

# Half Year Results 2025/26

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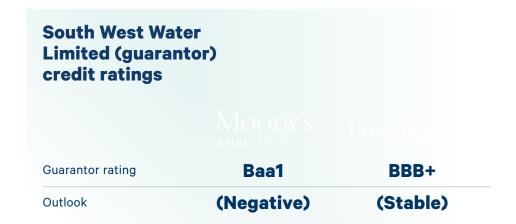
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# **South West Water Group**



# South West Water Finance plc (issuer)

- Issued £400m Bond in July 2024, maturing 2041
- Issued £250m Bond in December 2024, maturing 2032
- Issued £300m Bond in September 2025, maturing 2031
- Instrument rating Baa1 (Moody's) and A- (Fitch)



Both Moody's and Fitch reaffirmed their ratings and outlooks for South West Water Ltd and South West Water Finance plc following the Final Determination

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## **Robust start to K8**

Strong return to profitability for 2025/26

Operational successes - step change in wastewater performance

Momentum in capital investment maintained into the start of K8

Well positioned as the sector evolves

# Strong return to profitability

Resilient underlying performance

EBITDA

£245.3m

South West Water Group gearing

60.1%

SWW Return on Regulated Equity

c.7.0%<sup>1</sup>

Investing to deliver

CAPEX

£273.8m

Investment grade credit ratings

Moody's

Fitch Ratings

Baa1

BBB+

SWW guarantor

Strong liquidity

C.£850m

# Operational successes – step change in performance

**Building water** resources, improving water quality



#### Resilient water resources

despite hot summer

**Sector**leading

> water quality

**Tackling storm** overflows and pollutions



c.50% c.45% reduction in pollutions

Reduction over 10 months to October 2025 compared with October 2024; <sup>2</sup> Since H1 2024/25

reduction in SO spills

**Net neutral ODIs** 

in wastewater

**Driving** environmental gains



#### **Biodiversity** gains

- impactful peatland restoration

**Progress** on energy portfolio

> - 2/4 sites complete

**Supporting** affordability, delivering for customers



c.20%<sup>2</sup> increase in customers

on one or more of our support tariffs

**'Better Futures** Fund' launched

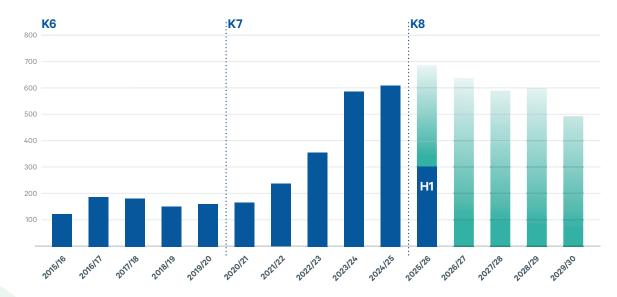
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**Delivered by our K7 investment** .

# Momentum in capital investment maintained into the start of K8

#### Capital investment<sup>1</sup>

(£m)







# Well positioned for sector reform

#### **Engaged in regulatory reform process** and transition planning

#### We expect the reforms to deliver:

- Clear long-term direction for UK water
- New single regulator and supervisory regime
- Customer focused
- Clear plans for improving water quality
- Securing water resilience
- A fair deal for investors, balancing risk and reward

#### **Established regional model** for Pennon through WaterShare+ customer panels







**Shaping the transition** .

# Financial update

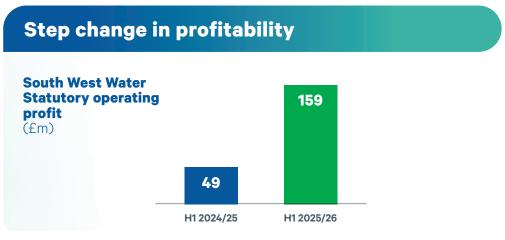


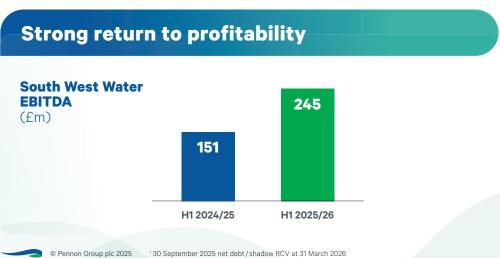
# **Financial framework over K8**

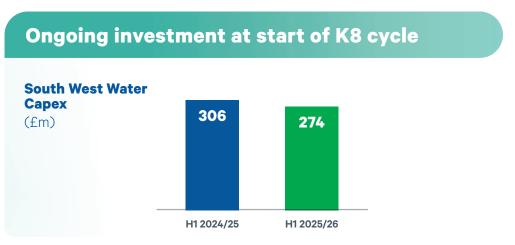
RORE	7% target returns  160 bps outperformance, 30 bps reward
Capital investment	£3.2bn investment programme
RCV growth	34% to 2030
Dividend policy	Growing in line with CPIH
Resilient balance sheet	55-65% gearing policy for Water Group
Investment grade credit ratings	Moody's: <b>Baa1</b> FitchRatings: <b>BBB+</b>

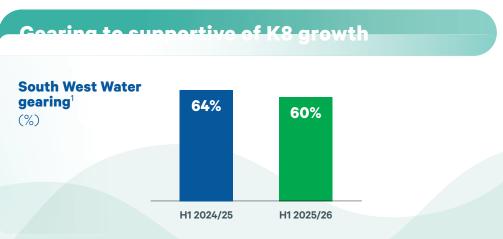
© Pennon Group plc 2025 1 Return on Regulated Equity on a real, notional basis

# **South West Water · K8 inflection point**









# **Step change in H1 financial performance**

- Strong return to profitability
- → 25% increase in revenues
- Operating profit more than doubling year on year
- Financing costs driving strong regulatory returns

Underlying <sup>1</sup> (£m unless otherwise stated)	H1 2025/26	H1 2024/25
Revenue		372.0
EBITDA		151.2
Operating profit		82.5
Net finance costs		(80.1)
Profit/(loss) before tax – underlying		(11.4)
Non-underlying items before tax <sup>2</sup>		(19.5)
Profit/(loss) before tax		(30.9)
Tax <sup>3</sup> (charge)/credit – current and deferred	18.8	7.1
Profit/(loss) after tax	54.7	(23.8)

# Investment continues to deliver our customers' priorities

#### Water Group<sup>1</sup> capital investment

(£m)	H1 2025/26	H1 2024/25
Clean water	154.2	185.0
Wastewater	125.0	130.8
Total	279.2	

- → Record £3.2bn capital programme over K8
- → On track to deliver Year-1 Price Control Deliverables
- → 1,000+ deliverables mobilised shaped by our customers
- → Strong efficiencies being secured



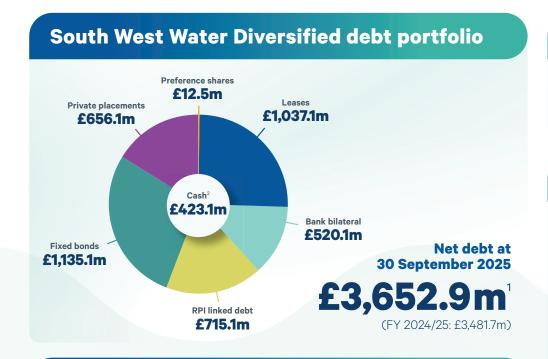






Diffuser installation at Exmouth long-sea outfall, Storm tank construction in Dawlish, Alderney Water Treatment Works, Manganese investment in St Cleer

# South West Water · Balance sheet set for K8 delivery



#### **Efficient financing costs**

South West Water effective interest rate

5.5%

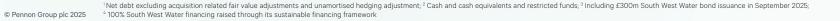
#### Responsible gearing

South West Water gearing

**c.60%** 

## Strong liquidity and funding position

Debt raised H1 2025/26	<b>c.£365</b> m <sup>3</sup>
Group Available liquidity	c.£850m
Sustainable Financing Framework	100%
Average maturity	12 years



# Transformative growth delivering long-term value

## On track to deliver 7% RORE target for K8

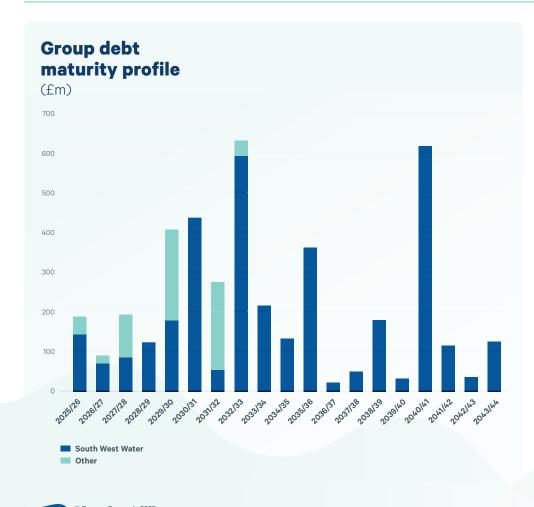




Transformative growth, long-term value



# **Debt maturity profile**



#### **Liquidity position**

At 30 September 2025, South West Water had access to undrawn committed funds, cash and cash deposits totalling c.£850million, including cash and other short term deposits of £423.1million and £435million of undrawn facilities.

- In 2025/26 we have raised £365million for South West Water.
- South West Water's gross debt at 30 September 2025 was £4,076 million excluding adjustments for non cash.

The debt has a maturity profile of up to 32 years.

• Weighted average maturity of 12 years.

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# **Net interest analysis**

	Water	Group	South We	est Water
(£m unless otherwise stated)	H1 2025/26	H1 2024/25	H1 2025/26	H1 2024/25 restated
Underlying net interest charge	(94.6)	(89.9)	(86.3)	(80.2)
Less: pensions net interest	(1.1)	(0.8)	(0.9)	(0.6)
Non-debt related interest	(1.1)	0.8	(1.1)	0.8
Add: capitalised interest	(9.7)	(10.3)	(9.6)	(10.2)
Net interest for average rate calculation	(106.5)	(100.2)	(97.9)	(90.2)
Split between:				
Interest payable	(107.6)	(95.9)	(96.9)	(84.0)
Capitalised interest payable	(9.7)	(10.3)	(9.6)	(10.2)
Other finance income	10.8	6.0	8.6	4.0
Net interest payable	(106.5)	(100.2)	(97.9)	(90.2)
Effective interest rate (%) <sup>1</sup>	5.6%	5.4%	5.5%	5.3%

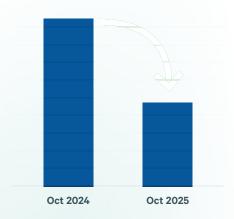
# Operational update



# **Driving step change in wastewater performance**

#### **Pollution incident reduction** a key focus

reduction in c.50% reduction in Cat 1-3 pollutions



reduction in repeat pollutions down c.75% pollutions down as a result of our proactive approach

#### **Driving spills down** through interventions

c.45% reductions in storm overflow spills year to date

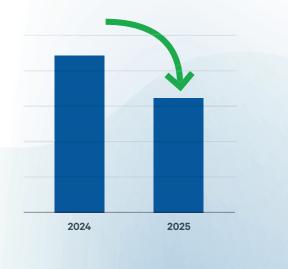
c.6,000 spills avoided due to interventions (c.20.000 over the last 18 months<sup>1</sup>)



#### Focus on bathing waters

100%<sup>2</sup> water quality fifth year in a row

**c.25**% reduction in spill durations



# Resilient water resources, industry leading water quality





**Underpinned by our investment** 

# **Driving environmental gains**



2 solar sites fully constructed

4 sites – 40%¹

of Group energy requirements by 2030

Aberdeenshire site energised

Contributing to 50%¹ total renewable energy generation

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Peatland Programme delivering impactful restoration and engagement during H1

350+
volunteer
hours

contributed to vegetation and invertebrate monitoring 50 stakeholders events

engaging partners, volunteers, students and regulators 300 hectares of planned restoration, involving 15+ stakeholders

# Supporting our customers through increased support

Significant support packages, supporting vulnerable customers



Priority Services
Register
industry
leader

c.20%

increase in customers benefitting from one of more of our support tariffs<sup>1</sup>



- Investing in customer experience platform
- Business wide focus on customer service
- Using AI to support customer experience



290 drop-in sessions

engaging over 5,000 customers

£5m Better Futures Fund

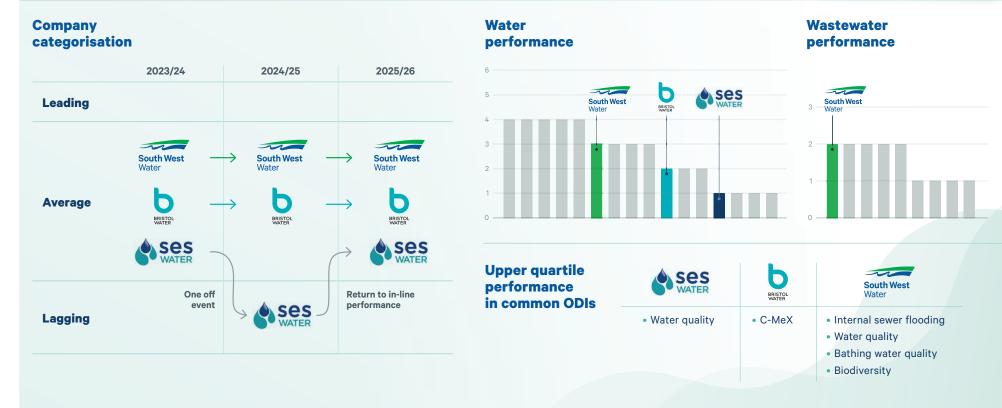
benefitting over 55,000 people

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# **Delivering on our commitments**



#### Ofwat 2024/25 Water Company Performance Report<sup>1</sup>



# **Embedding innovation in our delivery**

#### Centre for Resilience in Environment, Water and Waste













#### State-of-the-art microplastics lab. focused on three main areas

#### Microplastics in sewage sludge

 Investigating techniques and optimisation opportunities for the measurement of microplastics in final sludge

#### **Toxicology of microplastics in soil**

 Understanding what the potential 'safe' or 'acceptable' levels of microplastics for UK habitats are and how the activities of the water sector are contributing

#### Future fibres - plastics in the fashion industry

• Studying the development of real time, digital monitoring tools to track microfibres and textiles waste through the wastewater system

#### Using AI in bid to make water network lead free

Lead replacement is a challenge across the whole UK water sector

CREWW is developing a new model to improve the accuracy of lead pipe location prediction:

- Bringing together South West Water's existing records with new data sources and applying machine learning techniques to allow it to improve as more information is gathered from the field
- Helping to remove up to 40,000 lead pipes over K8
- Supporting the commitment to be leadfree by 2050

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# **Outcome Delivery Incentives**

Measures	<b>South West</b> Water	BRISTOL WATER
Unplanned outage	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Internal sewer flooding	•	n/a
Bathing water quality	<b>②</b>	n/a
Biodiversity		$\bigcirc$
Water supply interruptions	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Compliance risk index	$\bigcirc$	•
C-MeX	•	<b>②</b>
Leakage	<b>⊘</b>	$\checkmark$
Repairs to burst mains	$\bigcirc$	$\checkmark$
Customer contacts about water quality	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
D-MeX	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
External sewer flooding	$\bigcirc$	n/a
Sewer collapses	<b>⊘</b>	n/a
Discharge permit compliance	<b>⊘</b>	$\bigcirc$
Serious pollution incidents	•	$\checkmark$
Per Capita Consumption	$\bigcirc$	•
Total pollution incidents	(0)	<b>(~)</b>

#### **New measures**

- Embodied greenhouse gas emissions bespoke
- Operational greenhouse gas emissions (water)
- Operational greenhouse gas emissions (wastewater)
- River water quality (phosphorus)
- Storm overflows
- Business demand
- BR-MeX
- ✓ Met in at least one year in K7
- Industry upper quartile in 2024/25
- On track
- Area of focus

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