

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 03232514

**LIVERPOOL VICTORIA
INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED**

**REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

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LIVERPOOL VICTORIA INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

DIRECTORS, OFFICERS AND REGISTERED OFFICE

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STRATEGIC REPORT

1. Results and dividends

The profit on ordinary activities for the year after taxation is £45,735,000 (2013: £45,571,000) as set out on page 11. The directors have declared and paid interim dividends of £30,000,000 in the current year (2013: £32,000,000).

2. Principal activities

The principal activity of the Company is to carry on general insurance business through both the direct and broker distribution channels. The primary sources of premium income are from the sale of Motor and Home products. Motor insurance products include Private Car, Specialist Car, Fleet, Motorcycle and Commercial Vehicles. The Company also underwrites Road Rescue, Pet and Travel Insurance, and Insurance for Small and Medium Size Enterprises ('SME').

3. Business review and developments

(a) Results and performance

The 2014 results for the Company show a profit before taxation of £56,609,000 (2013: £58,542,000), which was underpinned by an improved underwriting profit. It is the seventh successive year that the Company has reported a profitable result. The fact that in 2014 the Company has paid dividends, demonstrates that the Company's results are developing in line with its strategic objectives.

The following factors have had a material effect on the result for the year (see also (g) Key Performance Indicators below):

1. Premium written: Due to very competitive market conditions during 2014, particularly in Motor, it was hard to maintain or increase prices without adversely impacting business volumes. The Group did however start to implement price increases during the second half of 2014 in order to maintain acceptable margins. As a result of these competitive market price conditions, the Company reported a small reduction in overall premiums written, even though underlying business volumes have increased. The Company has continued its strategy to diversify its reliance upon Motor by continuing to grow the Home and SME lines of business.
2. Underwriting result: The Company's underwriting profit improved during 2014. The main reason for this is that, although the current year results were adversely impacted by the margin pressures noted above, there was a significant favourable prior year reserves run off amounting to £72.7m (2013: £30.3m). In addition it was overall a relatively benign year for Home insurance (despite the well-publicised flood events experienced during the early part of the year). The material level of reserve run off seen during 2014 was partly due to more data clarity emerging after some initial uncertainty inherent in the implementation of a new claims system in 2013 and partly due to the recognition of some positive impact from the implementation of the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offender Act (LASPO) reforms described in last year's report. It is therefore unlikely that any prior year reserve run off in 2015 will be at a similar level.
3. Investment returns: 2014 was a challenging year for the financial markets, with the overall returns remaining subdued driven by continued low underlying interest rates and poor performance from equities. The Company's investment return of 2.0% is expected to be broadly in line with external market benchmarks. It has benefited from an active but conservative management of its portfolio, as well as a spread of investment risk across a range of investment holdings, sectors, ratings and maturities.
4. Expenditure: In response to the competitive market conditions the Company has maintained strong cost disciplines through controlling acquisition costs and operating expenses during the year. Nevertheless, investment in staff, systems, marketing and infrastructure has continued to ensure that the Company is well placed to deliver its profitable growth strategy. Even though overall expenditure has increased at a lower rate than overall policy volumes, the lower average earned premiums have led to a slightly higher expense ratio in 2014 compared to 2013.

STRATEGIC REPORT

3. Business review and developments (continued)

(a) Results and performance (continued)

5. Claims: During 2014 the Company continued to develop its products and enhance its pricing and underwriting processes, which have contributed to a continued improvement in the personal injury ('PI') claims frequency. Initiatives driving claims management efficiencies have contributed to the claims performance in 2014. With the exception of the adverse weather experienced during the first quarter, 2014 has been a benign year for the property classes, which has been reflected in their favourable underwriting results.
6. Direct Division: The Direct Division operates under the LV= and Britannia Rescue brands. Under the LV= brand it offers personal lines products including Motor, Home, Travel and Pet Insurance. Road Rescue is offered under the Britannia Rescue brand. The Direct Division has continued to grow, increasing the overall number of in-force policies by 4.8% although written premiums at £789.6m have reduced year on year by 4% (2013: £824.1m).

Broker Division: The Broker Division offers both personal lines (primarily Motor) and Commercial/SME products under the ABC Insurance and Highway brands. During 2014 this division wrote premiums of £604.7m (2013: £621.3m). This was less than 2013, as the target of achieving acceptable underwriting margin was prioritised over pursuing business volume growth. Nevertheless premium increases were reported in the SME lines of business.

Management views 2014 as a year where it has been able to demonstrate that it can deliver sustainable profits and to pay dividends in a difficult and competitive market.

(b) Business environment

2014 was a challenging year for UK motor insurers as market rates continued to weaken and investment returns remained subdued. Despite these conditions, the Company delivered continued policy growth in its target market segments and now has over 3.1 million policies across an increasingly broad range within the product lines.

Competitive pressures are expected to continue into 2015. However Management believes that market rates are likely to move towards more sustainable levels during the course of the 2015 trading year.

(c) Strategy

The Company is a major subsidiary of Liverpool Victoria General Insurance Group Limited ('LVGIG'). The long term objective of LVGIG (and its subsidiaries ('Group')) is as follows:

"To maintain its position as a top five general insurer in its target markets and to be active in all major channels: direct, broker, affinity and white-label.

It will be focused on three core products, namely Motor, Home and SME supported by more minor lines such as Road Rescue, Travel and Pet and will utilise a range of strong brands including LV=, Highway, ABC and Britannia Rescue. The Group will operate best-practice processes and technology in order to provide superior customer service through a people-focused and empowered culture. The Group aims to deliver attractive and consistent returns to the members of Liverpool Victoria Friendly Society ('LVFS')."

(d) Principal risks and uncertainties

Pricing: The UK motor insurance market moves in a cyclical manner and is currently experiencing significant price competition. The main reason for this is that many insurance companies have benefitted from the favourable impacts of the LASPO legislative changes which occurred during 2013. These benefits are being realised, although it remains possible that the market has over-estimated the level of savings (and therefore the price reductions that can be afforded). As such Management believes that motor premium rates will have to increase to more sustainable levels during the course of 2015.

STRATEGIC REPORT

3. Business review and developments (continued)

(d) Principal risks and uncertainties (continued)

Economic Environment: The financial environment during the course of 2014 has been volatile and returns subdued. This looks set to remain with significant uncertainties around interest rate, credit spread and yield levels, overlaid in 2015 by the political uncertainty occasioned by the general election and the continuing travails of the Euro area. Investment income is predicted to remain relatively low (by historical standards) for the next few years.

The Company pays particular attention to credit risk and increased claims leakage through fraud. Capital management and cash flow remain material considerations at all times.

Business Change: The Company is still going through a number of material transformation processes (including a full review of some of its core systems) as it continues to prepare for the future. Such change carries with it an element of operational risk; however, Management mitigates this risk through a disciplined project management approach.

Distribution/Market developments: The increased influence of the internet and of price comparison websites (commonly referred to as “aggregators”) has changed and continues to change the UK business environment. Social media are increasingly becoming material factors influencing the way the Company conducts the business, and are therefore monitored closely by the Company. Insurance specific developments in technology (such as crash avoidance systems, telematics, etc.) are another potential driver of material market transformation in the future. The Company is ensuring that it is prepared to respond quickly to changing circumstances.

Exceptional Weather Events: Exceptional weather events will always present a risk to an insurance company which underwrites property. The Company mitigates this risk as far as is sensible through the purchase of reinsurance protection.

Regulatory: A number of legal and regulatory developments affected the UK insurance market during 2014 and will continue into 2015. These include:

1. **Solvency II:** Management monitors all developments and takes appropriate action to ensure that the Company is well prepared for the Solvency II capital regime which will take effect from 1 January 2016. This regime requires significant changes to the solvency and capital management processes of both insurance companies and regulators and in addition the key implementation and transition rules remain unclear. As such there is some uncertainty around the long-term capital requirements of the Company and the insurance industry as a whole. As part of its usual risk management processes the Company reviews regulatory documents when published and assesses its internal products, processes and controls against the risks that the Prudential Regulation Authority (‘PRA’) and the Financial Conduct Authority (‘FCA’) identifies.

2. **FCA market intervention:** the FCA has made its intention public to intervene more actively in the workings of the market where it feels that the right outcomes are not being achieved for the consumer. This may result in requirements to change practice in product design, distribution and pricing. While the Company considers that customer value is at the heart of the way it does business, as evidenced by market leading customer satisfaction and recommendation scores, there is a risk that such interventions designed to address general market concerns cause incidental cost and disruption to the Company.

3. **Ogden discount rate:** There is continued uncertainty in relation to the Ogden discount rate – the rate used by insurance companies to calculate a discounted lump-sum value of the future cost of care, loss of earnings and pensions for large personal injury claims. Although a change is not expected in 2015 a reduction in the rate is a possibility at some point in the future. A statement of how the Company manages its principal types of risk is disclosed in note 5 of the financial statements.

Further detail as to how the Group manages its principal types of risk is disclosed in note 5 of the financial statements.

STRATEGIC REPORT

3. Business review and developments (continued)

(e) Future outlook

It is projected that the Company will steadily increase its premium income in 2015 and beyond. This growth will come from moderate price and volume increases in both the Direct and Broker operations and further diversification into Home and SME products. However, it should be noted that volume growth will not be pursued at the expense of ever lower margins. The Company therefore expects to continue to deliver underwriting profits in 2015.

(f) Significant post Statement of Financial Position events

There have been no events of significance affecting the Company since the Statement of Financial Position date.

STRATEGIC REPORT

3. Business review and developments (continued)

(g) Key performance indicators ('KPIs')

The Board sets KPIs and targets for its main operating businesses, which it monitors on a regular basis throughout the year. These KPIs change from time to time as objectives and priorities change.

The Company uses many detailed KPIs to monitor performance. The main high level ones are as follows;

KPI	2014	2013	Comments
Premiums written	£1,089.3m	£1,128.1m	As a result of competitive market conditions and material price reductions primarily in the Motor market, the Company reported a year on year reduction in the premium written by 3.4%. Underlying policy counts did however increase slightly.
Underwriting loss ratio	74.1%	76.0%	An overall loss ratio of 74.1% was a significant improvement on the prior year, despite adverse weather early in the year. The main driver of the improvement was the large prior year reserves run off amounting to £72.7m (2013: £30.3m). The favourable impact of this fully mitigated the impact of price driven margin pressures on the 2014 loss ratio.
Expense ratio *	23.3%	22.6%	Although the Company benefited from good cost management processes and economies of scale during 2014 (the absolute expense cost being down by 1%), lower average earned premiums led to a year on year increase of the expense ratio.
Combined ratio	97.4%	98.5%	An overall combined ratio of 97.4% is an improvement on 2013 with the improved loss ratio being the principal driver.
Investment return	£30.8m	£44.7m	Total investment return includes: 1. Investment income and 2. Net fair value gains/losses on financial assets 2014 was a challenging year for the investment markets, with overall returns remaining depressed in line with the underlying low interest rates and poor equity returns, The Company achieved a total investment return of £30.8m (which equates to a total return of 2.0%, 2013: 3.2%).
Net assets	£617.8m	£602.1m	The Company made a post-tax profit of £45.7m. Dividends amounting to £30m were paid during the year. The net movement on the net assets were therefore £15.7m.

* Expense ratio excludes amortisation of goodwill and investment management costs but, includes interest earned from selling policies on instalments and ancillary income derived from the sale of the principal products. The Company also uses a range of non-financial KPIs which are disclosed and managed at ultimate parent company level.

On behalf of the Board of Directors

S V Castle
Director

27 March 2015

DIRECTORS' REPORT

As permitted by section 414C(11) of the Companies Act 2006, certain information is not included in the Directors' Report because it has instead been shown in the Strategic Report. This information is:

- Results and dividends;
- Principal activities of the Company;
- Business review and future prospects;
- Principal risks and uncertainties.

1. Directors and their interests

The present members of the Board and the members who were in office during the year and up to the date of signing the financial statements are listed on page 1.

2. Parent company

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of LVGIG. The ultimate parent company is Liverpool Victoria Friendly Society Limited ('LVFS'), a friendly society incorporated under the Friendly Societies Act 1992.

3. Employees

The Company did not directly employ any staff during 2014. Instead it utilised the staff and premises of LVFS in carrying out its activities and incurred the cost of staff through management charges.

4. Directors' indemnity statement

The Directors have the benefit of an indemnity which constitutes a "qualifying third party indemnity provision" as defined by Section 234 of the Companies Act 2006. The indemnity was in force throughout the last financial year and is currently in force. LVFS also purchased and maintained throughout the year on behalf of its subsidiaries Directors' and Officers' liability insurance in respect of the Company and its Directors. It is available for inspection at the registered office of the Company details of which are provided on page 1.

5. Directors' responsibilities statement

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic Report, 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 the Directors have prepared the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union. 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 accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union (EU) 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 Directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of information relating to the Company which is included on LVFS's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

6. Independent Auditors and disclosure of information to auditors

Each Director at the date of this report confirms that:

- so far as the Directors are aware, there is no information relevant to the audit ("Audit Information") of which the Company's auditors are unaware; and
- the Directors have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a Director in order to make himself or herself aware of any Audit Information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information.

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 also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed by order of the Board

R S Small
Company Secretary

27 March 2015

Independent auditors' report to the members of Liverpool Victoria Insurance Company Limited

Report on the financial statements

Our opinion

In our opinion, Liverpool Victoria Insurance Company Limited's financial statements (the "financial statements"):

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2014 and of its profit and cash flows for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs") as adopted by the European Union; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

What we have audited

Liverpool Victoria Insurance Company Limited's financial statements comprise:

- the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2014;
- the Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year then ended;
- the Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended;
- the Statement of Changes in Equity for the year then ended; and
- the notes to the financial statements, which include a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in the preparation of the financial statements is applicable law and IFRSs as adopted by the European Union.

In applying the financial reporting framework, the directors have made a number of subjective judgements, for example in respect of significant accounting estimates. In making such estimates, they have made assumptions and considered future events.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, the information given in the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

Other matters on which we are required to report by exception

Adequacy of accounting records and information and explanations received

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

- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- 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.

We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

Directors' remuneration

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion, certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made. We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit

Our responsibilities and those of the directors

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 7, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) ("ISAs (UK & Ireland)"). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the company's members as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

What an audit of financial statements involves

We conducted our audit in accordance with ISAs (UK & Ireland). An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of:

- whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed;
- the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors; and
- the overall presentation of the financial statements;

We primarily focus our work in these areas by assessing the directors' judgements against available evidence, forming our own judgements, and evaluating the disclosures in the financial statements.

We test and examine information, using sampling and other auditing techniques, to the extent we consider necessary to provide a reasonable basis for us to draw conclusions. We obtain audit evidence through testing the effectiveness of controls, substantive procedures or a combination of both.

In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Report and Financial Statements to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

David Roper (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
Bristol
27 March 2015

- (a) The maintenance and integrity of the Liverpool Victoria Friendly Society Limited website is the responsibility of the directors; the work carried out by the auditors does not involve consideration of these matters and, accordingly, the auditors accept no responsibility for any changes that may have occurred to the financial statements since they were initially presented on the website.
- (b) Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

LIVERPOOL VICTORIA INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

	Note	2014 £000	2013 £000
Insurance contract premium revenue	6	1,111,011	1,149,670
Insurance contract premium ceded to reinsurers	6	(29,614)	(31,354)
Net premium revenue		1,081,397	1,118,316
Investment income	7	54,212	50,321
Net fair value losses on financial assets at fair value through income	8	(23,363)	(5,577)
Other income	9	28,686	30,179
Total income		1,140,932	1,193,239
Insurance claims and loss adjustment expenses	10	(805,719)	(849,416)
Insurance claims and loss adjustment expenses recoverable from reinsurers	10	4,606	(415)
Net insurance claims		(801,113)	(849,831)
Other operating and administrative expenses	11	(283,210)	(284,866)
Total claims and expenses		(1,084,323)	(1,134,697)
Profit before tax		56,609	58,542
Income tax expense	14	(10,874)	(12,971)
Profit for the year attributable to owners		45,735	45,571
Total comprehensive income for the year		45,735	45,571

All balances relate to continuing business.

The notes on pages 15 to 54 are an integral part of the financial statements.

LIVERPOOL VICTORIA INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

	Note	Attributable to equity holder of the Company			Total £000
		Share capital £000	Retained earnings £000	Capital reserve £000	
Balance at 1 January 2014		344,908	48,603	208,544	602,055
Dividends	33	-	-	(30,000)	(30,000)
Profit for the year	34	-	45,735	-	45,735
Balance at 31 December 2014		344,908	94,338	178,544	617,790

	Note	Attributable to equity holder of the Company			Total £000
		Share capital £000	Retained earnings £000	Capital reserve £000	
Balance at 1 January 2013		344,908	3,032	240,544	588,484
Dividends	33	-	-	(32,000)	(32,000)
Profit for the year	34	-	45,571	-	45,571
Balance at 31 December 2013		344,908	48,603	208,544	602,055

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LIVERPOOL VICTORIA INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2014**

	Note	2014 £000	2013 £000
Assets			
Intangible assets	15	17,972	18,152
Deferred acquisition costs	16	72,925	72,720
Investments in group undertakings	17	301,112	301,012
Prepayments and accrued income	18	26,055	20,907
Financial assets			
- Fair value through income	19	1,253,021	1,199,241
- Derivative financial instruments	20	440	5,258
Loans and other receivables	21	49,301	26,037
Reinsurance assets	22	49,139	50,301
Insurance receivables	23	172,914	183,100
Cash and cash equivalents	24	199,666	251,389
Total assets		2,142,545	2,128,117
Liabilities			
Insurance contract liabilities	25	1,418,115	1,431,753
Provisions	26	2,548	1,156
Deferred tax liability	27	837	707
Current tax liability	28	5,043	6,407
Financial liabilities			
- Derivative financial instruments	20	24,990	-
- Other	29	650	6,360
Insurance payables	30	14,231	14,027
Trade and other payables	31	58,341	65,652
Total liabilities		1,524,755	1,526,062
Equity			
Share capital	32	344,908	344,908
Capital reserve	33	178,544	208,544
Retained earnings	34	94,338	48,603
Total equity		617,790	602,055
Total liabilities and equity		2,142,545	2,128,117

The notes on pages 15 to 54 are an integral part of the financial statements.

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 27 March 2015.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors

P W Moore
Director

LIVERPOOL VICTORIA INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

	Note	2014 £000	2013 £000
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	24	243,566	113,759
Cash flows arising from:			
Operating activities			
Cash (used in)/generated from operating activities	35	(34,402)	51,955
Net (increase)/decrease in investments at fair value through income		(47,336)	53,577
Dividend income received	7	6,060	3,094
Interest income received		66,416	71,484
Group relief paid	28	(3,317)	(3,919)
Income tax paid	28	(8,790)	(14,384)
Net cash flows (used in)/generated from operating activities		(21,369)	161,807
Investing activities			
Investment in subsidiaries		(100)	-
Net cash flows used in investing activities		(100)	-
Financing activities			
Dividends paid	33	(30,000)	(32,000)
Net cash flows used in financing activities		(30,000)	(32,000)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		(51,469)	129,807
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	24	192,097	243,566

The notes on pages 15 to 54 are an integral part of the financial statements.

LIVERPOOL VICTORIA INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

1. General information

Liverpool Victoria Insurance Company Limited is a company limited by shares, domiciled and incorporated in the United Kingdom. The Company underwrites general insurance risks, including motor and household risks. All contracts of insurance are written in the United Kingdom or the Channel Islands.

2. Basis of presentation

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), as endorsed by the European Union ('EU') and the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee ('IFRIC') and also with those parts of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies reporting under IFRS.

These accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of financial assets and liabilities at fair value through income. The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented, unless otherwise stated. Items included in the financial statements of each of the Group's entities are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates ('the functional currency'). Unless otherwise noted, the financial statements are presented in thousands of pounds sterling, which is the Group's presentation currency.

The preparation of the accounts in conformity with IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires Management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Company's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the accounts are disclosed in note 4.

After making enquiries, the Directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The Company therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

Insurance contracts are accounted for in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice issued by the Association of British Insurers in December 2005, and amended in December 2006.

Restatement

The Current tax liability note has been restated for 2013 to reflect group relief paid in 2013, previously categorised as income tax paid (£3,919,000).

3. Accounting policies

Premiums

General insurance premiums written reflect business coming into force during the year. Earned premium is written premium adjusted for unearned premium. Unearned premium is that proportion of a premium written in a year that relates to periods of risk after the statement of financial position date. Unearned premiums are calculated on a time apportionment basis. The proportion attributable to subsequent periods is deferred as a provision for unearned premiums.

Reinsurance contracts

The Company cedes some of the insurance risk in its general insurance business to reinsurers. Reinsurance assets represent balances due from reinsurance companies. Recoverable amounts are estimated in a manner consistent with the outstanding claims provision and in accordance with the reinsurance contracts. Reinsurance premiums are recognised in the same period as the underlying contract to which they relate.

An impairment review is performed at the statement of financial position date. Impairment occurs when there is evidence that the Company will not recover outstanding amounts under the contract, such losses being recorded immediately in the statement of comprehensive income.

3. Accounting policies (continued)

Investment income

Investment income includes dividends, interest from investments at fair value and interest on loans and receivables. Dividends are included on an ex-dividend basis. Investment expenses are accounted for as incurred.

Realised gains or losses

Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between net sales proceeds and purchase price.

Unrealised gains and losses

Unrealised gains and losses on investments represent the difference between the valuation of fair value assets at the Statement of Financial Position date and their valuation at the last Statement of Financial Position date or, where purchased during the year, the purchase price. An adjustment is made to unrealised gains and losses for the prior year's unrealised element included in the current year's realised gains and losses.

Income taxes

The income tax expense reflects the movement in current and deferred income tax in respect of income, gains, losses and expenses.

- Current income tax

Current income tax liabilities and assets are measured at the amount expected to be paid to or recovered from the taxation authorities. The tax rates and tax laws used to compute the amount are those that are enacted or substantively enacted by the statement of financial position date.

- Deferred tax

Deferred income tax is recognised, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. Deferred income tax is determined using tax rates (and laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the Statement of Financial Position date and are expected to apply when the related deferred income tax asset is realised or the deferred income tax liability is settled. Deferred income tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised.

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when the deferred income tax assets and liabilities relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on either the taxable entity or different taxable entities where there is an intention to settle the balances on a net basis.

Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated to sterling at rates of exchange ruling at the statement of financial position date. Purchases and sales of investments denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rates prevailing at the dates of the respective transactions. Exchange gains and losses are dealt with in that part of the Statement of Comprehensive Income in which the underlying transaction is reported.

3. Accounting policies (continued)

Deferred acquisition costs ('DAC')

The costs of acquiring new business, which are incurred during the financial year, but where the benefit of such costs will be obtained in subsequent accounting periods, are deferred and recognised as an asset to the extent that they are recoverable out of margins in future matching revenues. All other costs are expensed when they are incurred.

In respect of insurance contracts, acquisition costs comprise direct and indirect costs incurred in writing new contracts. Deferred acquisition costs are amortised over the life of the policy in line with the recognition of premiums.

All deferred acquisition costs are tested for recoverability at each reporting date. The carrying values are adjusted to recoverable amounts and any resulting impairment losses are charged to the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Liability adequacy test

At each statement of financial position date liability adequacy tests are performed to ensure the adequacy of insurance contract liabilities, net of related Deferred acquisition costs (DAC). In performing these tests current best estimates of future contractual cash flows and claims handling and administration expenses as well as investment income from the assets backing such liabilities are used. Any deficiency is immediately charged to the Statement of Comprehensive Income initially by writing off DAC and by subsequently establishing an unexpired risk provision. Any deferred acquisition cost written off as a result of this test cannot subsequently be reinstated.

Goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess of the cost of an acquisition over the fair value of the net identifiable assets of the acquired book of business at the acquisition date and is included in intangible assets. Goodwill is reviewed for impairment at the end of the first full year of acquisition. Thereafter, it is tested at each Statement of Financial Position date for impairment against the recoverable amount (being the higher of value in use or fair value less cost) of the relevant cash generating unit and carried in the Statement of Financial Position at cost less accumulated impairment losses.

Other intangibles

Where an acquisition takes place that gives access to existing customers or distribution channels, then the present value of these is recognised as an intangible asset. The carrying value of the asset is amortised over its expected economic life, and is assessed as and when impairment may be indicated.

The expected economic life of other intangibles is determined by reference to the future revenue streams arising from the acquired business and is within the range of 10 to 20 years.

Investments in group undertakings

The subsidiaries are held in the Company's statement of financial position at cost less any provision for impairment. An assessment of the realisable value is made at the year end and, if the Directors assess that there has been a permanent fall in that value below the carrying value, a provision is made to bring the carrying value down to the assessed realisable value.

Derivative financial instruments

Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value on the date on which a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently re-measured at their fair value. There are no designated hedging relationships that qualify for hedge accounting; all are classified as held for trading. Derivatives are settled on a gross basis.

Changes in the fair value of derivative instruments are recognised immediately in gains or losses on investments in the Statement of Comprehensive Income for the period. Realised gains or losses are similarly taken to the Statement of Comprehensive Income on occurrence.

3. Accounting policies (continued)

Financial assets at fair value through income

All investments of the Company classified as fair value are designated as fair value through income at inception. Such assets are valued at market prices, or prices consistent with market ratings should no price be available. Any unrealised or realised gains or losses are taken to the statement of comprehensive income, as fair value gains or losses, or realised gains or losses respectively, as they occur.

Collateral

Collateral is received or pledged against derivative contracts in the form of cash collateral and non-cash collateral.

a) Cash collateral

Cash collateral received, which is not legally segregated from the Company, is recognised as an asset with a corresponding liability for its repayment in the Statement of Financial Position.

Cash collateral pledged, which is legally segregated from the Company, is derecognised from Cash and cash equivalents and a corresponding asset for its return is recognised in the Statement of Financial Position.

b) Non-cash collateral

Non-cash collateral received against derivative contracts where the counterparty is not in default, that is neither sold nor repledged, is not recognised in the Statement of Financial Position. Non-cash collateral pledged against derivative contracts where the Company is not in default is not derecognised from the Statement of Financial Position and remains within the appropriate asset classification.

Insurance receivables and payables

Insurance receivables and payables are recognised when due and include amounts due from or to policyholders, agents, brokers and reinsurers. Amounts due from policyholders and brokers include outstanding premiums where the policyholders have elected to pay in instalments. Reinsurance liabilities are primarily premiums payable for reinsurance contracts and are recognised as an expense when due.

Insurance receivables and payables are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently held at amortised cost. Where there is objective evidence that the carrying value of insurance receivables is impaired then the impairment loss will be recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Loans and other receivables

Loans and other receivables are recognised when due and comprise amounts due from Group undertakings and other receivables. Loans and other receivables are initially recognised at fair value and then subsequently held at amortised cost.

The Company assesses at each Statement of Financial Position date whether a loan or receivable, or a group of loans or receivables, is impaired. Where there is objective evidence that the carrying value is impaired then the impairment loss will be recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Amounts recoverable from or due to reinsurers

Amounts recoverable from or due to reinsurers are measured consistently with the amounts associated with the reinsured insurance contracts and in accordance with the terms of each reinsurance contract. Reinsurance liabilities are primarily premiums payable for reinsurance contracts and are recognised as an expense when due.

3. Accounting policies (continued)

Impairment of assets

The Company assesses at each Statement of Financial Position whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets not held at fair value through income is impaired. Impairment losses are incurred only if there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events that have occurred after initial recognition of the asset and that loss event has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset or group of financial assets that can be reliably estimated. Objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired includes observable data that comes to the attention of the Company about the following events:

- (i) significant financial difficulty of the issuer or debtor;
- (ii) a breach of contract, such as a default or delinquency in payments;
- (iii) it becoming probable that the issuer or debtor will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation;
- (iv) the disappearance of an active market for that financial asset; or
- (v) observable data indicating that there is a measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flow from a group of financial assets since the initial recognition of those assets, although the decrease cannot yet be identified with the individual financial assets in the Group, including:
 - adverse changes in the payment status of issuers or debtors in the Group; or
 - national or local economic conditions that correlate with defaults on the assets in the Group.

The Company first assesses whether objective evidence of impairment exists for individually significant financial assets and if no such individual impairment exists it collectively considers impairments of groups of assets with similar credit risks.

If there is objective evidence that an impairment loss has been incurred, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced through the use of an allowance account, and the amount of the loss is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income for the period.

If in a subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognised (such as improved credit rating), the previously recognised impairment loss is reversed by adjusting the allowance account. The amount of the reversal is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income for the period.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and in hand, and short term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less.

For the purpose of the Statement of Cash Flows, Cash and cash equivalents are as defined above but are shown net of outstanding bank overdrafts.

Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables are recognised as they fall due. They are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently held at amortised cost.

Trade and other payables include accruals for levies which are recognised when the obligating event of sales of insurance premiums occurs. Accrual is made in accordance with the requirements of the relevant levy legislation.

3. Accounting policies (continued)

Claims and insurance contract liabilities

Claims incurred comprise claims and related internal and external claims handling costs paid in the year and changes in the provisions for outstanding claims, including provisions for claims incurred but not reported and related claims handling costs, together with any other adjustments to claims from previous years. Where applicable, deductions are made for recoveries from other parties.

Provision is made for the estimated cost of claims incurred but not settled, including the cost of claims incurred but not reported. The estimated cost of claims includes expenses to be incurred in settling claims and a deduction for the expected value of recoveries. However, given the inevitable uncertainty in establishing claims provisions, it is likely that the final outcome will prove to be different from the original liability established. Provisions are adjusted at the statement of financial position date to represent a best estimate of the expected outcome.

Standard actuarial claims projection techniques are used to estimate outstanding claims. Such methods extrapolate the development of paid and incurred claims, recoveries from third parties, average cost per claim and ultimate claim numbers for each accident year, based upon the observed development of earlier years and expected loss ratios. The main assumption underlying these techniques is that past claims development experience can be used to project ultimate claims costs. Allowance for one off occurrences or changes in legislation, policy conditions or portfolio mix, is also made in arriving at the estimated ultimate cost of claims, in order that it represents the most likely outcome, taking account of all the uncertainties involved. To the extent that the ultimate cost is different from the estimate, where experience is better or worse than that assumed, the surplus or deficit will be credited or charged to the statement of comprehensive income in future years.

Provisions are calculated allowing for reinsurance recoveries and a separate asset is recorded for the reinsurers' share of the provision.

Share capital

Shares are classified as equity when there is no obligation to transfer cash or other assets.

Dividend distribution

Dividend distribution to the Company's equity shareholder is recognised in equity in the period in which the dividend is paid.

Consolidation

The accounts present information about the Company as an individual undertaking and not about its group. The Company has not prepared group accounts as it is exempt from the requirement to do so by section 400 of the Companies Act 2006, as it is a subsidiary undertaking of Liverpool Victoria General Insurance Group Limited, a company incorporated in England and is included in the consolidated financial statements of LVGIG.

3. Accounting policies (continued)

CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(i) New and amended standards adopted by the Company

The following standards have been adopted by the Company for the first time for the financial year beginning on or after 1 January 2014 and are relevant to the Company:

IFRIC 21, 'Levies' Interpretation, sets out the accounting for an obligation to pay a levy that is within the scope of IAS 37 'Provisions'. The interpretation addresses what the obligating event is that gives rise to pay a levy and when should a liability be recognised. Provision should not be recognised for levies associated with future periods as an expectation to continue operating in a future period, or preparation of financial statements on a going concern basis does not constitute an obligating event. The Company recognises a liability to pay a levy when the obligating event of sales of insurance premiums occurs. No provision for levies associated with future periods is made and therefore this interpretation has no impact on the financial statements.

Amendments to IAS 32, 'Financial instruments: Presentation' on offsetting financial assets and financial liabilities. This amendment clarifies the criteria for offsetting financial assets and financial liabilities on the statement of financial position. Financial assets and liabilities may only be offset where the right is not contingent on a future event and is legally enforceable for all counterparties in all of the following circumstances: the normal course of business, default and insolvency or bankruptcy. The amendment also considers settlement mechanisms. The amendment has been considered and there is no impact on the financial statements.

Amendment to IFRS 7, 'Financial instruments: Disclosures', on asset and liability offsetting. This amendment includes new disclosures to facilitate comparison between those entities that prepare IFRS financial statements to those that prepare financial statements in accordance with US GAAP. See Note RiskMgt for the additional disclosures included.

Other than as set out above, no new or amended accounting standards and interpretations were adopted for the 2014 financial year.

3. Accounting policies (continued)

(ii) New standards and interpretations not yet adopted

A number of new standards and amendments to standards and interpretations are effective for annual periods beginning after 1 January 2015, and have not been applied in preparing these financial statements. None of these are expected to have a significant effect on the financial statements of the Company, except the following:

IFRS 9, 'Financial instruments', addresses the classification, measurement and recognition of financial assets and financial liabilities. The complete version of IFRS 9 was issued in July 2014. It replaces the guidance in IAS 39 that relates to the classification and measurement of financial instruments. IFRS 9 retains but simplifies the mixed measurement model and establishes three primary measurement categories for financial assets: amortised cost, fair value through OCI and fair value through P&L. The basis of classification depends on the entity's business model and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial asset. Investments in equity instruments are required to be measured at fair value through profit or loss with the irrevocable option at inception to present changes in fair value in OCI not recycling. There is now a new expected credit losses model that replaces the incurred loss impairment model used in IAS 39. For financial liabilities there were no changes to classification and measurement except for the recognition of changes in own credit risk in other comprehensive income, for liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss. The standard is effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018. The Company has yet to assess IFRS 9's full impact.

There are no other IFRSs or IFRIC interpretations that are not yet effective that would be expected to have a material impact on the Company.

4. Significant accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

In applying the Company's accounting policies, Management has made the following judgements, estimations and assumptions which have the most significant effect on the financial statements.

Fair value of financial assets

In the absence of an active market estimation of fair value is achieved by using valuation techniques such as recent arm's length transactions, discounted cash flow analysis, the application of suitable indices to earlier valuations and option pricing models. This valuation will also take into account the marketability of the assets being valued.

4. Significant accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions (continued)

Valuation of general insurance contract liabilities

The estimation of the ultimate liability arising from claims made under insurance contracts is the Company's most critical accounting estimate. For general insurance contracts estimates are made for the expected ultimate cost of claims as at the Statement of Financial Position date and the cost of claims incurred but not yet reported to the Company. It can take a significant period of time before the ultimate cost of claims can be established with certainty, and the final outcome may be better or worse than that provided. While Management believes that the insurance contract liabilities carried at year end are adequate, the application of statistical techniques requires significant judgment.

The estimation of these claims is based on historical experience projected forward. Where possible, the Company adopts multiple techniques to provide a best estimate of the required level of provisions. This assists in developing greater understanding of the trends inherent in the data being projected. The Company's estimates of losses and loss expenses are reached after a review of several commonly accepted actuarial projection methodologies, as well as more bespoke methods and a number of different bases to determine these provisions. These include methods based upon the following:

- The development of previously paid claims, where payments to date are extrapolated for each prior year;
- Estimates based upon a projection of claims numbers and average cost;
- Incurred claims development, where incurred claims to date for each year are extrapolated based upon observed development of earlier years;
- Expected loss ratios.

There are several sources of uncertainty that need to be considered in the estimate of the liability that the Company will ultimately pay for such claims. In particular, motor insurance policies are exposed to claims for bodily injury and household insurance policies are exposed to claims for subsidence.

Estimation of the ultimate cost of bodily injury claims is a complex process and cannot be done using conventional actuarial techniques. Significant factors that affect the trends that influence the bodily injuries estimation process are inconsistent court resolutions and jurisprudence that have broadened the intent and scope of coverage of the protection offered in the insurance contracts issued by the Company. The current case law can be characterised as still evolving; it is unlikely that any firm direction will emerge in the courts' compensation methods in the near future. Due to this uncertainty it is not possible to determine the future development of bodily injury claims with the same degree of reliability as with other types of claims. A recent legislative development is the prevalence of Periodic Payment Order ('PPO') settlements. These settlements have an annuity-type structure, i.e. they are typically paid annually over the claimant's life. Courts may decide that a claim should be settled on a PPO basis, but in some cases the claimant will request such a settlement. Market data analysis suggests that circa 35% of claims costing in excess of £1m are now settling on a PPO basis and therefore these claims are representing a greater proportion of the liabilities year-on-year. As it is unclear whether a large claim will settle on a PPO basis or on the traditional lump sum basis, there is further uncertainty in the bodily injury projections. A further complexity of PPO claims is that due to the annuity-type structure of the claim payments, the estimation of ultimate claims cost now involves projecting mortality rates, discount rates and benefit indexation rates, which is unlike all other general insurance liabilities.

Estimation of the ultimate cost of subsidence claims is complex. It is difficult to know the incurred date of a subsidence claim; indeed the claim may have been incurred over a period of time rather than on one particular day. Because of this subsidence figures cannot reliably be split by accident year. Significant factors that affect the trends that influence the subsidence process stem mainly from the impact of much drier weather conditions, tree root activity, the upturn in the housing market and the additional extensive press publicity generating anxiety and overreactions to minor cracking. Due to this uncertainty it is not possible to determine the future development of subsidence claims with the same degree of reliability as with other types of claims.

Large claims impacting each relevant business class are generally assessed separately, being measured either at the face value of the loss adjusters' estimates or projected separately in order to allow for the future development of large claims.

4. Significant accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions (continued)

Provisions are initially calculated gross of any reinsurance recoveries. A separate estimate is made of the amounts that will be recoverable from reinsurers based upon the gross provisions and having due regard to collectability.

Claims provisions are subject to close scrutiny, both within the Company and across the wider LVFS Group. The Group has an Audit Committee, the membership of which is drawn wholly from non-executive members of the board of LVFS, with the purpose of reviewing reserves, challenging the assumptions made by Management and recommending the level of reserves held. This Committee operates as a forum for the discussion and challenge of the actuarial best estimate and booked claims provisions. External actuaries are also engaged on an annual basis to calculate an independent best estimate of the ultimate cost of claims against which the Company's best estimate is assessed.

Other

The judgements, estimations and assumptions around financial assets and claims judgements are discussed in Note 5.

5. Capital management and risk management and control

The Company maintains a capital structure which consists of a combination of share capital, retained earnings and a capital reserve, consistent with the Company's risk profile and the regulatory and market requirements of its business.

The Company retains capital to meet four key objectives:

- (i) To ensure financial stability;
- (ii) To enable the Company's strategy to be implemented;
- (iii) To give confidence to policyholders and other stakeholders who have relationships with the Company; and
- (iv) To comply with capital requirements imposed by its UK regulator, the Prudential Regulatory Authority ('PRA').

At least annually these objectives are reviewed and benchmarks are set by which to judge the adequacy of the Company's capital. The capital position is monitored against those benchmarks to ensure that sufficient capital is available to the Company. In the event that sufficient capital is not available plans would be developed either to raise additional capital through, for example, subordinated loans, or to reduce the amount of risk accepted thereby reducing the capital requirement through, for example, reinsurance or a change in investment strategy. If it becomes apparent that excess capital is available to the Company above its potential needs such excess would normally be returned to shareholders.

Consistent with other insurers in the non-life insurance industry the PRA imposes two separate capital requirements on the Company: the Minimum Capital Requirement ('MCR') as defined in the PRA regulations and reported publicly in the Company's annual PRA return; and Individual Capital Guidance ('ICG'), which is entity specific and is derived using a more risk-related approach as set out in the PRA regulations. The ICG is calculated and updated by the PRA following its reviews on a regular basis of the Company's own Individual Capital Assessment ('ICA').

The Company complied with all externally imposed capital requirements to which it was subject throughout the reporting period.

The Company disclosed regulatory capital of £541,062,000 (2013: £503,850,000) being the solo adjusted pillar 1 capital as stated in its 2014 PRA return.

5. Capital management and risk management and control (continued)

Risk management and control

The principal types of risk, which are detailed below, have been identified and risk appetite for each of these has been set by reference to the PRA's ICA capital requirements.

The Company recognises the critical importance of having efficient and effective risk management systems in place and these take the form of:

- Board and Executive committees with clear terms of reference.
- A clear organisation structure with documented apportionment of responsibilities.
- A uniform methodology of risk assessment, which is embedded within all companies in the LVFS Group so that they operate within agreed tolerances and with appropriate controls in place.
- A statement of Risk Strategy and Appetite, which is reviewed annually and adopted by the Directors.
- Regular reviews of risks by senior managers, where frequency of review is determined by the potential impact of the risk and its likelihood.

Insurance risk

The Company's insurance activities are primarily concerned with the pricing, accepting and management of risks from its policyholders. In accepting risks the Company commits to paying claims and therefore these risks must be understood. The Company manages these risks through its underwriting strategy, reinsurance arrangements and proactive claims handling.

For a portfolio of insurance contracts where the theory of probability is applied to pricing and provisioning, the principal risk that the Company faces under its insurance contracts is the risk that actual claims exceed the carrying value of the Company's claims reserves. The risk arises from the inherent uncertainties as to the occurrence, amount and timing of insurance claims. For general insurance contracts this is primarily represented by exposure to risks which may lead to significant claims in terms of frequency or value. These would include significant weather events, subsidence and large single claims arising from either the motor business (injury claims) or SME business (liability and/or property claims). There is also a risk that the prices charged for unexpired risks to which the Company is contractually committed may prove to be insufficient to absorb the cost of the claims which they will generate and any related DAC. Procedures are in place to measure, monitor and control exposure to all these risks.

Experience shows that the larger the portfolio of similar insurance contracts, the smaller the relative variability about the expected outcome will be. In addition, a more diversified portfolio is less likely to be affected by a change in any subset of the portfolio. The Company has developed its insurance underwriting strategy to diversify the type of insurance risks accepted and within each of these categories to achieve a sufficiently large population of risks to reduce the variability of the expected outcome.

Property business (domestic and commercial) is exposed to catastrophic risks such as those resulting from storms or floods as well as risks such as subsidence. The Company has entered into reinsurance contracts which provide protection against catastrophic weather events.

Motor business is exposed to the risk of large bodily injury claims, where the claim amounts can be significant due to the cost of care required for the claimant. The Company has entered into excess of loss reinsurance contracts which reduce its exposure to large claims. The Company's retention is £5.0m per claim, with the first layer of reinsurance between £5m and £10m, of which 68% is placed. (2013 : £5.0m per claim; £5.0m-£10.0m layer 80% placed).

SME business is exposed to large individual property losses and also to liabilities arising from employment and commercial activities. The Company has entered into reinsurance contracts which provide protection against these liabilities.

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5. Capital management and risk management and control (continued)

The table below sets out the concentration of general insurance contract liabilities by type of contract:

	2014			2013		
	Gross £000	Reinsurance £000	Net £000	Gross £000	Reinsurance £000	Net £000
Motor	732,748	(32,821)	699,927	720,480	(33,581)	686,899
Household	56,487	-	56,487	68,277	-	68,277
Travel	1,576	-	1,576	1,758	-	1,758
Commercial	85,578	(3,336)	82,242	78,507	(4,338)	74,169
Other	4,274	-	4,274	3,545	-	3,545
	880,663	(36,157)	844,506	872,567	(37,919)	834,648

The claims provision is the estimated cost of outstanding claims from expired risks. The provision is calculated largely from using the Company's own historic claims development data. How much the past claim development will reflect future claims development will be impacted by the following factors:

- Changes in actuarial processes and methodology.
- Changes in risk profile.
- Changes in underwriting, rating and policy conditions.
- Changes in legislation and regulation (e.g. PPOs, Ministry of Justice reforms, changes to the Ogden discount rate, etc).
- Changes in other external factors (e.g. "claims farming"/accident management firms).

It is therefore important that the impact of these items on claims development is understood. Whilst every effort has been made to ensure the claims provision appropriately allows for such changes, there remains uncertainty in the eventual reserve outcome as a result. This uncertainty can change from year to year depending on the timing and magnitude of these items.

The Company has identified the major uncertainties surrounding the future development of claims. Where appropriate these have been allowed for explicitly. An additional provision is also held within the claims provision to cover the uncertainty around further fluctuations in claim development with a given degree of confidence.

The claims provision includes a specific allowance for claims identified as having the potential to settle on a PPO basis. This allowance is based on the mean cost of claims derived from a range of scenarios based on the PPO settlement rate for these claims. If all of these claims settled as PPOs, the reserves would deteriorate by an estimated £5.6m from the position shown above.

The claims provision is also sensitive to the number and cost of large motor claims (defined as greater than £1.0m), which have been incurred but not reported and reserved. We would typically expect a number of large claims from expired risks to be identified in the future, either from being newly reported or from existing claims increasing in magnitude above the £1.0m threshold. The claims provision allows for £28.1m of late reported/reserved large claims above £1.0m gross of reinsurance. Therefore, if for example eight new claims were reported, each being £5.0m above the £1.0m threshold, this would lead to a £5.2m deterioration in the reserves, whereas six new claims of this type would lead to a £4.8m improvement.

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5. Capital management and risk management and control (continued)

The tables below reflect the cumulative incurred claims including both claims notified and incurred but not reported ('IBNR') for each successive accident year at each statement of financial position date, together with the cumulative payments to date. The Company aims to maintain appropriate reserves in order to protect against adverse future claims experience and developments.

Analysis of claims development – gross of reinsurance

Accident year	2005 £m	2006 £m	2007 £m	2008 £m	2009 £m	2010 £m	2011 £m	2012 £m	2013 £m	2014 £m	Total £m
Initial estimate of gross provision	336.2	366.4	373.4	331.2	375.9	523.5	620.0	803.7	833.7	827.9	
One year later	332.4	347.5	315.8	296.6	362.8	548.3	632.9	766.4	791.0		
Two years later	315.2	325.4	290.9	280.2	356.8	555.5	624.7	748.6			
Three years later	300.5	310.8	285.3	278.0	353.4	551.9	620.0				
Four years later	296.0	303.3	284.8	277.4	357.8	547.3					
Five years later	293.1	303.1	284.7	277.8	353.8						
Six years later	295.1	302.1	286.0	275.4							
Seven years later	293.1	302.9	286.1								
Eight years later	295.7	303.3									
Nine years later	297.7										
Current estimate of cumulative claims	297.7	303.3	286.1	275.4	353.8	547.3	620.0	748.6	791.0	827.9	5,051.1
Cumulative payments to date	(293.7)	(301.7)	(283.2)	(271.6)	(345.4)	(515.1)	(558.7)	(633.8)	(577.8)	(407.7)	(4,188.7)
Liability recognised for 2005 to 2014 accident years	4.0	1.6	2.9	3.8	8.4	32.2	61.3	114.8	213.2	420.2	862.4
Liability recognised in respect of prior accident years											2.8
Claims handling provision											15.5
Provision as at 31 December 2014											880.7

Analysis of claims development – net of reinsurance

Accident year	2005 £m	2006 £m	2007 £m	2008 £m	2009 £m	2010 £m	2011 £m	2012 £m	2013 £m	2014 £m	Total £m
Initial estimate of net provision	336.2	366.4	369.1	327.5	372.6	518.2	613.8	792.5	822.4	817.5	
One year later	332.4	345.4	311.4	291.7	356.9	542.8	619.7	762.2	781.6		
Two years later	313.1	324.0	288.6	276.4	345.7	549.4	618.4	745.4			
Three years later	299.8	309.8	283.0	274.9	342.1	541.7	614.7				
Four years later	295.5	303.3	282.6	273.8	347.3	536.5					
Five years later	293.1	302.9	283.5	275.1	345.2						
Six years later	295.1	302.1	284.4	273.8							
Seven years later	293.1	302.9	285.0								
Eight years later	295.7	303.3									
Nine years later	297.4										
Current estimate of cumulative claims	297.4	303.3	285.0	273.8	345.2	536.5	614.7	745.4	781.6	817.5	5,000.4
Cumulative payments to date	(293.7)	(301.7)	(282.4)	(270.2)	(340.4)	(508.6)	(557.7)	(633.8)	(577.8)	(407.7)	(4,174.0)
Liability recognised for 2005 to 2014 accident years	3.7	1.6	2.6	3.6	4.8	27.9	57.0	111.6	203.8	409.8	826.4
Liability recognised in respect of prior accident years											2.6
Claims handling provision											15.5
Provision as at 31 December 2014											844.5

5. Capital management and risk management and control (continued)

Market risk

Market risk is the risk of adverse or favourable impacts due to fluctuations in bond yields, equity prices, interest rates, or exchange rates. The Company has defined policies and procedures in place to control the major components of market risk. Exposures to individual companies and to equity shares in aggregate are monitored by Investment and Asset & Liability Committees in order to ensure compliance with the relevant regulatory limits for solvency purposes and with guidelines set for each internal fund. Securities held are primarily listed and traded on recognised stock exchanges, predominantly in the UK.

Limits on the Company's exposure to equities are defined both in aggregate terms and by geography, industry and counterparty. The level of investment holdings is reviewed quarterly by the Board's Investment Committee. Tactical asset allocation meetings are held monthly or more regularly if required, and strategic asset allocation meetings quarterly, to discuss investment return and concentration and to agree any changes required.

Interest rate risk

The fair value of the Company's portfolio of fixed income securities is inversely correlated to changes in market rates. Thus if interest rates fall the fair value of the portfolio would tend to rise and vice-versa.

The Company monitors interest rate risk by calculating the mean duration of the investment portfolio. The mean duration is an indicator of the sensitivity of the assets to changes in current interest rates. The mean duration of the assets is determined by means of projecting expected cash flows from the assets held. The liabilities are undiscounted and so unaffected in current value by changes in interest rates.

The Company manages this risk through an active use of gilt yield hedges, in the form of contracts for differences.

Credit spread risk

In addition to interest rate risk, described above, a widening of corporate bonds spreads over and above risk-free yields will lead to a fall in the fair value of the Company's portfolio of corporate bonds and vice-versa.

The Company monitors credit spread risk by regularly reviewing its exposure to corporate bonds by both credit rating and duration. The liabilities are undiscounted and so unaffected in current value by changes in credit spreads.

Equity risk

The Company's objective is to earn competitive relative returns by investing in a diverse portfolio of high quality securities. Holdings are diversified across industries and concentrations in any one company or industry are limited by parameters established by the Investment Committee.

The Company also makes use of derivatives to manage this risk.

Currency risk

The Company operates predominately within the UK, although it has some exposure to foreign currencies through its investment portfolio. Its main currency exposures are the Euro and US Dollar. The Company's general policy is to run no foreign exchange risk. However our Investment Managers may from time to time run a small exposure having agreed any such exposure with the Investment Committee. The Company purchases forward foreign exchange contracts to hedge the exposure to foreign exchange movements. The Company's exposure to foreign exchange risk is summarised below:

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The company had no exposure to currency risk during 2014.

As at 31 December 2013	USD £000	Euro £000	Total £000
Financial assets at fair value through income			
Debt and other fixed income securities	2,530	999	3,529
Derivative financial instruments	(2,530)	(1,001)	(3,531)
Total exposure	-	(2)	(2)

Sensitivity analysis to market risks

The table below shows the results of sensitivity testing on the Company's pre-tax profit and equity. The sensitivity analysis indicated the effect of changes in market risk factors arising from the impact of the changes in these factors on the Company's financial assets and liabilities. The sensitivities in the table can be impacted by the use of derivative financial instruments, which are detailed in note 20.

	Impact on profit before tax 2014 £000	Impact on equity 2014 £000	Impact on profit before tax 2013 £000	Impact on equity 2013 £000
Interest rate risk				
+ 50 basis points shift in yield curve	(185)	(145)	(584)	(448)
- 50 basis points shift in yield curve	184	144	584	448
Credit spread risk				
100 basis points widening in all credit spreads	(22,870)	(17,953)	(24,922)	(19,127)
100 basis points tightening in all credit spreads	23,906	18,766	26,025	19,974
Equity risk (including derivatives)				
20% increase in equity markets	2,381	1,869	15,107	11,595
20% decrease in equity markets	(5,905)	(4,635)	(15,107)	(11,595)

5. Capital management and risk management and control (continued)

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty fails to meet its contractual obligations in full as they fall due, resulting in a financial loss to the Company. The key areas of exposure to credit risk for the Company are in relation to its investment portfolio and reinsurance programme and amounts due from insurance intermediaries and policyholders.

The Company structures the levels of credit risk it accepts by placing limits on its exposure to a single counterparty, or groups of counterparties, and to geographical and industry segments.

Investments are primarily allowed only in liquid securities and with counterparties that have a credit rating equal to investment grade or better. Given their high credit ratings Management does not expect any counterparty to fail to meet its obligations. Counterparty exposure is subject to regular review.

Reinsurance exposures are monitored regularly. The Company assesses the credit worthiness of all reinsurers by reviewing public rating information and from internal investigations.

Exposure to insurance intermediaries risk is managed via a stringent credit policy. The Company's credit control function monitors the ageing and collectability of debtor balances, with credit evaluations performed on all relevant counterparties. Intermediary debt at 31 December 2014 was £39.3 million (2013: £39.3 million), all of which was not rated.

The Company also reduces its exposure to credit risk related to intermediaries by diversification through the use of a significant number of brokers.

Exposure to policyholder risk is managed by a credit default policy. The policy servicing function monitors the ageing of policyholder balances, where policies are sold on instalment terms, and will cancel policies at the point of default. When the debt goes into arrears it is managed to ensure it is collected where possible.

In addition to the above the Company also monitors the debt via the Asset & Liability and Intermediary Collection Committees and provides against older debts.

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The Company's exposure to credit risk by investment grade is summarised below:

	AAA	AA	A	BBB	Below BBB	Not rated	Total
Credit risk exposure 2014	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Debt and other fixed income securities	360,012	240,149	252,933	193,777	50,661	-	1,097,532
Short term bank deposits	-	57,498	56,705	44,034	22,997	13,000	194,234
Insurance receivables	-	-	-	-	-	172,914	172,914
Reinsurance assets	-	35,810	12,605	702	-	22	49,139
Total exposure	360,012	333,457	322,243	238,513	73,658	185,936	1,513,819

	AAA	AA	A	BBB	Below BBB	Not rated	Total
Credit risk exposure 2013	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Debt and other fixed income securities	316,083	219,646	312,347	246,781	2,207	255	1,097,319
Short term bank deposits	-	32,995	129,453	81,983	-	-	244,431
Insurance receivables	-	-	-	-	-	183,100	183,100
Reinsurance assets	-	36,472	12,343	694	792	-	50,301
Total exposure	316,083	289,113	454,143	329,458	2,999	183,355	1,575,151

The Company reviews the carrying value of its financial assets at each Statement of Financial Position date. If the carrying value of a financial asset is impaired, the carrying value is reduced through a charge to the Statement of Comprehensive Income. As at 31 December 2014 £0.2m (2013: £0.4m) was impaired which primarily relates to receivables where there is no realistic prospect of recovery. The tables below provides information regarding the maximum credit risk exposure to financial assets, together with the extent to which they are due, overdue and impaired. The table also shows the age analysis of the Company's past due and/or impaired assets.

	<31 days	31 to 60 days	61 to 90 days	>90 days	Total past due but not impaired	Past due and impaired	Neither past due nor impaired	Total
Age analysis of assets past due/impaired 2014	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Insurance receivables	2,358	474	119	97	3,048	239	169,627	172,914
Loans and other receivables	-	-	-	-	-	-	49,301	49,301

	<31 days	31 to 60 days	61 to 90 days	>90 days	Total past due but not impaired	Past due and impaired	Neither past due nor impaired	Total
Age analysis of assets past due/impaired 2013	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Insurance receivables	4,571	487	61	87	5,206	370	177,524	183,100
Loans and other receivables	-	-	-	-	-	-	26,037	26,037

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Offsetting financial assets and financial liabilities

Financial assets and liabilities are offset in the Statement of Financial Position when the Company intends to apply a current legally enforceable right to offset. Master netting arrangements and cash collateral are utilised by the Company to minimise credit risk exposure.

The following financial assets and liabilities are subject to offsetting, enforceable master netting arrangements and similar agreements.

An analysis is included of netting arrangements which meet the offsetting criteria within IAS 32 and are set off in the Statement of Financial Position and also those which do not meet the criteria.

As at 31 December 2014	Amounts off set			Related amounts not off set		
	Gross assets	Gross liabilities off set	Net amounts presented	Financial Instruments	Cash Collateral received	Net amount
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Financial assets						
Derivative financial assets	440	-	440	-	440	-
Total	440	-	440	-	440	-

	Amounts off set			Related amounts not off set		
	Gross liabilities	Gross assets off set	Net amounts presented	Financial Instruments	Cash Collateral pledged	Net amount
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Financial liabilities						
Derivative financial liabilities	24,990	-	24,990	-	23,970	1,020
Bank overdrafts	22,763	15,194	7,569	-	-	7,569
Total	47,753	15,194	32,559	-	23,970	8,589

As at 31 December 2013	Amounts off set			Related amounts not off set		
	Gross assets	Gross liabilities off set	Net amounts presented	Financial Instruments	Cash Collateral received	Net amount
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Financial assets						
Derivative financial assets	5,258	-	5,258	-	5,258	-
Total	5,258	-	5,258	-	5,258	-

	Amounts off set			Related amounts not off set		
	Gross liabilities	Gross assets off set	Net amounts presented	Financial Instruments	Cash Collateral pledged	Net amount
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Financial liabilities						
Bank overdrafts	18,041	10,218	7,823	-	-	7,823
Total	18,041	10,218	7,823	-	-	7,823

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As at 31 December 2014, the fair value of collateral held was £0.7m (2013: £6.4m), in accordance with IFRS 7 the amount reported in the table above is limited to the amount of the derivative asset reported in the Statement of Financial Position.

No collateral received from the counterparty has been sold or repledged (2013: nil).

Collateral posted to Liverpool Victoria Insurance Company by the counterparty to a derivative contract which is valued as being 'in-the-money' can be drawn upon following certain events of default as defined in the relevant International Swaps and Derivatives Association (ISDA) agreement. This includes failure by the counterparty to comply with or perform any agreement or obligation defined in the ISDA or Credit Support Annex if such failure is not remedied within 30 days after notice of such failure is given. Bankruptcy of the counterparty to a trade could also result in collateral posted being drawn upon to mitigate any financial exposure to the Group.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with its financial and insurance contract liabilities. The Company is exposed to daily calls on its cash resources from claims arising from insurance contracts it has underwritten.

The Group has a liquidity risk appetite policy which requires that sufficient liquid resources are maintained to cover net cash outflows both on a business as usual basis and under stressed conditions. The most significant payments made are claims, the payment profile of which is predictable. The Company maintains cash and liquid deposits to meet demands on a daily basis. In normal circumstances, the majority of claims are settled from cash received from intermediaries and policy holders.

The Company forecasts cash flows on a daily basis to ensure that sufficient liquid funds exist to meet its short term cash outflows. Any surplus funds are invested to achieve a higher rate of return.

The majority of investments are held in assets that are traded in active markets.

The table below summarises the expected recovery or settlement of assets:

	2014			2013		
	Within 1 year	Over 1 year	Total	Within 1 year	Over 1 year	Total
Maturity profile of financial assets	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Financial assets						
- Fair value through income	996,340	256,681	1,253,021	165,353	1,033,888	1,199,241
- Derivative financial instruments	440	-	440	5,258	-	5,258
Loans and other receivables	49,301	-	49,301	26,037	-	26,037
Reinsurers' share of claims outstanding	4,082	32,075	36,157	681	37,238	37,919
Insurance receivables	172,914	-	172,914	183,100	-	183,100
Accrued interest	24,230	-	24,230	19,307	-	19,307
Cash and cash equivalents	199,666	-	199,666	251,389	-	251,389
	1,446,973	288,756	1,735,729	651,125	1,071,126	1,722,251

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The table below summarises the estimated maturity profile of the financial liabilities of the Company based on remaining undiscounted obligations:

Maturity profile of financial liabilities 2014	Within 1 year £000	1-3 years £000	3-5 years £000	Over 5 years £000	Total £000
Insurance contract liabilities	455,901	337,852	75,557	11,353	880,663
Provisions	2,548	-	-	-	2,548
Financial Liabilities					
- Derivative Financial Instruments	24,990	-	-	-	24,990
- Other	650	-	-	-	650
Insurance payables	14,231	-	-	-	14,231
Trade and other payables - excluding tax and social security costs	42,625	-	-	-	42,625
	540,945	337,852	75,557	11,353	965,707

Maturity profile of financial liabilities 2013	Within 1 year £000	1-3 years £000	3-5 years £000	Over 5 years £000	Total £000
Insurance contract liabilities	425,696	254,487	128,029	64,355	872,567
Provisions	1,156	-	-	-	1,156
Financial Liabilities					
- Other	6,360	-	-	-	6,360
Insurance payables	14,027	-	-	-	14,027
Trade and other payables - excluding tax and social security costs	49,954	-	-	-	49,954
	497,193	254,487	128,029	64,355	944,064

Fair value estimation

The following fair value estimation tables present the Company's assets and liabilities measured at fair value by level of the fair value measurement hierarchy at 31 December 2014.

The fair value of financial instruments included in the level 1 category below are based on published quoted bid market prices in an active market at the year end date. A market is regarded as an active market if quoted prices are readily and regularly available from an exchange, dealer, broker, industry group, pricing service or regulatory agency and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis.

Level 2 financial instruments are not traded in an active market or their fair value is determined using valuation techniques. These valuation techniques apply data from observable current market transactions where it is available, and for some pricing is obtained via pricing services. Where prices have not been determined by reference to an active market, financial assets with fair values are based on broker quotes.

Specific valuation techniques used to value financial instruments classified as level 3 include:

- Quoted market prices or dealer quotes for similar instruments (unlisted shares).
- The fair value of interest rate swaps is calculated as the present value of the estimated future cash flows based on observable yield curves of similar instruments.
- The fair value of forward exchange contracts is determined using forward exchange rates at the statement of financial position date, with the resulting value discounted back to present value.
- Other techniques, such as discounted cash flow analysis, are used to determine fair value for the remaining financial instrument.

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Fair value estimation (continued)

If one or more of the significant inputs is not based on observable market data, the instrument is included in level 3.

There were no changes to the valuation techniques during the year.

There were no transfers between levels 1 and 2 during the year.

The Company's policy is to recognise transfers into and out of fair value hierarchy levels as of the date of the event or change in circumstances that caused the transfer.

The Company outsources the valuation of the derivatives and other investment holdings to third parties who are independent and qualified valuers. As at 31 December 2014, the fair values of the Derivatives and other investment holdings have been determined by SS+C GlobeOp Inc. and individual holding private equity General Partners.

Any changes to fair value are recognised within net gains/losses on investments within the statement of comprehensive income with the exception of investment contract liabilities where the movement is recognised within the gross change in contract liabilities.

The following table presents the Company's assets and liabilities measured at fair value at 31 December:

	2014				2013			
	Level 1 £000	Level 2 £000	Level 3 £000	Total £000	Level 1 £000	Level 2 £000	Level 3 £000	Total £000
Fair value through income								
Shares, other variable yield securities and units in unit trusts	12,596	142,160	733	155,489	30,910	70,279	733	101,922
Debt and other fixed income securities	134,670	962,862	-	1,097,532	117,959	979,360	-	1,097,319
Derivative financial instruments	-	440	(24,990)	(24,550)	-	37	5,221	5,258
Collateral received	(650)	-	-	(650)	(6,360)	-	-	(6,360)
Total	146,616	1,105,462	(24,257)	1,227,821	142,509	1,049,676	5,954	1,198,139

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Movement in Level 3 Financial Instruments measured at fair value:

	Fair value through income £000	Derivative financial instruments £000	Total £000
Balance at 1 January 2014	733	5,221	5,954
Total loss recorded in statement of comprehensive income	-	(32,460)	(32,460)
Purchases	-	2,249	2,249
Balance at 31 December 2014	733	(24,990)	(24,257)

	Fair value through income £000	Derivative financial instruments £000	Total £000
Balance at 1 January 2013	-	664	664
Total gain recorded in statement of comprehensive income	-	4,453	4,453
Purchases	733	415	1,148
Sales	-	(311)	(311)
Balance at 31 December 2013	733	5,221	5,954

Sensitivities of level 3 investments

Changing the inputs for the Company's level 3 assets would not significantly change the fair value.

Information about fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3):

Description	Fair value at 31 December 2014 £000	Valuation technique(s)	Unobservable Inputs	Range of unobservable inputs (probability weighted average)	Relationship of unobservable inputs to fair value
Financial Assets held at fair value through income					
Shares, other variable yield securities and units in unit trusts					
- UK unlisted	733	Recent arm's length transaction	Price per unit	Distributions or calls since last valuation	Contractual purchase and exit price
Financial Liabilities					
Derivative financial instruments					
Gilt yield hedge	24,990	Mark-to-model	Gilt repo rates	The range on market gilt repo rates offered can be up to 10bps	A gilt repo rate increase will result in a lower contract value

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Description	Fair value at 31 December 2013 £000	Valuation technique(s)	Unobservable Inputs	Range of unobservable inputs (probability weighted average)	Relationship of unobservable inputs to fair value
Financial Assets					
Derivative financial instruments					
Gilt yield hedge	5,221	Mark-to-model	Gilt repo rates	The range on market gilt repo rates offered can be up to 10bps	A gilt repo rate increase will result in a lower contract value
Financial Assets held at fair value through income					
Shares, other variable yield securities and units in unit trusts					
- UK unlisted	733	Recent arm's length transaction	Price per unit	Distributions or calls since last valuation	Contractual purchase and exit price

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Strategic risk

Strategic risk is the risk arising from ineffective, inefficient, or inadequate senior management process for the development and implementation of business strategy in relation to the business environment and the group's capabilities.

The strategic risks of the business are assessed and managed by the business risk committees which then report these and other significant risks to the LVFS Group Executive Risk Committee, where the risks are reviewed and challenged. The LVFS Chief Risk Officer reports on a group basis all strategic risks to the LVFS board's risk committee.

Group risk

Group risk is the risk of contagion incurred from its membership of a group of firms. The LVFS Group Executive Risk Committee oversees the management of such risks.

The Company has not identified any significant group risks.

Operational risk

Operational risk is the risk of loss, resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people and systems, or from external events, including legal and regulatory risk.

Senior managers are responsible for the identification, assessment, control and monitoring of operational risks and for reporting these to the Risk Committee in accordance with the Company's escalation criteria. Operational risks are assessed in terms of their probability and impact in accordance with Company policy.

6. Net premium revenue

	2014	2013
	£000	£000
Insurance contracts		
Premiums written	1,089,277	1,128,091
Change in unearned premium reserve	21,734	21,579
Premium revenue arising from insurance contracts issued	1,111,011	1,149,670
Reinsurance contracts		
Premiums payable	(30,214)	(29,023)
Change in unearned premium reserve	600	(2,331)
Premium revenue ceded to reinsurers on insurance contracts issued	(29,614)	(31,354)
Net premium revenue	1,081,397	1,118,316
Motor	735,434	812,556
Property	155,496	136,294
Commercial	111,755	96,827
Other	78,712	72,639
	1,081,397	1,118,316

Other premium revenue includes Travel, Legal, Pet Insurance and Road Rescue.

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7. Investment income

	2014	2013
	£000	£000
Income from investments and cash and cash equivalents		
- Interest income	48,152	47,227
- Dividend income	6,060	3,094
	54,212	50,321

8. Net fair value losses on financial assets at fair value through income

	2014	2013
	£000	£000
(Losses)/gains on financial assets at fair value through income		
- Debt securities	1,280	(26,730)
- Equity securities	5,382	16,047
- Derivative financial instruments	(30,025)	5,106
	(23,363)	(5,577)

Net fair value (losses)/gains on financial assets at fair value through income include net realised gains of £4,889,000 (2013: £3,199,000) and net unrealised losses of £28,252,000 (2013: £8,776,000 losses). The losses on derivative financial instruments are in respect of changes in forward gilt yields in the period (see note 20). These losses are partly offset by net gains in the underlying assets being hedged. The gains in debt securities above also reflect the convergence to par value in the period of assets purchased above par value.

9. Other income

	2014	2013
	£000	£000
Interest income	23,187	24,034
Other income	5,499	6,145
	28,686	30,179

Other income is primarily comprised of fee and commission income.

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10. Insurance claims and loss adjustment expenses

	2014 £000	2013 £000
Gross insurance claims		
Claims paid during the year	743,486	708,089
Claims management costs	54,138	54,951
Movement in claims liabilities	8,095	86,376
	805,719	849,416
Reinsurers' share of gross insurance claims		
Current year claims and loss adjustment expenses	(6,369)	(1,249)
Movement in reinsurers' share of claims liabilities	1,763	1,664
	(4,606)	415
Net insurance claims	801,113	849,831

Included within claims incurred is a decrease of £67.4m in respect of motor insurance business (2013: £32.5m decrease) and a decrease of £7.4m in respect of property insurance business (2013: £1.1m decrease), being the difference between the provision for claims outstanding at the beginning of the year less payments made in respect of claims incurred in prior years and the claims outstanding at the end of the year in respect of those claims.

11. Other operating and administrative expenses

	2014 £000	2013 £000
Investment management expenses and charges	2,459	2,249
Acquisition expenses	149,088	146,296
Movement in deferred acquisition costs	(205)	520
Auditors' remuneration	222	207
Amortisation of intangibles	180	180
Impairment of insurance receivables	1,124	1,129
Administrative expenses	130,342	134,285
	283,210	284,866

12. Auditors' remuneration

	2014 £000	2013 £000
Audit of the Company	195	182
Audit related assurance services	27	25
	222	207

There were no other services carried out by the Auditors in respect of the Company.

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13. Directors' emoluments

All directors are remunerated by LVFS or LV Insurance Management Limited.

The details of Directors' emoluments below include the total emoluments of those Directors who have a role in the wider LVFS group, as well as providing service to the Company. It is not possible to make an accurate apportionment of these emoluments in respect of each of the subsidiaries within the LVFS group.

The aggregate amount of Directors' emoluments was as follows:

	2014	2013
	£000	£000
a) Aggregate emoluments	6,412	8,179

c) Emoluments of the Directors were as follows:

	Fees and Salaries	Bonus	Deferred bonus *	Other benefits	Long term incentive plan	Compensation for loss of office	2014 Total	2013 Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Highest paid Director	528	466	170	131	371	-	1,666	2,364
All Directors	2,940	2,087	223	599	563	-	6,412	8,179

* Deferred bonus represents the amount of the 2014 performance bonus payable over the next three years.

Other benefits include payments in lieu of pension contributions, life assurance, car allowances, medical, relocation and other benefits in kind or their equivalent monetary value.

LVFS has made no contributions to personal pension arrangements during 2014 or 2013.

Further details on the Long Term Incentive Plan are disclosed within the Financial Statements of LVFS.

d) Pension arrangements

The LV= Employee Pension Scheme is administered at LVFS group level and incorporates both a defined benefit section and defined contribution section. The defined benefit section was closed to new employees on 31 December 2009 and closed to future accrual on 30 June 2013 at which point existing members were eligible to join the defined contribution section.

LVFS made contributions to the defined benefit section of an average of 18.3% of pensionable salaries for the period to 30 June 2013 subject to annual allowance limits, in respect of all permanent staff, including directors. This included contributions on behalf of directors of £56,300.

In 2014 there were £87,474 of contributions to the defined contribution section (2013: £128,188).

Further details of the LV= Employee Pension Scheme are disclosed within the financial statements of LVFS.

	2014	2013
	£000	£000
Accrued pension at end of the year		
All Directors	231	223

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14. Income tax expense

a) Current year tax expense

	2014 £000	2013 £000
Current year tax expense		
Corporation tax	10,750	12,907
Adjustment to current tax in respect of prior years	(6)	20
Total current tax	10,744	12,927
Deferred tax		
Temporary differences	130	44
Total deferred tax	130	44
Total income tax expense	10,874	12,971

b) Reconciliation of tax expense

The tax assessed for the period is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK (21.5%). The differences are explained below:

	2014 £000	2013 £000
Profit before tax	56,609	58,542
Profit multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 21.5% (2013: 23.25%)	12,171	13,611
Effects of:		
Impact of change in UK corporation tax rate on deferred tax	(9)	(111)
Adjustment to current tax in respect of prior years	(6)	20
Income not subject to corporation tax	(1,282)	(549)
Total income tax expense for the year	10,874	12,971

The standard rate of Corporation Tax in the UK changed from 23% to 21% with effect from 1 April 2014. Accordingly, the profits for this accounting period are taxed at an effective rate of 21.5%.

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15. Intangible assets

	Goodwill £000	Other £000	Total £000
Cost			
At 1 January 2014	15,812	3,375	19,187
At 31 December 2014	15,812	3,375	19,187
Accumulated amortisation			
At 1 January 2014	-	(1,035)	(1,035)
Amortisation charge for the year	-	(180)	(180)
At 31 December 2014	-	(1,215)	(1,215)
Net book value at 31 December 2014	15,812	2,160	17,972
Net book value at 31 December 2013	15,812	2,340	18,152

The Company does not carry out an individual impairment review of the goodwill, instead it relies on the cash generating unit assessment carried out by LVGIG Group. The full disclosure of this assessment is included in the LVGIG Group consolidated accounts. There is currently no indication that impairment is required.

Amortisation and impairment losses are presented in other operating and administrative expenses in the statement of comprehensive income.

Other intangibles primarily comprise the value of the future benefit derived from customer bases recognised on acquisitions.

16. Deferred acquisition costs

	2014 £000	2013 £000
At 1 January	72,720	73,240
Acquisition expenses deferred	149,088	146,296
Amortisation	(148,883)	(146,816)
At 31 December	72,925	72,720

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17. Investments in group undertakings

	2014	2013
	£000	£000
At 1 January	301,012	301,012
Investment in Liverpool Victoria Recovery Services Ltd	100	-
Balance at 31 December	301,112	301,012

Name	Incorporated and domiciled	Principal activity	Percentage of shares held	Type of shares held
Highway Insurance Group Limited	England and Wales	General insurance holding company	100% directly held	Ordinary
Highway Insurance Company Limited	England and Wales	General insurance	100% indirectly held	Ordinary
Liverpool Victoria Recovery Services Limited	England and Wales	Repair engineering services	100% directly held	Ordinary

Key assumptions used in the impairment testing of investments in group undertakings

The recoverable amount (based on value-in-use calculations) of the investments in group undertakings has been determined using cash flow predictions based on financial plans approved by Management covering a three-year period, with a terminal growth rate of 2% applied thereafter. The forecast cash flows have been discounted at a pre-tax rate of 10%. Both the growth rate and the discount rate are consistent with the ranges observed in the market place. Based on the above assumptions, the recoverable amount exceeded the carrying amount by £42.9m. The discount rate would need to be increased by 1.1% to reduce the recoverable amount to zero.

For the general insurance business the cash flows used in the financial plans are most sensitive to changes in the loss ratio. A 0.4% increase in the loss ratio would reduce the recoverable amount to equal the carrying amount. Key loss ratio assumptions are based on a combination of historic and current market place trends and Management judgement.

18. Prepayments and accrued income

	2014	2013
	£000	£000
Accrued interest	24,230	19,307
Prepayments	1,825	1,600
	26,055	20,907

Accrued interest includes £19,175,000 (2013: £16,826,000) of interest relating to fixed income securities.

19. Financial assets

	2014	2013
	£000	£000
Fair value through income		
Shares, other variable yield securities and units in unit trusts	155,489	101,922
Debt and other fixed income securities	1,097,532	1,097,319
	1,253,021	1,199,241

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20. Derivative financial instruments

The Company utilises the following derivative instruments for hedging the effects of changes in the FTSE 100 index on its equity and movements in the yield curve on the market value of its fixed interest portfolio. Fair values are estimated using current market index data and are included in assets/liabilities as set out in the following table.

	Contract/ notional amount	2014 Fair value - asset	Fair value - liability	Contract/ notional amount	2013 Fair value - asset	Fair value - liability
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Forward exchange contract	63,000	440	-	2,563	37	-
Contracts for differences (gilt yield hedge)	1,128,000	-	(24,990)	973,760	5221	-
	1,191,000	440	(24,990)	976,323	5,258	-

The carrying amounts disclosed above reasonably approximate fair value at the statement of financial position date.

As a result of the use of the above derivative instruments, a significant proportion of the Company's asset portfolio was hedged against the stock market and gilt yield movements until 30th June 2015. The fair value liability arises from changes in forward gilt yields since the inception of the hedge and is partly offset by an increase in the value of the underlying assets as at 31st December 2014.

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21. Loans and other receivables

	2014	2013
	£000	£000
Amounts due from group undertakings	22,450	22,450
Other receivables	2,881	3,587
Cash collateral pledged	23,970	-
	49,301	26,037

22. Reinsurance assets

	2014	2013
	£000	£000
Reinsurers' share of provision for unearned premiums	12,982	12,382
Reinsurers' share of claims outstanding	36,157	37,919
	49,139	50,301

Amounts due from reinsurers in respect of claims already paid by the Company on the contracts that are reinsured are included in insurance receivables.

23. Insurance receivables

	2014	2013
	£000	£000
Receivables arising from insurance and reinsurance contracts		
- Due from policyholders	133,605	143,743
- Due from agents, brokers and intermediaries	39,304	39,348
- Due from reinsurers	5	9
	172,914	183,100

As at 31 December 2014 overdue insurance receivables arising from insurance contracts were provided at £239,000 (2013: £369,000).

24. Cash and cash equivalents

	2014	2013
	£000	£000
Bank balances	5,432	6,958
Short term bank deposits	194,234	244,431
Cash and cash equivalents per statement of financial position	199,666	251,389
Bank overdrafts	(7,569)	(7,823)
Cash and cash equivalents per statement of cash flows	192,097	243,566

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25. Insurance contract liabilities

a) Analysis of insurance contract liabilities

	2014			2013		
	Gross £000	Reinsurance £000	Net £000	Gross £000	Reinsurance £000	Net £000
General insurance claims liabilities	880,663	(36,157)	844,506	872,567	(37,919)	834,648
General insurance unearned premiums	537,452	(12,982)	524,470	559,186	(12,382)	546,804
	1,418,115	(49,139)	1,368,976	1,431,753	(50,301)	1,381,452

b) Movement in general insurance claims liabilities

	2014			2013		
	Gross £000	Reinsurance £000	Net £000	Gross £000	Reinsurance £000	Net £000
OCR	831,312	(21,849)	809,463	766,095	(20,965)	745,130
IBNR	41,255	(16,070)	25,185	20,096	(18,618)	1,478
Balance at 1 January	872,567	(37,919)	834,648	786,191	(39,583)	746,608
Movement in claims incurred in prior accident years	(77,664)	6,510	(71,154)	(41,145)	11,726	(29,419)
Claims incurred in the current accident year	829,246	(11,117)	818,129	835,610	(11,311)	824,299
Claims paid during the year	(743,486)	6,369	(737,117)	(708,089)	1,249	(706,840)
	8,096	1,762	9,858	86,376	1,664	88,040
Balance at 31 December	880,663	(36,157)	844,506	872,567	(37,919)	834,648
OCR	870,405	(18,875)	851,530	831,312	(21,849)	809,463
IBNR	10,258	(17,282)	(7,024)	41,255	(16,070)	25,185
Balance at 31 December	880,663	(36,157)	844,506	872,567	(37,919)	834,648

c) Movement in general insurance unearned premiums

	2014			2013		
	Gross £000	Reinsurance £000	Net £000	Gross £000	Reinsurance £000	Net £000
Balance at 1 January	559,186	(12,382)	546,804	580,765	(14,713)	566,052
Premiums written in the year	1,089,277	(30,214)	1,059,063	1,128,091	(29,023)	1,099,068
Premiums earned during the year	(1,111,011)	29,614	(1,081,397)	(1,149,670)	31,354	(1,118,316)
Balance at 31 December	537,452	(12,982)	524,470	559,186	(12,382)	546,804

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25. Insurance contract liabilities (continued)

Details of the methodologies used for the premium and claims provisions for motor and household products administered on the main underwriting system are provided below.

Outstanding Claims Reserve ('OCR')

The purpose of the OCR is to ensure adequate reserves are in place for known claims. It is calculated by aggregating the case reserves for all known claims and is generated each month-end by a system driven calculation. However, the aggregated case reserves may be deemed to be over or understated against the expected ultimate settlement cost of the known claims and this is allowed for in the IBNR calculation.

Incurred But Not Reported Reserve ('IBNR')

The purpose of the IBNR reserve is to reflect the additional claims cost from claims incurred but not reported before the statement of financial position date, known as 'pure IBNR' and the cost of any over or understatement in the OCR, known as Incurred But Not Enough Reported ('IBNER').

IBNR is calculated as part of the quarterly actuarial reserve reviews using a combination of statistical/actuarial techniques.

These projections are performed on homogeneous groups of claim types. Otherwise, the projections would be prone to error from changes in mix by claim type.

The claim types modelled for motor products are:

- Accidental Damage
- Fire & Theft
- Windscreen
- Third Party Property Damage
- Third Party Personal Injury

The claim types modelled for household products are:

- Accidental Damage (Buildings and Contents separately)
- Escape Of Water (Buildings and Contents separately)
- Fire (Buildings and Contents separately)
- Theft (Buildings and Contents separately)
- Weather (Buildings and Contents separately)
- Subsidence (Buildings only)
- Freezer Failure (Contents only)
- Personal Possessions
- Caravans

Unearned Premium Reserve ('UPR')

The UPR is that proportion of premium received on in-force contracts that relates to unexpired risks at the statement of financial position date. This calculation is based on either a daily or monthly pro-rata basis and forms part of the insurance contract liabilities balance in the statement of financial position.

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26. Provisions

	2014	2013
	£000	£000
Balance at 1 January	1,156	250
Additions	1,392	906
Balance at 31 December	2,548	1,156

27. Deferred tax liability

	2014	2013
	£000	£000
At 1 January	707	663
Current year charge	130	44
At 31 December	837	707

Analysis of deferred taxation temporary differences:

	£000	£000
Accelerated capital allowances	(16)	(19)
Intangible fixed assets	853	726
	837	707

Analysis of the deferred tax balance is as follows:

	£000	£000
Deferred tax liability expected to be recovered after more than 12 months	840	711
Deferred tax asset expected to be recovered within 12 months	(3)	(4)
Net deferred tax liability	837	707

The valuation and recoverability of deferred tax assets relating to capital allowances in excess of depreciation is dependant on the availability of future taxable profits within the company. Management forecasts currently support the future recoverability of the deferred tax asset recognised in the balance sheet as at 31st December 2014.

The calculation of deferred tax balances at the year end also takes into account the reduction in the UK main corporation tax rate to 21%, effective from 1 April 2014, and a further reduction to 20% substantively enacted on 2 July 2013, that will be effective from 1 April 2015.

28. Current tax liability

	2014	Restated 2013
	£000	£000
At 1 January	6,407	11,783
Amounts recorded in the statement of comprehensive income	10,743	12,927
Payments made in respect of group relief	(3,317)	(3,919)
Income tax paid	(8,790)	(14,384)
At 31 December	5,043	6,407

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29. Other financial liabilities

	2014	2013
	£000	£000
Cash Collateral Received	650	6,360
	650	6,360

30. Insurance payables

	2014	2013
	£000	£000
Due to reinsurers	8,210	7,910
Due to policy holders	6,002	6,088
Due to intermediaries	19	29
	14,231	14,027

31. Trade and other payables

	2014	2013
	£000	£000
Bank overdrafts	7,569	7,823
Amounts owed to group undertakings	18,818	27,687
Accruals and deferred income	15,244	13,625
Other taxes and social security costs	15,716	15,698
Other payables	994	819
	58,341	65,652

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	2014	2013
	£000	£000
Ordinary shares, allotted and fully paid		
344,907,680 (2013: 344,907,680) ordinary shares of £1 each	344,908	344,908

33. Capital reserve

	2014	2013
	£000	£000
Balance at 1 January	208,544	240,544
Dividends paid	(30,000)	(32,000)
Balance at 31 December	178,544	208,544

The Company paid the following interim dividends to LVGIG during 2014:

	2014
	£000
31 December 2014	30,000
Total dividends paid for the year	30,000

The Company paid the following interim dividends to LVGIG during 2013:

	2013
	£000
31 December 2013	32,000
Total dividends paid for the year	32,000

The reserve was created to receive capital contributions from its parent company LVFS, in order to provide regulatory capital in the Groups subsidiaries.

The capital reserve is distributable in future periods, subject to the provisions of the Companies Act 2006.

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34. Retained earnings

	2014 £000	2013 £000
Balance at 1 January	48,603	3,032
Profit for the year	45,735	45,571
Balance at 31 December	94,338	48,603

The following dividends were declared and paid in the year:

- ordinary shares of £30.0m - 8.7p per share (2013: £32.0m - 9.3p per share)

35. Cash generated from operating activities

	2014 £000	2013 £000
Profit before tax	56,609	58,542
Investment income	(54,212)	(50,321)
Interest income received	(23,187)	(24,034)
Losses on financial assets recorded in the statement of comprehensive income	23,363	5,577
Non-cash items		
Expenses deferred during the year	(205)	520
Amortisation of intangible assets	180	180
Changes in working capital		
Increase in loans and other receivables	(23,264)	(862)
Decrease in reinsurance assets	1,162	3,995
Decrease in insurance receivables	10,186	978
Increase in prepayments and accrued income	(225)	(1,083)
(Decrease)/increase in insurance contract liabilities	(13,638)	64,797
Increase in provisions	1,392	906
(Decrease)/increase in collateral received	(5,710)	6,360
Increase/(decrease) in insurance payables	204	(3,974)
Decrease in trade and other payables	(7,057)	(9,626)
Cash (used in)/generated from operating activities	(34,402)	51,955

36. Contingent liabilities

As at 31 December 2014 and 2013 a contingent liability of £24.0m existed in respect of a fixed charge over certain assets of the Company which have been charged to the trustees of the Ockham Pension Scheme as part of its deficit funding arrangements agreed with LVFS. The charge will only crystallise in the event of the insolvency of LVFS or the Company or proceedings being started by their creditors. The amount subject to the charge can be reviewed at the instigation of either party in association with each triennial actuarial valuation. The next valuation takes place at 31 March 2015 and the Company has called for a review.

No claims under this liability have been made and no insolvency proceedings have commenced against either LVFS or the Company during the course of 2013 and 2014.

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37. Related party transactions

The Company enters into transactions with key management personnel in the normal course of business. All transactions are carried out on an arm's length basis. Details of significant transactions carried out during the year with related parties are as follows:

Key management personnel of the Group include all Directors, executive and non-executive, and senior management (the Board and the Executive Committee).

The summary of the compensation of key management personnel for the year is as follows:

	2014	2013
	£000	£000
Short-term employee benefits	5,850	4,953
Post-employment benefits	87	185
Other long-term benefits	563	2,716
Termination benefits	-	510
	6,500	8,364

The following transactions have taken place between the Company and LV Insurance Management Limited:

	2014	2013
	£000	£000
Management charge to the Company	218,929	228,825
	218,929	228,825

The following transactions have taken place between the Company and Liverpool Victoria General Insurance Group Limited:

	2014	2013
	£000	£000
Dividend to Liverpool Victoria General Insurance Group Limited	(30,000)	(32,000)
	(30,000)	(32,000)

Balances outstanding between the Company and other LV= group companies:

	2014	2013
	£000	£000
Payable by the Company to LVFS	(18,818)	(27,687)
Payable to the Company by Highway Insurance Group Limited	22,450	22,450
	3,632	(5,237)

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38. Ultimate parent company

The ultimate parent company and ultimate controlling party is Liverpool Victoria Friendly Society Limited, a UK incorporated Friendly Society registered under the Friendly Societies Act 1992.

The immediate parent company is Liverpool Victoria General Insurance Group Limited, a limited liability company, incorporated in the UK.

Both the ultimate and immediate parent companies are registered at the below address.

The largest company whose accounts this company is consolidated into is Liverpool Victoria Friendly Society Limited.

The smallest company whose accounts this company is consolidated into is Liverpool Victoria General Insurance Group Limited.

The consolidated accounts of Liverpool Victoria Friendly Society Limited are available to the public and may be obtained from:

The Company Secretary
County Gates
Bournemouth
BH1 2NF

or at www.lv.com/about-us/company-information/returns/reports-accounts