	(1)