# RWE RENEWABLES UK ONSHORE WIND LIMITED

# STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

# Statement by the directors of the company regarding their duty under s172(1) Companies Act 2006 to promote the success of the company

The Board of the company believes it has acted in the manner most likely to promote the success of the company for the benefit of its members as a whole having a regard to the matters set out in s172(1)(a-f) of the Act.

The following important matters have been directly addressed:

# Likely consequence of long term decisions

- The company generates profits through the operation and maintenance of a portfolio of onshore wind farms
- As described further in the fair review of the business above the directors have continued with this business strategy by continually supporting the development of new projects for onshore wind farm sites. The Board reviewed the short-term and long-term cashflows to ensure these projects were economically viable, will become cash generating assets, and are therefore in accordance with the primary business activity.
- The directors have also approved the operating budget for 2024 and for the following two years. In doing so the Board have ensured the business can meet the company's cashflow requirements ensuring prompt supplier payments and other liabilities are met as they fall due.

## Employee engagement

• Other than the directors, there are no employees of the company. However, the company carefully considers the health and welfare of onsite contractors with the regular Health and Safety report reviewed at all Board meetings.

#### Business relationships

- Contractors working on wind farm sites are expected to sign up to and follow the service provider's HSE Requirements. The Board regularly reviews Health and Safety reporting during the company Board meetings and takes action as required.
- The company supports suppliers by paying promptly in line with the terms agreed between the parties.
- The company strictly follows Power Purchase Agreements for the sale of its electrical output as agreed with its customer, RWE Renewables UK Limited, and thereby maintains good business relations.

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# Community and the environment

- During 2023 the company contributed £538k (2022: £418k) to local community funds. Community funds are set up to meet the needs of the area local to the company's renewable energy projects and take the form of an annual fund which is available each year of the operational lifetime of a project. The board are deeply committed to reinvesting earnings from our renewable energy projects to foster growth, resilience, and sustainability within local communities. From enhancing community services and tourism to creating job opportunities and supporting environmental conservation efforts, our approach is holistic and inclusive. We aim to put the decision making in the hands of local representatives so local people can take responsibility for how their community is supported.
- The wide and diverse range of projects funded through our community funds make a real difference to communities, and include conservation projects, upgrading community facilities such as playgrounds, air source heat pumps and solar panels for community buildings, salaries for staff working with community groups and education and training grants for local people.
- The company is dedicated to generating electricity using sustainable energy resources. As part of this project, the company have worked with local authorities to ensure adequate and appropriate wildlife conservation steps are in place to promote and protect the local ecology.

#### Maintaining high business standards

• The Board is aware of its social role and responsibility towards customers, business partners, shareholders, employees and the wider stakeholder community. As part of the RWE group the company follows the RWE Code of Conduct which provides clear principles on how the company conducts its business and social activities. The company is committed to conducting business with integrity, being respectful to others and the environment, and in compliance with the law.

# The need to act fairly as between members of the company

• The company is held directly by a single member, and has one ultimate parent company, RWE AG.

On behalf of the board

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**Director** 

28 June 2024

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