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# **FY23 RESULTS**

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# Resilient performance, continued strategic progress

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2. Financial Review

**STRATEGY** Investing for growth, continued progress

OUTLOOK Challenging market, signs of recovery

- Revenue growth outperforming the market, +5%<sup>1</sup> vs FY22. Services growth 12%
- Second highest Profit Before Tax in Group's listed history, after significant strategic investment
- Underlying<sup>2</sup> EBITDA and EBITA margins 20.1% and 8.4% respectively
- Operating model delivering consistently high returns, underlying<sup>2</sup> ROCE at 19.6%
- Strong balance sheet maintained; non-IFRS16 leverage at 1.2x
- Momentum building with transformational marketplace growth strategy
- 1,000 customers self-served on our marketplace platform. 30% revenue growth achieved vs FY22
- 24% of Group's transactions originated through our self-service technology platforms
- Low-cost builders merchant network expanded to 89 locations, 21% same-stores growth
- Continued progress with ESG strategy: EcoVadis Gold award; SBTi approval; ISO27001 accredited
- Q1 24 revenue growth of 3%, Services segment continues to deliver double-digit growth
- Challenging H2 23 with headwinds in several end markets. Positive sentiment beginning to emerge
- Marketplace model, supported by low-cost operations division provides resilience
- Management remains confident that full year EBITA will be in line with market expectations
- Final dividend of 0.38p proposed, total dividend for the year to 0.56p, increase of 4% vs 2022

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## Financial summary / FY 23

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52 weeks ended 30 December / 31 December

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	FY 23	FY 22	Change Underlying <sup>1</sup>	
Revenue	349.1	332.8	5%	5%
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>2</sup>	65.1	71.6	(9%)	(3%)
Adjusted EBITA <sup>3</sup>	24.3	32.0	(24%)	(10%)
Adjusted Profit Before Tax <sup>4</sup>	11.9	21.0	£(9.1m)	£(4.8m)
Adjusted basic EPS	1.29p	2.41p	(1.12p)	(0.46p)
Final Dividend Per Share	0.38p	0.37p	3%	
ROCE	16.2%	22.8%	(6.6pp)	(3.7pp)
Net Debt non-IFRS16 (£m)	57.5	41.5	£(16.0m)	£(9.6m)
Net Debt Leverage non-IFRS16 (x)	1.2x	0.8x	(0.4x)	(0.2x)
Net Debt Leverage IFRS16 (x)	1.7x	1.3x	(0.4x)	(0.2x)

- Solid revenue growth ahead of market<sup>5</sup> with double digit increase in capital-light Services segment
  - Strategic investment in FY23 to support future growth plans: £5.1m opex investment and £1.3m non-recurring technology capex

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- Excluding strategic investment, EBITDA and EBITA margins 20.1% and 8.4% respectively
- Adjusted PBT also impacted by £3m increase in interest costs
- ROCE remains in line with Group target after adjusting for strategic investment
- Robust balance sheet, 3% increase in final dividend

1. Adjusted for Group's strategic investment for future growth and normalised tax rates

2. Operating profit stated before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation ("EBITDA") and before exceptional items

3. Adjusted EBITDA less depreciation

4. Profit before tax excluding amortisation of brand and customer lists and exceptional items

5. European Rental Association +3.4%, ONS Construction Output +2.4%

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Strong PBT delivered despite market headwinds

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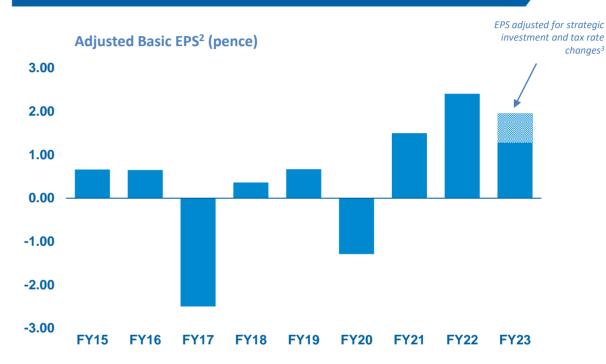
# Second highest PBT in Group's listed history

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#### PBT adjusted for strategic **Reported PBT £m** investment -20 15 10 5 0 -5 -10 -15 -20 -25 -30 **FY15 FY16 FY17 FY20 FY23 FY18 FY19 FY21 FY22**

- Third successive year of positive reported PBT
- Adjusted PBT (excluding exceptional items):
  - FY23: £11.9m
  - FY22: £21.0m
  - FY21: £10.7m
- **08** 1. Strategic investment of £5.1m
  - 2. Normalised for current ordinary share capital
  - 3. UK Corporation Tax rate increase from 19% to 25% from April 2023

#### EPS levels maintained on a like-for-like basis



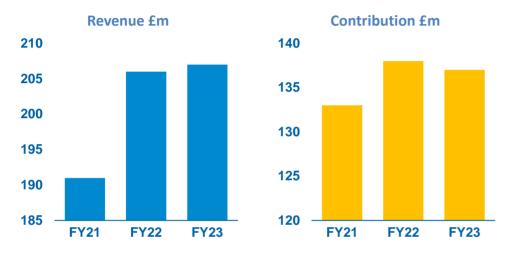
- Final dividend of 0.38p recommended bringing total dividend for year to 0.56p, an increase of 4%
- Dividend cover of 2.3x

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### Historical segments / FY 23

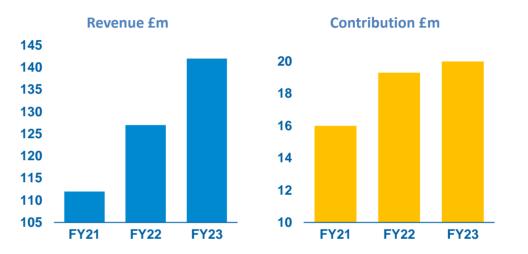
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#### Rental – steady growth, contribution impacted by mix



- Steady 1% growth in a challenging market
- Expanded low-cost builders merchant network to 89 (Dec 22: 63). Like-for-like<sup>1</sup> revenue up 21%.
- Utilisation 1ppt lower at 56% due to demand softness in certain customer segments. Targeted fleet investment of £31m to support growth opportunities.
- Rental contribution margins down 1.2ppts due to increased ancillary revenue. Hire only contribution margins maintained year-on-year.

Services – double digit growth, contribution maintained

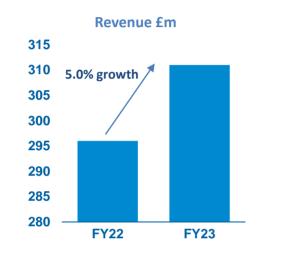


- Revenue growth of 12%, continued buyer demand for one-stopshop
- Seller network increased by c30%
- Delivery of technology roadmap continuing to enhance buyer and seller experience
- Continued growth of Training vertical revenue 21% ahead of FY22, record contribution levels
- Services contribution margins impacted with mix skewed to larger customers

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## New segments / FY 23

#### **ProService**



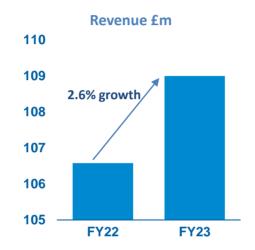
#### UK capital-light technology-led marketplace focussed on customer acquisition and conversion

Double-digit Services growth driving performance

Strategic investment to drive future marketplace growth

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#### **Operations (excl Power)**

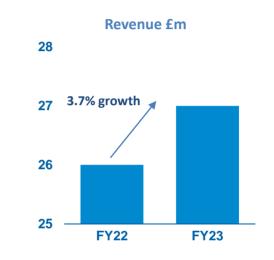


Asset owning UK businesses focussed on fulfilment, service and safety

Solid Rental growth, slowdown in H2 due to mild weather impacting seasonal performance and demand softness across certain buyer segments

Operational efficiencies offsetting inflationary pressures

#### Ireland



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# Sales and Operations in Republic of Ireland

Leading proposition enabling continued growth in growing buyer segments such as data centres and pharma

Targeted fleet investment to support larger projects and improve margins

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## Strong balance sheet, positive underlying cash generation

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#### **Strong Balance Sheet**

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£m	FY 23	FY 22
EBITDA excluding strategic investment	70.2	72.4
Cash conversion <sup>1</sup>	102%	106%
Operating cashflow pre-exceptional items / strategic investment	71.4	76.7
Cashflow pre-exceptional items / strategic investment	7.1	9.5

Underlying positive cash conversion

- Non-IFRS16 leverage at 1.2x, within medium term target range of 1.0x-1.5x. Balance sheet strength enabling strategic investment.
- Effective working capital management and targeted fleet investment delivering underlying cash conversion despite interest rate headwinds
- Material liquidity headroom of £57m, improved by a further £20m post sale of Power Generator businesses firepower to support ongoing Marketplace strategy

 Operating cash inflow pre-exceptional items and strategic investment as a percentage of Adjusted EBITDA excluding strategic investment 3. Strategy Update

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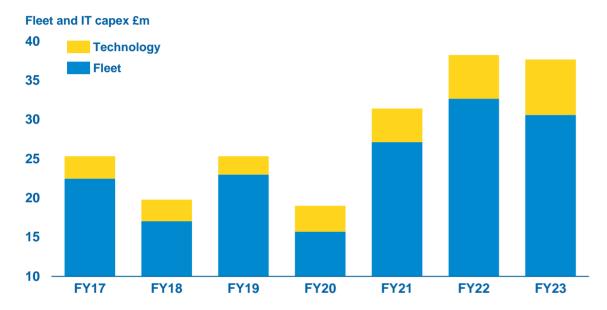
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# Industry leading returns, investing for future growth

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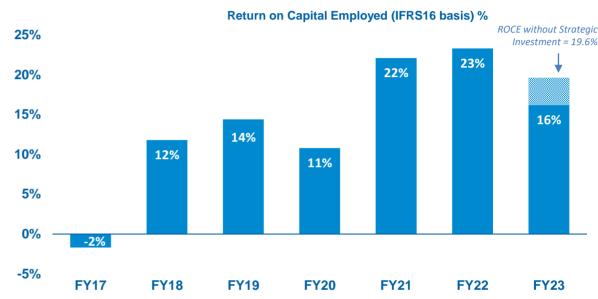
#### Targeted investment for future growth

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- Continued technology investment including £4.3m in Brenda platform (ongoing run-rate c£3m) and £1.3m to acquire the full IP of the underpinning code
- Fleet investment focussed on growth opportunities, leveraging insight tools; FY23 includes around £3m relating to divested Power business
- FY24 capex guidance £26-£29m

#### Operating model delivering consistently high returns



- Continue to deliver strong returns ahead of cost of capital, supported by capital-light marketplace growth
- FY23 ROCE impacted by strategic investment
- Group's target remains to be greater than 20%

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# Organisational simplification has created clear focus for our two divisions

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### HSS Hire Group plc 2018

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General tool and site equipment hire



HSS Training

Training business

Rehire business

#### UK Platforms POWERED ACCESS



Specialist high-level powered access, sold 2019



Specialist plant business Ireland, sold 2021

All Seasons Hire



Specialist HVAC business, sold 2021

#### ABIRD/APEX POWER SOLUTIONS



Specialist power generation business, sold March 2024

All four businesses sold with ongoing commercial agreements to supply HSS, becoming key partners to us and maintaining the ProService customer proposition

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Digital marketplace business focussed on customer and supplier acquisition. Technology driven, scalable and uniquely differentiated. Wide range of building services, including hire, resale, materials, training and more.





Fulfilment business, focussed on service delivery, health & safety and quality, with comprehensive coverage across a wide range of tools, low-level powered access and site equipment 2. Financial Review 3. Strategy Update

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# **Clear strategy in place for each business**



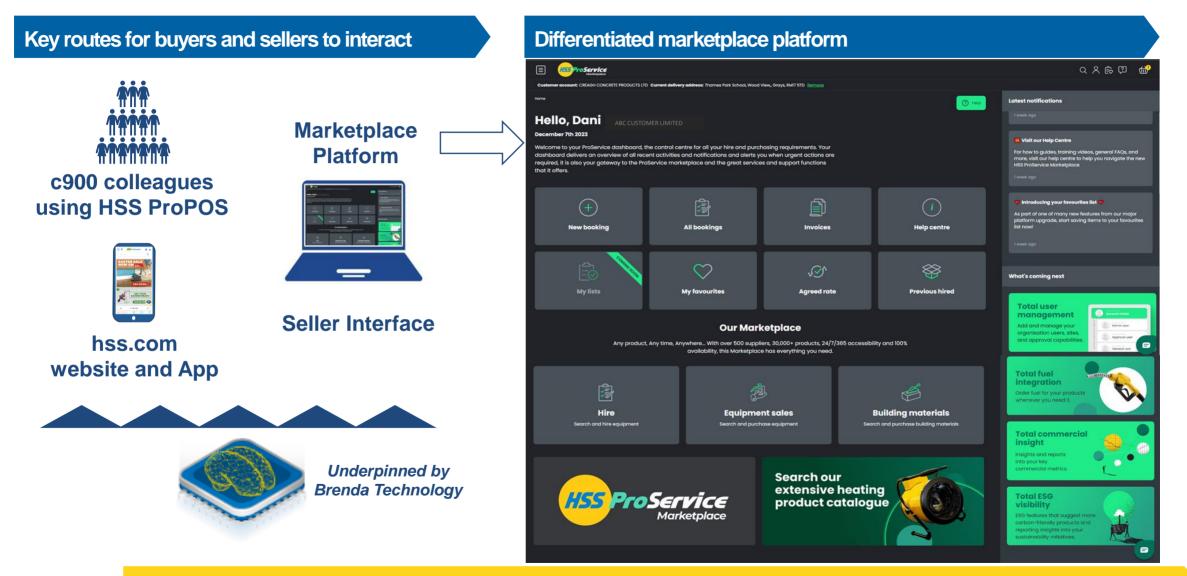
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# **ProService: Largest building services marketplace in Europe**

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Strong buyer demand, evidenced by consistently outperforming Services revenue +12%

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# **ProService: Building a market-leading proposition**

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#### Drive Self-Service Adoption





Over 1,000 buyers have now registered with our marketplace and self-served



Buyers using self-service are growing at c30% y-o-y

>24% of contracts raised on digital channels\*

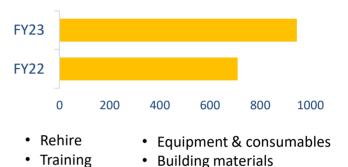
\*Digital channels include Self-Service, hss.com and other digitally-originated contracts e.g. LiveChat

### Expand our network

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c950 Supply Chain Partners, Continuing to Build



#### Enhance our proposition





30,000 product SKUs Regularly £150k sales per week





Launching on Marketplace in FY24: training, fuel, waste...

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## Operations: Striving to be the best rental operator in our industry **HSS Operations**

## Focus On Customer Service

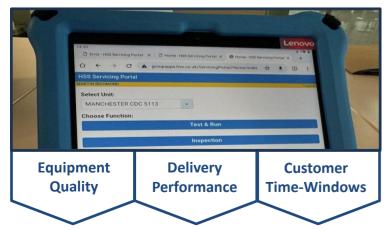
### Lead With ESG

# <sup>3</sup> Optimise Our Network

#### **Bar-coding Our Fleet**



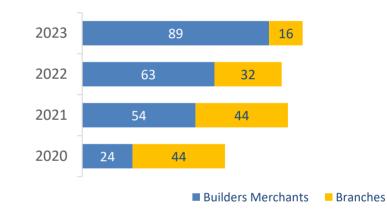
#### **Rolling Out Digital Service Portal**





- Continue rolling out electric vehicles to increase low-carbon deliveries
- All electricity across our network of sites is now renewable
- Satalia route optimisation continues to deliver vehicle efficiency, reducing our carbon footprint

#### UK Branch Network Evolution To Lower Cost, Variable Cost Merchant Locations



# FY23 FY22

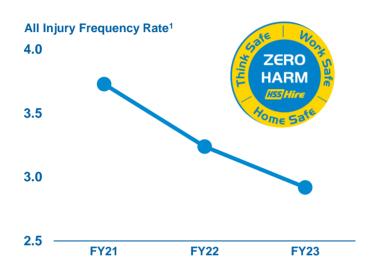


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# **ESG** is engrained in our business

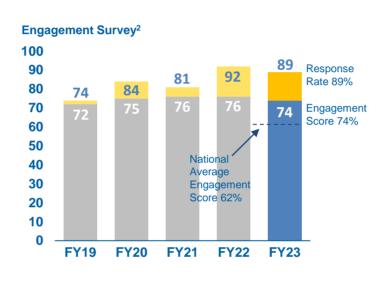
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#### Keeping colleagues safe, ongoing reduction in accidents



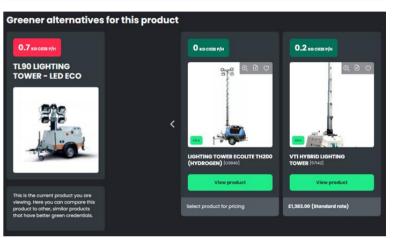
- Targeting zero harm
- Continue to focus on near-miss reporting and safety observations
- Earn As You Learn training programme
  - 26 new e-learning modules this year
  - 897 face-to-face training courses completed

# Colleague engagement consistently high and above national average



- Launched new benefits scheme for colleagues: MyDiscounts
- Newly formed ED&I steering group has driven important diversity and inclusion activities
- Numerous mental health colleague initiatives
- This year we committed to the Government's Disability Confident scheme

# Ongoing improvement in reporting and accreditation



- Launched "Greener Alternatives" marketplace functionality
- Working with supply chain on ESG accreditation, together with customers on ESG reporting
- Recognised through accreditations, e.g.
  - Awarded the EcoVadis Gold medal (top 5% of companies in our sector)

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Sustainability Rating

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- Achieved ISO27001 Cyber Security accreditation
- Read more in our ESG Impact Report: www.hsshiregroup.com/sustainability/reports/



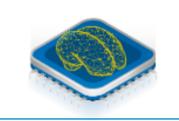
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# Resilient trading performance



Continued strategic progress



Great shape to capitalise on market recovery

- Revenue growth ahead of the market
- Second highest PBT, delivered despite market headwinds

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- Strong balance sheet, positive underlying cash generation
- Self-service uptake accelerating ahead of expectation
- Low-cost builders merchant network growing strongly
- ESG strategy progressing well, reflected by awards
- H2 market slowdown, but positive sentiment now emerging
- Marketplace model offers resilience; double-digit Services growth
- Underpinned by low-cost operating model
- Organisational simplification provides clear focus
- Delivering strategic initiatives, ESG engrained
- Well-positioned for market recovery





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## **Balance sheet**

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As at 30 December / 31 December

£m	FY 23	FY 22
Intangible assets	153.0	147.9
PPE	93.2	87.8
Right of use assets	51.8	51.8
Deferred tax asset	2.0	7.5
Net current assets / (liabilities) <sup>1</sup>	7.8	(2.5)
Other net liabilities <sup>2</sup>	(13.9)	(17.2)
Net debt (excl accrued interest) <sup>3</sup>	(55.9)	(39.6)
IFRS16 liabilities	(54.1)	(52.7)
Accrued interest	(0.7)	(0.5)
Net assets	183.2	182.5

2. Other net liabilities includes non-current provisions and deferred tax liabilities

3. Comprises cash and all debt principal balances, including those which would ordinarily be shown within current assets, current liabilities or non current liabilities.

<sup>1.</sup> Current assets less current liabilities. Current assets / liabilities captured within net debt e.g. the current portion of finance leases are not reflected in working capital

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## Net debt and cashflow

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#### **Strong Balance Sheet**

As at 30 December / 31 December

£m	FY 23	FY 22
Cash	31.9	47.7
Hire purchase arrangements	(18.7)	(18.7)
Senior Finance Facility <sup>1</sup>	(70.0)	(70.0)
Accrued interest	(0.7)	(0.5)
Net debt (excl IFRS16)	(57.5)	(41.5)
IFRS16 liabilities	(54.1)	(52.7)
Reported net debt	(111.6)	(94.3)

- Reflects third-party borrowings
- Senior Finance Facility at SONIA +2.75-3.50%
- Leverage:
  - Non-IFRS 16 basis 1.2x (FY22: 0.8x)
  - P IFRS16 basis 1.7x (FY22: 1.3x)

#### Cashflow

£m	FY 23	FY 22
Operating cashflow pre-exceptional items / strategic investment	71.4	76.7
Сарех	(31.1)	(36.4)
Interest paid	(9.6)	(6.8)
Tax paid	(1.2)	(2.2)
Lease and hire purchase payments	(22.4)	(21.8)
Cashflow pre-exceptional items / strategic investment	7.1	9.5
Exceptional / non-recurring items <sup>1</sup>	(12.6)	(3.3)
Strategic investment <sup>2</sup>	(6.4)	(0.8)
Dividends	(3.9)	(1.2)
IFRS16 liability movement	(1.4)	6.4
Movement in net debt	(17.2)	10.6

1. Includes payments under onerous contract, FY22 exceptional costs paid in Q123 and payments under non-recurring ESA

 Strategic operating expenditure £5.1m (FY22: £0.8m) and acquisition of residual balance of Brenda source code IP (£1.3m)

1. Shown gross of issue costs

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