

**Company Registration No. 09077893
(England and Wales)**

BURFORD CAPITAL PLC
UNAUDITED INTERIM REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the period ended 30 June 2018

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for the period ended 30 June 2018

COMPANY INFORMATION

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Company registration no.	09077893
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STRATEGIC REPORT

The Directors present their strategic report for the period ended 30 June 2018. The Company was incorporated in the United Kingdom under Companies Act 2006 and registered in England and Wales. The address of the Company's registered office is provided in page 1.

BUSINESS MODEL & FUTURE OUTLOOK

The Company's principal activity is to act as a bond issuing vehicle for Burford Capital Limited and its subsidiary companies (the "Group"). The Directors do not propose introducing further business activities in this company.

Details of the Group business model and that of the subsidiaries are explained in more detail in the Directors' Report on page 3. Additionally, information can be found in the financial statements of the ultimate parent, Burford Capital Limited. A copy of the financial statements can be obtained from their website at www.burfordcapital.com.

STRATEGY, OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPAL RISK

On 19 August 2014, the Company issued £90m of retail bonds. The bonds are listed on the London Stock Exchange's Order Book for Retail Bonds and have an 8 year term, maturing on 19 August 2022, and a fixed coupon of 6.5% payable bi-annually.

On 19 April 2016, the Company issued a second set of retail bonds to the value of £100m. The bonds are listed on the London Stock Exchange's Order Book for Retail Bonds and have an 8.5 year term, maturing on 26 October 2024, and a fixed coupon of 6.125% payable bi-annually.

On 1 June 2017, the Company issued a third set of retail bonds to the value of £175m. The bonds are listed on the London Stock Exchange's Order Book for Retail Bonds and have a 9.5 year term, maturing on 1 December 2026, and a fixed coupon of 5.0% payable bi-annually.

The issue of bonds with a fixed coupon minimises any financial risk to the Group as a result of interest rate fluctuations. The terms of all three bonds require that as long as they remain outstanding, Burford Capital Limited is required to ensure that at each reporting date, the Group leverage ratio (as defined in the bond documents) is no more than 1:2 (excluding certain subsidiaries) and as at the time of signing of the financial statements, this condition was met.

The Directors consider the principal risk and uncertainty facing the Company to be its ability to service the capital and interest payments which is dependent on the performance of the Group. The Directors have considered the ability of Burford Capital Limited to ensure that the Company is in a position to make interest and capital repayments at the appropriate times, and as the Group is a profitable and solvent business, they are satisfied that it will be in a position to do so.

REVIEW OF THE PERIOD

The results for the period are set out in detail on page 9.

The Balance Sheet on page 10 shows positive net assets following the issuance of new equity in 2017.

There are no relevant KPIs applicable to the Company.

EMPLOYEES

The Company has no employees.

DONATIONS

The Company made no political contributions or donations to charity during the period (2017: £nil).

Approved by the Board on 20 September 2018



L Paster
Director

24 Cornhill
London
EC3V 3ND

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors present their interim report and unaudited financial statements for the period to 30 June 2018.

For further information on the operations of Burford Capital Limited, the ultimate parent company, please refer to the Interim Report which may be downloaded from their website www.burfordcapital.com.

GOING CONCERN

The Company's business activities, together with the factors likely to affect its future performance, position and development are set out in the Strategic Report on page 2. The Strategic Report describes the financial position of the Company and its Financial Risk Management Objectives are outlined below.

Burford Capital PLC is a special purpose company which is a subsidiary of Burford Capital (UK) Limited, which is itself an indirect subsidiary of Burford Capital Limited, the Guarantor of the Bonds as detailed in note 12 of the financial statements.

In considering the going concern basis of preparation of these financial statements the Directors have had regard to a number of factors. The Company's primary obligation for the forthcoming twelve months is to make the bi-annual interest payments on the Bonds as they fall due. From the Company's perspective, Burford Capital Limited has confirmed to the Company that it will assist it in meeting its liabilities as they fall due, to the extent that money is not otherwise available to meet such liabilities.

On this basis, the Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has or has access to adequate resources to continue in operation for at least twelve months from the date of approval of these financial statements and has the ability to meet its liabilities as they fall due. Accordingly, they adopt the going concern basis in preparing the interim report and financial statements.

DIVIDENDS

No dividends will be distributed for the period to 30 June 2018 (2017: £nil).

DIRECTORS

The Directors who held office during the period and to the date of this report were as follows:

C Arnott
P Braverman
L Paster

POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There have been no material post balance sheet events that would require disclosure or adjustment to these financial statements.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Company regards the successful identification, monitoring and control of risk as an essential part of its operations and has procedures in place to do so effectively. Due to the Company's limited scope and nature of its activities the Company's Board is itself responsible for all aspects of the Company's corporate governance. The Company does not, therefore, have a separate audit committee from that of Burford Capital Limited, the ultimate parent company whose Audit Committee performs this function for the Group.

FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVE

The sole function of Burford Capital PLC is to act as a special purpose company to raise money by the issue of the Bonds. The net proceeds received by the Company from the issue of the Bonds were made available to other subsidiaries within the Group. Subsidiaries of the Group will use such amounts for the general corporate purposes of the Group and to introduce debt to its capital structure for economic efficiency. Burford Capital PLC's only material assets are therefore the intercompany assets created through the sharing of the Bonds' proceeds within the Group. The ability of Burford Capital PLC to repay the Bonds will be dependent upon remittances or repayments from Group subsidiaries and, therefore, will be subject to all the risks to which the Group is subject.

DIRECTORS' REPORT – continued

Risks relating to the Group

Investment selection and performance

The Group is dependent on whether or not the investments and financings which it undertakes and insurance contracts which it has undertaken (collectively, "investments") will be successful or will pay returns. Assessing the value, strengths and weaknesses of litigation is complex and the outcome is not certain. Should the investments, financings and insurance contracts in which the Group is or becomes involved prove to be unsuccessful or produce returns below those expected, the ability of the Group to meet its commitments under the Bonds could be materially adversely affected.

Inability to locate, and delay in entering into, investments

The success of the Group is dependent upon the conclusion, management and realisation of suitable investments. There is no guarantee that the Group will be successful in sourcing suitable investments in a timely manner or at all, or in sourcing a sufficient number of suitable investments that meet the diversification and underwriting and other requirements of the Group in jurisdictions where such investments are desirable.

The Group may experience fluctuations in its operating results

Investors contemplating an investment in the Bonds should recognise that their market value can fluctuate and may not always reflect the underlying operating results of the Group. Such operating results may themselves vary from time to time due to a variety of factors including, but not limited to, the accounting valuations of the investments made by the Group, the recognition of recoveries and the collection of awards, settlement monies or other funds from investments. The actual results of the Group for a particular period should therefore not be taken as indicative of its performance in a future period.

Regulation

Law and professional regulation (including ethics regulation) in the area of acquiring or otherwise taking a financial position or a commercial interest with respect to claims and defences can be complex and uncertain in the U.S. and elsewhere. In various jurisdictions there are prohibitions or restrictions in connection with purchasing claims from claimants (known as maintenance, and a form of champerty), assignment of certain kinds of claims and/or participating in a lawyer's contingent fee interests (including ethical rules against sharing fees with lawyers and non-lawyers). Such prohibitions and restrictions, to the extent they exist, are governed by the rules and regulations of each state and jurisdiction in the U.S. and elsewhere and vary in degrees of strength and enforcement in different states and federal jurisdictions. This is a complex issue that involves both substantive law and also choice of law principles. The Group has retained counsel experienced in ethics and other professional matters, and assesses the foregoing legal and ethical and other issues as appropriate and on an overall ongoing basis. However, in many jurisdictions, the relevant issues may not have been considered by the courts nor addressed by statute and thus obtaining clear opinions or legal advice may be difficult to achieve. Thus the Group's investments could be open to challenge or subsequently reduced in value or extinguished.

Changes in laws, regulation or ethical rules could further reduce or limit opportunities for the Group to make investments or could result in the reduction or extinction of the value of investment already concluded by the Group in such jurisdictions, and such changes are regularly proposed by groups opposed to litigation proliferation and others.

Competition

Competition for attractive investment opportunities may lead to lower potential returns than expected from individual investments, which may affect the Group's ability to invest on terms which it considers attractive. The Group may face competition from other entities, some of which may have significantly greater financial and/or technical resources than the Group, whose business may be at a more mature stage of development than that of the Group, which may develop or market alternative financial arrangements that are more effective or less susceptible to challenge than those developed or marketed by the Group, or that might render the Group's investment strategy obsolete or uncompetitive.

Reputational risk

Failure to protect the Group's reputation and brand in the face of ethical, legal or moral challenges could lead to a loss of trust and confidence. This could result in a decline in the client base and affect the Group's ability to recruit and retain good people, which could have a material adverse effect on the Group's financial performance.

The Guarantor recognises the high standards of corporate governance demanded of listed companies. The Guarantor has adopted and complied with the Finance Sector Code of Corporate Governance published by the Guernsey Financial Services Commission (the "Code"). The Code includes many of the principles contained in the UK Corporate Governance Code. While the Company is not required to comply with the Code, it has nevertheless elected to do so.

DIRECTORS' REPORT – continued

Currency risk

The Group's financial statements are presented in U.S. dollars and many of its assets are denominated in U.S. dollars. Although some of the Group's expenses are denominated in U.S. dollars, others are in sterling, euros and other currencies. Principal and interest on the Bonds are denominated and will be paid in sterling. There is a risk that exchange rates may significantly change (including changes due to devaluation of sterling or revaluation of U.S. dollars) and the risk that the U.S. Federal Reserve may impose or modify exchange controls. The Group may hedge some of its exposure to the U.S. dollar or other non-sterling currencies through forward foreign exchange contracts or through other financial products. While hedging may reduce currency risk, it is not possible to hedge fully or perfectly against currency fluctuations, and the Group may also elect to forego hedging. Accordingly, the holders of the bonds ("Bondholders") may be exposed to exchange rate risks between U.S. dollars (or other non-sterling currency) and sterling such that if the value of the U.S. dollar (or other non-sterling currency) falls relative to sterling, the Group's assets will, in sterling terms, be worth less.

Evaluation and disclosure of investments and investment performance

Details of investments that the Group has or is pursuing or intends to pursue, cannot and will not be disclosed on a named or detailed basis to Bondholders because of confidentiality and other restrictions. To this extent, Bondholders will therefore not have an opportunity to evaluate for themselves such investments and therefore Bondholders will be dependent upon the Group's judgement and ability in investing and managing its assets.

Recovery collection risks

The Group is exposed to credit risk in various investment structures, most of which involve investing sums recoverable only out of successful investments with a risk of loss of its investment cost. On becoming contractually entitled to proceeds, depending on the structure of the particular investment, the Group could be a creditor of, or otherwise subject to credit risk from, a claimant, a defendant, both or other parties. Moreover, the Group may be indirectly subject to credit risk to the extent a defendant does not pay a claimant immediately, notwithstanding successful adjudication of a claim in the claimant's favour. Part of the case selection process for investment involves an assessment by the Group of the ability of the defendant to pay a judgment or award if the case is successful. If the defendant is unable to pay or the claimant or defendant challenges the judgment or award, the Group may encounter difficulties in recovery.

Potential commitments in excess of funds raised

The Group may contract for commitments in matters in excess of its total funds. While the Group intends to manage its investment portfolio in such a manner as to minimise the risk of a mismatch between commitments and available cash, it is possible that such a mismatch will occur, which could cause damage to the Group and the potential loss of business and financial relationships.

Reliance on lawyers

The Group is particularly reliant on lawyers to litigate claims and defences with due skill and care. If they are not able to do this, or do not do this for other reasons, it is likely to have a material adverse effect on the value of the Group's investment. Whilst the Group will evaluate the lawyers involved in any investment (who are generally not selected by the Group), there is no guarantee that the outcome of a case will be in line with the lawyers' assessment of the case or in line with the expected skill and care from the lawyers.

Changes in regulation

The Group is subject to regulatory requirements currently and may be subject to additional regulatory requirements both in its current areas of activity and any future areas of activity. The Group will be under a duty to comply with any new rules, regulations and laws applicable to it. Compliance with these rules, regulations and laws could create additional burdens for the Group and could have a material adverse effect on the investment strategies of, and/or the value of, direct or indirect business or financial interests of the Group.

Legal professional duties

The Group will generally not wholly own or control a claim in which it has invested, and as a result the Group will not be the client of the law firm representing the owner of the claim that is the subject of an investment or financing of the Group. Accordingly that law firm may be required to act in accordance with its client's wishes rather than those of the Group or may be subject to an overriding duty to the courts.

DIRECTORS' REPORT – continued

Operational risks

Operational risks, including the risk of fraud and other criminal acts carried out against the Group, are inherent in the Group's business. As the Group's business grows in size and complexity, and in particular as the Group enters new markets, operational risk increases.

Operational risk and losses can result from external and internal fraud, failures or inadequacies in systems or processes, failure to comply with regulatory requirements and conduct of business rules, errors by employees, natural disasters or the failure of external systems, for example, those of the Group's contractual counterparties. The Group has implemented a risk management framework which seeks to maintain residual risk exposures within defined risk appetite thresholds, and appropriate resources are devoted to developing efficient procedures, including the identification and rectification of weaknesses. However, it is not possible to implement procedures which fully control each of the operational risks noted above.

Terrorist acts, other acts of war or hostility and geopolitical, pandemic or other such events may result in economic and political uncertainties which could have a material adverse effect on U.S., U.K. and international economic conditions and more specifically on the Group's results of operations, financial condition or prospects. In addition, an incident incapacitating the Group's management or systems could impact on the Group's ability to carry on its business.

Notwithstanding anything in this risk factor, this risk factor should not be taken as implying that the Group will be unable to comply with its obligations as a company with securities admitted to the Official List of the Financial Conduct Authority.

Reliance on key personnel

The Group's performance is, to a large extent, dependent upon the judgement and ability of its senior management to implement the Group's strategy to use and commit the Group's capital and finance, manage and realise returns on its investments. The success of the Group will therefore depend largely upon the ability of certain members of its senior management and the Group's ability to train, motivate and retain them to ensure their continuing availability. The death, incapacity or loss of the service of any of its senior management could have a material adverse impact on the business of the Group.

In addition, the Group's performance may be limited by its ability to employ, train, motivate and retain sufficient skilled personnel. Such a failure to retain or recruit suitable replacements for significant numbers of skilled personnel could damage the Group's business.

The Group's operations are dependent on the proper functioning of information technology systems

The Group relies on its information technology ("IT") systems to conduct its business, including key account management, documentation, producing financial and management reports on a timely basis and maintaining accurate records. The Group's processes and systems may not operate as expected, may not fulfil their intended purpose or may be damaged or interrupted by increases in usage, human error, unauthorised access, natural hazards or disasters or similarly disruptive events. Any failure of the IT systems and/or third-party infrastructure on which the Group relies could lead to costs and disruptions that could adversely affect the Group's reputation, business, results of operations, financial condition and prospects.

Computer and data-processing systems are susceptible to malfunctions and interruptions (including those due to equipment damage, power outages, computer viruses and a range of other hardware, software and network problems). A significant malfunction or interruption of one or more of the Group's computer or data-processing systems could adversely affect the Group's ability to keep its operations running efficiently and affect service availability. In addition, it is possible that a malfunction of the Group's data system security measures could enable unauthorised persons to access sensitive data, including information relating to the Group's intellectual property or litigation or business strategy or those of its customers. Any such malfunction or disruptions could cause economic losses. A failure of the Group's IT systems could also cause damage to its reputation which could harm its business. Any of these developments, alone or in combination, could have a material adverse effect on the Group's business, financial condition and results of operations.

Notwithstanding anything in this risk factor, this risk factor should not be taken as implying that the Issuer will be unable to comply with its obligations as a company with notes admitted to the Official List of the Financial Conduct Authority.

DIRECTORS' REPORT - continued

The Group's operations may be affected by its acquisition of Gerchen Keller

In December 2016, the Group completed the acquisition of Gerchen Keller. Gerchen Keller is a law-focused investment manager registered as an investment adviser with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. As Gerchen Keller operates almost exclusively through its private funds, and does not typically invest directly on its own balance sheet, its revenues are predominantly from the receipt of management and performance fees from its funds, which is in contrast to the rest of the Group, which profits directly from investments it makes. This is a new means of conducting business for the Group. Furthermore, the acquisition could divert significant management time and resources from the day to day running of the business. No assurances can be given that Gerchen Keller will be managed profitably or integrated successfully into the Group or that the Group will successfully develop that part of the business focused on management and performance fees from private funds, without delays, costs or other problems being experienced. Finally, despite conducting thorough due diligence into Gerchen Keller, it is possible that unanticipated liabilities could arise in respect of the acquisition.

Tax risks

Characterisation of investments

Tax laws and regulations are under constant development and often subject to change as a result of government policy. The Group structures investments on a case-by-case basis in accordance with legal and ethical principles and limitations identified by the Group and its professional advisors. There is no guarantee that a state, federal or other governmental taxing authority in the jurisdiction where the investment is made or where the relevant claim is pending will accept, for tax or other regulatory purposes, the characterisation of the investment as intended and documented by the Group and reflected in the investment documents. Taxing or other regulatory authorities may deem the transaction to be characterised differently for local tax or other regulatory purposes, which could yield a different tax or regulatory treatment of the associated investment returns.

If the Group or a taxing authority does re-characterise investment contracts or disbursements for their accounting or taxing purposes respectively, this could result in additional tax being assessed on the Group on investment returns associated with the contract; a write down of the value of the investment asset on the books of the Group; or a re-characterisation of the investment contract for purposes of interpretation or enforcement of the Group's rights in a place whose courts have jurisdiction over the enforcement of the investment contract or judgment or arbitral award based on such contract.

Tax leakage

Some or all revenues earned by the Group may be subject to a significant income or corporate income tax liability (including withholdings) which cannot be reclaimed by the Group. If applicable, the rates of such taxes (or withholdings) will depend on the jurisdiction in which the revenues are earned (or with which they are connected) and will reduce the net returns on the Group's investments and, as a result, diminish the potential value of the Group's assets.

Changes in taxation legislation or regulation may adversely affect the Group or Bondholders

Any change in the Group's tax status, or in taxation legislation in any jurisdiction in which the Group carries on, or is deemed to carry on, a trade or business or from which its income is sourced, could affect the value of its investments and the Group's ability to achieve its investment objective, and may adversely affect returns to Bondholders.

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE DIRECTORS' REPORT AND THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report, Strategic Report, and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period. Under the law they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework'.

Under company law and DTR 4.1, 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 and loss of the Company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply consistently;
- make judgement and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statement on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The Directors, to the best of their knowledge, state that:

- the financial statements, prepared in accordance with the applicable set of accounting standards, give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the Company; and
- the management report includes a fair review of the development and performance of the business and the position of the Company and the undertakings included in the consolidation taken as a whole, together with a description of the principal risks and uncertainties that they face.

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 have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Board on 20 September 2018
and signed on its behalf by:



L Paster
Director

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London
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BURFORD CAPITAL PLC
for the period ended 30 June 2018

INCOME STATEMENT
For the period ended 30 June 2018

	Notes	1 January to 30 June 2018 £'000	1 January to 30 June 2017 £'000
Income	2	1,952	1,096
Operating expenses	4	(1,862)	(1,103)
Operating Profit/(Loss)		91	(7)
Interest receivable and similar income		-	2,517
Finance costs	3	(10,472)	(6,729)
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation		(10,381)	(4,219)
Tax credit on profit on ordinary activities	5	1,534	1,113
Loss for the financial period		(8,847)	(3,106)

All figures relate to continuing operations.

There were no other items recognised outside of the income statement above.

The notes on pages 13-20 form part of the financial statements.

BURFORD CAPITAL PLC
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BALANCE SHEET as at 30 June 2018

	Notes	30 June 2018 £'000	31 December 2017 £'000	30 June 2017 £'000
Non-current assets				
Investments in subsidiaries	8	342,694	342,694	342,694
Loans advanced to fellow group undertakings	10	83,775	86,010	86,153
		426,469	428,704	428,847
Current assets				
Amounts owed by fellow group undertakings	9	1,516	663	1,303
Cash		127	3	1,840
Total current assets		1,643	666	3,143
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year				
Other creditors	11	(15,333)	(7,939)	(7,500)
Net current liabilities		(13,690)	(7,273)	(4,357)
Total assets less current liabilities		412,779	421,431	424,490
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	12	(362,016)	(361,821)	(361,691)
Net assets		50,763	59,610	62,799
Capital and reserves				
Called up share capital	13	7,050	7,050	7,050
Share premium account	13	73,194	73,194	73,194
Income statement		(29,481)	(20,634)	(17,445)
Equity shareholders' deficit		50,763	59,610	62,799

All figures relate to continuing operations.

The notes on pages 13-20 form part of the financial statements.

These financial statements of Burford Capital PLC, company number 09077893, were approved by the Board of Directors on 20 September 2018 and signed on its behalf by



L Paster
Director

BURFORD CAPITAL PLC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
For the period ended 30 June 2018

30 June 2018	Share Capital £'000	Share Premium Account £'000	Income Statement £'000	Total £'000
Balance at 1 January 2018	7,050	73,194	(20,634)	59,610
Loss for the period	-	-	(8,847)	(8,847)
Balance at 30 June 2018	7,050	73,194	(29,481)	50,763

30 June 2017	Share Capital £'000	Share Premium Account £'000	Income Statement £'000	Total £'000
Balance at 1 January 2017	7,050	-	(14,339)	(7,289)
Issued in year	-	73,194	-	73,194
Loss for the period	-	-	(3,106)	(3,106)
Balance at 30 June 2017	7,050	73,194	(17,445)	62,799

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
For the period ended 30 June 2018

	1 January to 30 June 2018 £'000	1 January to 30 June 2017 £'000
Cash flows from operating activities		
Loss for the period before tax	(10,381)	(4,219)
Adjusted for non-cash items		
Finance costs	10,472	6,729
Changes in working capital		
Decrease/(increase) in receivables	1,383	(570)
Increase in payables	9,013	3,942
Net cash inflow from operating activities	10,487	5,882
Cash flows from financing activities		
Issue of loan capital	-	175,000
Issue expenses of loan capital	-	(2,192)
Interest paid on loan capital	(10,363)	(5,988)
Net cash inflow from financing activities	(10,363)	166,820
Cash flows from investing activities		
Investment in subsidiaries	-	(171,000)
Net cash outflow from investing activities	-	(171,000)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	124	1,702
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movements in cash and cash equivalents		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	3	138
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	124	1,702
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period of year	127	1,840

The notes on pages 13-20 form part of the financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and Generally Accepted Accounting Practice and on a going concern basis. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the numbers are reported in Sterling GBP, which is the presentational and functional currency of the Company, rounded to the nearest £'000 unless otherwise indicated.

The Company prepares its financial statements under FRS 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework'. FRS 101 forms part of the new UK financial reporting regime and allows UK qualifying subsidiaries to apply EU adopted International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") but with reduced disclosure.

The Company is exempt by virtue of Section 400 of the Companies Act 2006 from the requirement to prepare group accounts. These financial statements present information about the Company as an individual undertaking and not about its group.

The Company has taken advantage of the following exemptions under FRS 101:

- FRS 101.8(b) the requirements of paragraphs 62, B64(d), B64(e), B64(g), B64(h), B64(j) to B64(m), B64(n)(ii), B64 (o)(ii), B64(p), B64(q)(ii), B66 and B67 of IFRS 3 Business Combinations.
- FRS 101.8(d) the requirements of IFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures.
- FRS 101.8(e) the requirements of paragraphs 91-99 of IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement
- FRS 101.8(g) the requirements of paragraphs 10(d), 10(f), 38A, 38B, 38C, 38D, 40A, 40B, 40C, 40D, 111 and 134 to 136 of IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements
- FRS 101.8(i) the requirements of paragraphs 30 and 31 of IAS 8 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors;
- FRS 101.8 (k) the requirements of paragraph 17 of IAS 24 Related Party Disclosures; and
- FRS 101.8 (l) the requirements of paragraphs 130(f)(ii), 130(f)(iii), 134(d)-134(f) and 135(c)-135(e) of IAS 36 Impairment of Assets.

b) Significant judgements and estimates

The most significant judgements relates to:

Receivables

The assessment of the recoverability of receivables from other subsidiary undertakings and their ability to service the capital. This is dependent on the performance of the Group. At the reporting date, the Company assesses whether objective evidence exists that any of its counterparties may not be able to pay the amounts due.

Going concern

The assessment of going concern the Company's ability to service its capital and interest payments is dependent on the performance of the Group. This is reviewed in more detail in the Report of Directors and the Strategic Report and in accounting policy c) below.

c) Going concern

In considering the going concern basis of preparation of these financial statements the Directors have had regard to a number of factors. The Company's primary obligation for the forthcoming twelve months is to make the bi-annual interest payments on the bonds as they fall due. From the Company's perspective, Burford Capital Limited has confirmed to the Company that it will assist it in meeting its liabilities as they fall due, to the extent that money is not otherwise available to meet such liabilities.

On this basis, the Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has or has access to adequate resources to continue in operation for at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements and will be able to meet its liabilities as and when then fall due and payable. Accordingly, they adopt the going concern basis in preparing the interim report and financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the ultimate parent undertaking, Burford Capital Limited, has agreed to act as Guarantor to the bondholders as described in note 12.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – (continued)

d) Investment in Subsidiaries

Investments are stated at cost less provision for any impairment in value. Investments are reviewed annually for impairment.

e) Taxation

Corporation tax is provided on taxable profits at the current rate.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events that result in an obligation to pay more tax in the future or a right to pay less tax in the future have occurred at the balance sheet date. This is subject to deferred tax assets only being recognised if it is considered more likely than not that there will be sustainable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted. Timing differences are differences between the Company's taxable profits and its results as stated in the financial statements, which are capable of reversal in one or more subsequent periods.

Deferred tax is measured at a non-discounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which the timing differences are expected to reverse, based on tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

f) Loans

Loans advanced to fellow group undertakings, which are interest free and repayable on demand, are recorded at cost of the principal amounts.

g) Borrowings

Interest bearing loans are initially recorded at the proceeds received, net of issue costs, and subsequently recorded at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

Finance costs are recorded on an accrual basis in the profit and loss account using the effective interest method and added to the carrying amount. The carrying amount is accordingly split between current and non-current, representing the interest and principal amounts respectively.

h) Cash

Cash comprises cash held in bank accounts.

i) Expenses

All expenses are accounted for on an accruals basis.

j) Foreign Currency

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. All differences are taken to the Income Statement.

k) Interest income

Interest income is calculated using the effective interest rate method and is recognised on an accruals basis.

l) Other income

Other income includes recharge of guarantor fee and dividends received from subsidiary undertakings. Guarantor fee income is recognised on the accruals basis and dividend income when the right to receive payment is legally established.

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2. INCOME

	30 June 2018 £'000	30 June 2017 £'000
Guarantee fee	127	-
Recharge of Guarantor fee	1,825	1,906
	1,952	1,906

3. OPERATING EXPENSES

The loss on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging:

	30 June 2018 £'000	30 June 2017 £'000
Guarantor fee	1,820	1,081
Statutory audit fee to Ernst & Young LLP	17	12
Other costs	25	10
	1,862	1,103

As stated in the Directors' Report Burford Capital Limited has agreed to act as Guarantor in relation to the Bonds. The Guarantor fee is paid to the ultimate parent company which has guaranteed all the bonds. The increase reflects the new bond issued in 2017.

4. FINANCE COSTS

	30 June 2018 £'000	30 June 2017 £'000
Interest and finance charges on 6.5% 2022 bond	2,901	2,901
Interest and finance charges on 6.125% 2024 bond	3,114	3,114
Interest and finance charges on 5% 2026 bond	4,457	714
	10,472	6,729

5. TAX ON LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

	30 June 2018 £'000	30 June 2017 £'000
Current Tax		
UK corporation tax at 19% (2017: 19.25%)	(1,596)	(1,113)
Current year adjustment to prior year	62	-
Deferred Tax		
Current period	-	-
Tax credit in the Income Statement	1,534	(1,113)

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5. TAX ON LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES - continued

Factors affecting the current tax charge

The total tax for the period is set out in the reconciliation below:

	30 June 2018 £'000	30 June 2017 £'000
Loss on ordinary activities before tax	(10,381)	(4,219)
Current tax at 19% (2017: 19.25%)	(1,972)	(812)
Factors affecting charge:		
Income not taxable	-	(485)
Deferred tax not recognised	376	184
Current year adjustment to prior year	62	-
Total tax	1,534	(1,113)

The Company has cumulative tax losses which arose in the UK of £3,208,000 (December 2017: £1,949,000 and June 2017: £954,000) that are available indefinitely for offset against future taxable profits of the companies in which the losses arose. Following the introduction of Corporate Interest Restriction ('CIR') from 1 April 2017, £2,550,000 (December 2017: £1,500,000 June 2017: nil) of the Company's finance costs have been disallowed for tax. These are potentially deductible over the next 5 years subject to the CIR rules.

Deferred tax assets have not been recognised in respect of these items as there is uncertainty over the recoverability.

The UK government legislated during 2015 to reduce the corporation tax rate to 19% from 1 April 2017 and 17% from 1 April 2020.

Balance sheet presentation of deferred tax	30 June 2018 £'000	31 December 2017 £'000	30 June 2017 £'000
Opening deferred tax asset	-	129	129
Impact of rate change	-	(2)	-
Temporary timing difference	-	(127)	384
Closing deferred tax asset	-	-	513

6. STAFF COSTS

There were no employees or staff costs for the period ended 30 June 2018 (2017: nil).

7. REMUNERATION OF DIRECTORS

The remuneration of the directors is paid by the directors' employing company within the Burford Group. The directors consider that it is not practical to allocate their time and the costs of their services to the Company are immaterial and accordingly no remuneration has been apportioned to the Company.

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8. INVESTMENTS IN SUBSIDIARIES

	30 June 2018 £'000	31 December 2017 £'000	30 June 2017 £'000
At 1 January	342,694	98,500	98,500
Additions	-	244,194	244,194
As at end of period	342,694	342,694	342,694

At 30 June 2018, investments in group undertakings were as follows, all of which are 100% owned subsidiaries:

The Company	Registered office	Class of shares held	Proportion Held %	Held directly or indirectly
Burford Investments Limited	24 Cornhill, London, EC3V 3ND	Ordinary	100%	Direct
Burford Global Investments Limited	24 Cornhill, London, EC3V 3ND	Ordinary	100%	Direct

9. LOAN ADVANCED TO FELLOW GROUP UNDERTAKING

	30 June 2018 £'000	31 December 2017 £'000	30 June 2017 £'000
Loans advanced to fellow group undertaking	83,775	86,010	86,153

The terms of the loan of £84 million are that it is interest free and repayable on demand. The Directors have no intention however of demanding repayment of this debt within 12 months of the date of signing these financial statements.

10. AMOUNTS OWED BY FELLOW GROUP UNDERTAKINGS

	30 June 2018 £'000	31 December 2017 £'000	30 June 2017 £'000
Amounts owed by fellow group undertakings	1,516	663	1,303

11. OTHER CREDITORS

	30 June 2018 £'000	31 December 2017 £'000	30 June 2017 £'000
Loan capital interest payable	3,909	3,995	3,910
Accruals	15	29	12
Amounts owed to ultimate parent company - Burford Capital Limited	2,557	737	1,818
Amounts owed to fellow group undertakings	8,852	3,178	1,760
	15,333	7,939	7,500

As stated in the Directors' Report, Burford Capital Limited has confirmed to the Company that it will assist it in meeting its liabilities as they fall due.

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12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

Retail Bonds	30 June 2018 £'000	31 December 2017 £'000	30 June 2017 £'000
As at 1 January	365,816	192,052	192,052
Bonds issued	-	175,000	175,000
Bond issue costs	-	(2,260)	(2,192)
Finance costs (see note 3)	10,472	17,374	6,729
Interest paid	(10,363)	(16,350)	(5,988)
As at end of period	365,925	365,816	365,601
	30 June 2018 £'000	31 December 2017 £'000	30 June 2017 £'000
Split:			
Loan capital	365,000	365,000	365,000
Bond issue costs to be charged as finance costs	(2,984)	(3,179)	(3,309)
Creditors due in more than one year	362,016	361,821	361,691
Loan capital interest payable (note 11)	3,909	3,995	3,910
	365,925	365,816	365,601

On 19 August 2014, the Company issued £90m of retail bonds. The bonds are listed on the London Stock Exchange's Order Book for Retail Bonds and have an 8 year term, maturing on 19 August 2022, and a fixed coupon of 6.5% payable bi-annually.

On 19 April 2016, the Company issued a second set of retail bonds to the value of £100m. The bonds are listed on the London Stock Exchange's Order Book for Retail Bonds and have an 8.5 year term, maturing on 26 October 2024, and a fixed coupon of 6.125% payable bi-annually.

On 1 June 2017, the Company issued a third set of retail bonds to the value of £175m. The bonds are listed on the London Stock Exchange's Order Book for Retail Bonds and have a 9.5 year term, maturing on 1 December 2026, and a fixed coupon of 5.0% payable bi-annually.

The Bonds constitute unsecured debt obligations of the Issuer, Burford Capital PLC. The ultimate parent, Burford Capital Limited, is the Guarantor for interest and capital repayments as they fall due.

So long as any Bonds remain outstanding, Burford Capital Limited is required to ensure that at each reporting date, the Group leverage ratio (as defined in the Bond documents and excluding certain identified subsidiaries) is no more than 1:2 (50%).

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13. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	30 June 2018		31 December 2017		30 June 2017	
	No.	£'000	No.	£'000	No.	£'000
Allotted, issued and fully paid ordinary shares of £1:						
At 1 January	7,050,001	7,050	7,050,000	7,050	7,050,000	7,050
Shares issues in year	-	-	1	-	1	-
At 31 December	7,050,001	7,050	7,050,001	7,050	7,050,001	7,050

	30 June 2018	31 December 2017	30 June 2017
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Share Premium Account:			
At 1 January	73,194	-	-
Shares issues in year	-	73,194	73,194
At 31 December	73,194	73,194	73,194

In 2017 the Company issued 1 ordinary shares at par to Burford Capital (UK) Limited in return for the entire share capital of Burford Global Investments Limited. The fair value of the net assets of Burford Global Investments Limited was £73,194,000 resulting in a share premium of £73,194,000.

14. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

The Company had no capital commitments as at 30 June 2018, 31 December 2017 or 30 June 2017.

15. OTHER COMMITMENTS

On 12 February 2018, the Group issued a further set of retail bonds to the value of \$180m. The bonds are listed on the London Stock Exchange's Order Book for Retail Bonds and have a 7.5 year term, maturing on 12 August 2025, and a fixed coupon of 6.125% payable bi-annually. Under the terms of the bond the Company along with the ultimate parent, Burford Capital Limited, are jointly and severally the Guarantor for interest and capital repayments as they fall due.

16. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There have been no material post balance sheet events that would require disclosure or adjustment to these financial statements.

17. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company has taken advantage of the exemptions available in FRS 101 (IAS 24) 'Related Party Disclosures' from disclosing details of transactions with other wholly owned subsidiaries in the Group.

David Lowe, a non-executive director of Burford Capital Limited, the ultimate parent and Guarantor of the Bonds, owns £300,000 nominal of the 6.5% 2024 bonds as at the reporting dates 30 June 2018, 31 December 2017 and 30 June 2017.

There are no other related party transactions that need to be disclosed here.

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18. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The immediate parent company is Burford Capital (UK) Limited, a company incorporated in the United Kingdom and registered in England and Wales, copies of whose financial statements can be obtained from:

24 Cornhill
London
EC3V 3ND

The ultimate parent undertaking at the date these financial statements were approved was Burford Capital Limited, which is incorporated and registered in Guernsey, copies of whose consolidated financial statements can be obtained from:

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