



# GO-AHEAD FULL YEAR RESULTS

for the year ended 30 June 2012

6 September 2012

## Go-Ahead





## FULL YEAR RESULTS OVERVIEW

- A strong performance; results in line with management expectations
- Record passenger levels across both bus and rail
- Excellent performance in delivering Olympic Games transport
- Record profits in deregulated bus driven by sector leading passenger growth
- Best in class London bus operations; cost efficient and high quality operator
- Biggest ever investment in new buses of £80m
- Five value adding bus acquisitions
- Robust rail performance with good revenue growth in all franchises
- Shortlisted for new Thameslink franchise
- Strong cash management and robust balance sheet
- Maintained full year dividend at 81.0p; cover strengthened



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## Group Finance Director

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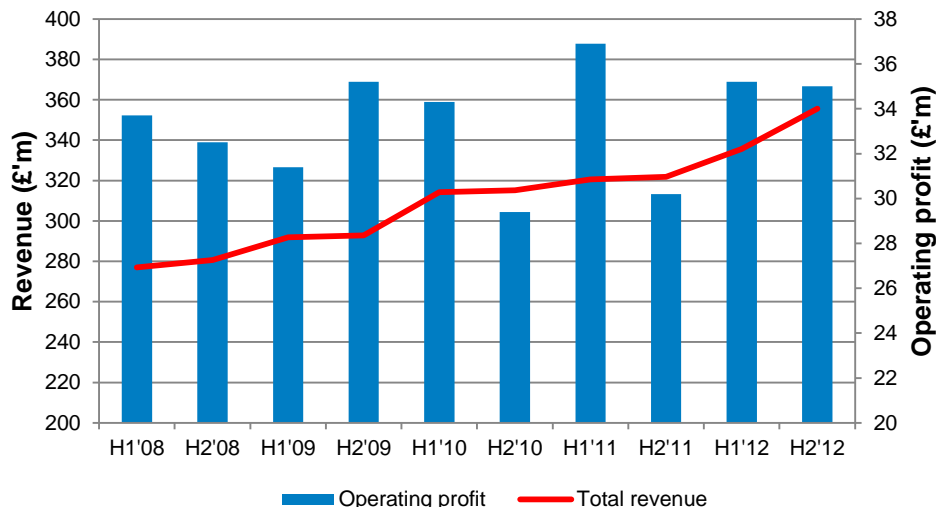
## STRONG PERFORMANCE IN BUS AND RAIL

	Operating profit FY'11 £'m	One-off benefits FY'11 £'m	Acquisitions FY'12 £'m	Like-for-like Variance £'m	Operating profit FY'12 £'m
<b>Deregulated bus</b>	33.7	–	0.5	1.2	35.4
<b>Regulated bus</b>	33.4	–	0.5	0.9	34.8
<b>Total bus</b>	<b>67.1</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>70.2</b>
<b>Rail</b>	48.0	(13.0)	–	5.0	40.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>115.1</b>	<b>(13.0)</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>110.2</b>

- Overall trading for the Group in line with management expectations
- Group revenue up 5.5%
- Like-for-like operating profit up £7.1m. Acquisitions contributed £1.0m and the prior year included £13.0m of one-off rail contract management benefits
- Achieved record bus profits, over £70m for the first time



## BUS: Half yearly trends

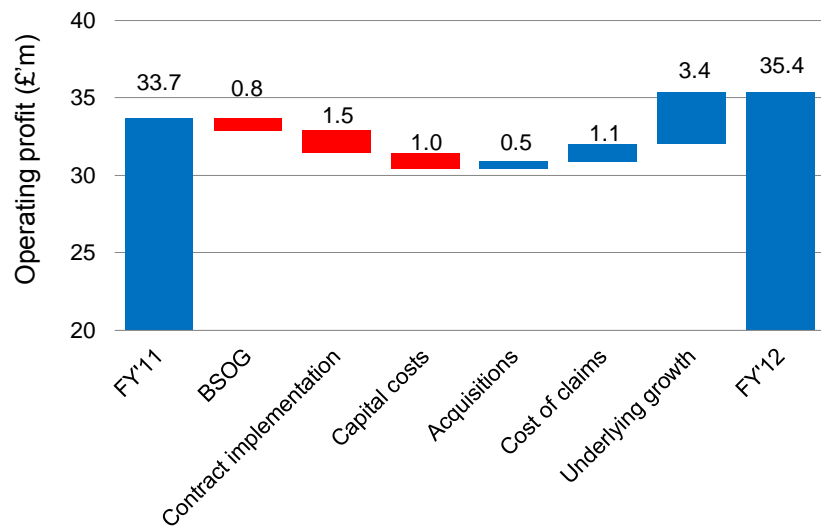


lfl change	FY'12	H1'12	H2'12
<b>Deregulated (outside of London)</b>			
Revenue	4.7%	5.0%	4.4%
Passengers	2.8%	3.6%	2.0%
<b>Regulated (London)</b>			
Revenue	5.8%	3.0%	8.6%
Mileage	3.9%	1.8%	6.0%
QICs	£6.8m	£3.1m	£3.7m

- All companies reported underlying commercial revenue growth in the year. Strong growth in fare paying passengers was partly offset by a weaker concessionary performance
- Underlying passenger growth in all our deregulated businesses
- Regulated mileage increased as expected. Good performance resulted in an improvement in Quality Incentive Contracts (QICs) revenue in the second half of the year



## DEREGULATED BUS: Profit bridge



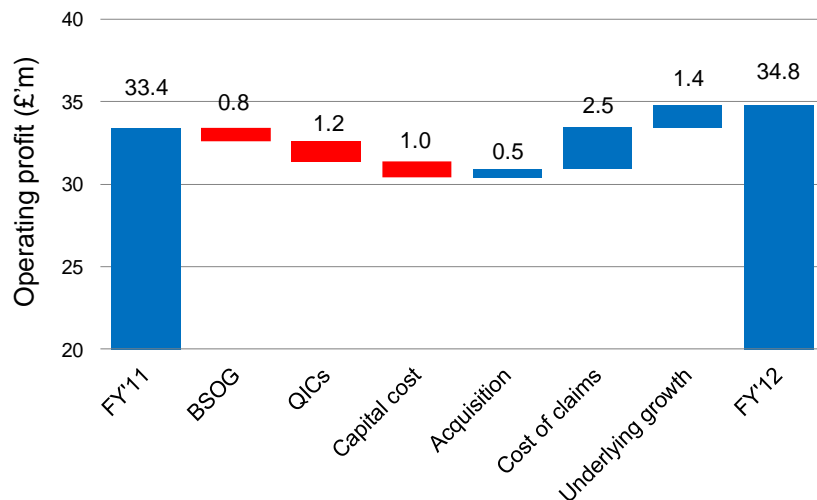
- Operating profit up £1.7m to £35.4m
- BSOG 20% reduction took effect in April 2012
- Increased costs resulting from implementation of a new contract in H1'12
- Capital costs represent depreciation and leasing expenditure, in line with increased investment in fleet
- Acquisitions includes the contribution from the four new businesses acquired in 2011/12 plus the part year impact of Thames Travel, acquired in 2010/11
- Decline in number of accidents and reduced claim costs due to management action
- Underlying organic growth reflects strong like-for-like revenue growth
- Margins in second half impacted by BSOG and slightly lower revenue growth

## Margin performance

%	FY'12	H1'12	H2'12	FY'11
Operating profit margin	11.3	11.7	11.0	11.6



## REGULATED BUS: Profit bridge



- Operating profit up £1.4m to £34.8m
- BSOG 20% reduction took effect in April 2012
- No significant reduction in QICs in second half
- Capital costs represent depreciation and leasing expenditure, in line with increased investment in fleet
- Acquisitions reflects the benefit from Northumberland Park, acquired in 2011/12.
- Decline in number of accidents and reduced claim costs
- Margin decline in second half due to BSOG and slightly dilutive acquisition

## Margin performance

%	FY'12	H1'12	H2'12	FY'11
Operating profit margin	9.2	9.5	8.9	9.5



## BUS: Fuel

<b>Fuel hedging prices</b>	<b>FY'12</b>	<b>FY'13</b>	<b>FY'14</b>	<b>FY'15</b>
% hedged	Fully#	Fully	50%	25%
Price (pence per litre)	41	49	51	50
Usage (m litres pa)	120	126	126	126
£'m commodity cost	50	62	64*	63*

- FY'13 – fuel fully hedged at 49ppl, 8ppl higher than FY'12
- Full year expected increase in fuel costs of c£10m
- Bus Service Operators Grant (BSOG) reduced by 20% in April 2012
  - FY'12 impact £1.6m, in H2'12
  - FY'13 impact c£10.0m
- Headwinds manageable
  - Acquisition contribution and yield benefits expected to offset reduced subsidy
  - Contract tender bids in London now reflect BSOG reduction

<b>FY'12 bus fuel cost</b>	<b>Pence per litre</b>	<b>Cost £m</b>
Commodity cost	41	50
Duty	58	70
Delivery	1	2
BSOG	(43)	(52)
Net cost	57	70

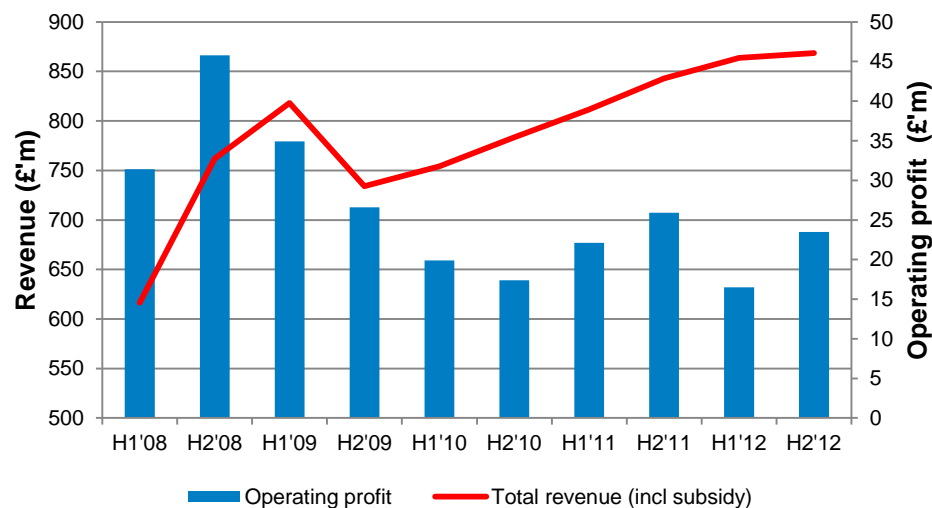
\* Assuming hedging completed at same average price

# Fully hedged for anticipated usage of 115m litres of fuel at the beginning of the year. Acquisitions through the year have resulted in increased fuel usage





## RAIL: Half yearly trends

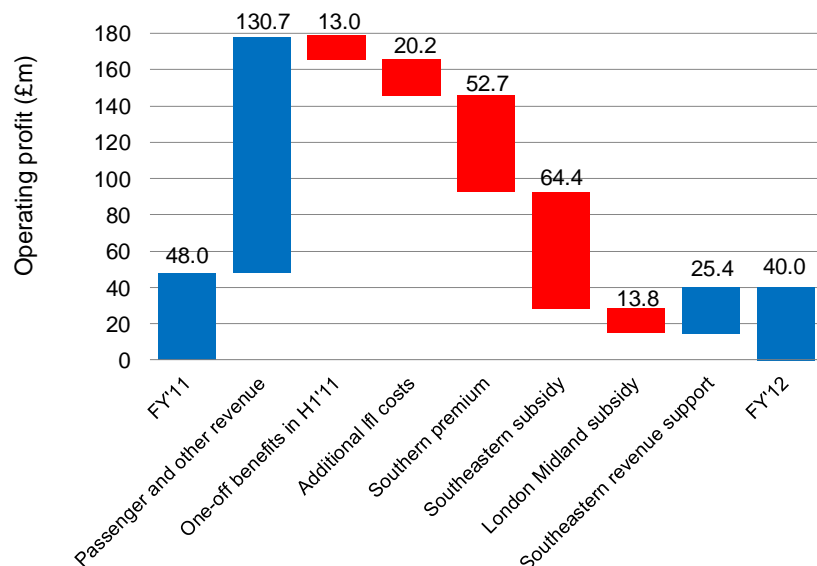


	FY'12	H1'12	H2'12
<b>Southern</b>			
Passenger revenue	7.9%	9.0%	6.8%
Passenger volume	1.2%	3.1%	(0.7)%
<b>Southeastern</b>			
Passenger revenue	10.1%	8.8%	11.3%
Passenger volume	1.3%	3.3%	(0.7)%
<b>London Midland</b>			
Passenger revenue	13.3%	14.0%	12.6%
Passenger volume	7.4%	11.5%	3.3%

- Strong passenger revenue growth in Southeastern and London Midland – slightly weaker performance in Southern, driven by falling passenger growth
- Southern: challenges due to economic assumptions in the bid model, eligible for revenue support in September 2013
- Southeastern: strong revenue performance despite decline in passenger numbers in the second half, helped by increase in high yield journeys. Remains in 80% revenue support
- London Midland: continued strong performance despite fall in passenger growth as anticipated



## RAIL: Operating profit bridge



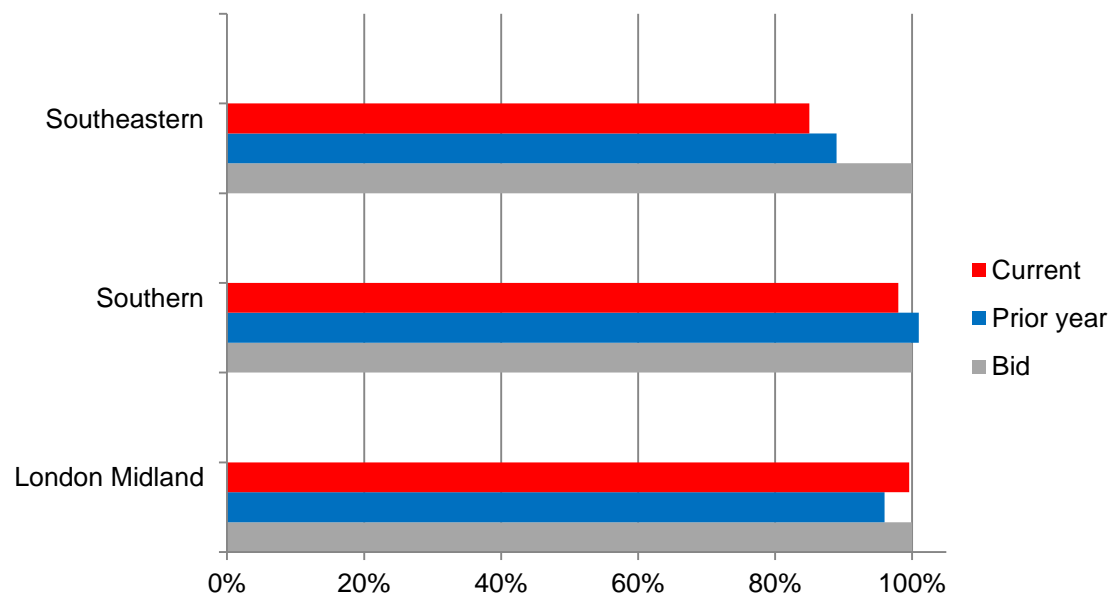
## Margin performance

%	FY'12	H1'12	H2'12	FY'11
Operating profit margin	2.3	1.9	2.7	2.9

- Operating profit down £8.0m to £40.0m
- Passenger revenue increased by 9.6% offsetting changes in subsidy/premium
- Prior year included £13.0m of one-off contract management benefits
- Excellent cost control. Cost rising at a slower rate than revenue growth
- Overall reduction in net subsidy £105.4m
- Total net subsidy of £73.4m received in year, down from £178.8m last year
- Expected to become a small net contributor to the DfT in 2012/13, after a further reduction in net subsidy of c£80m next year



## RAIL: Revenue performance against bid



- Southern around 2% below bid
- Southeastern around 15% below bid, remains in 80% revenue support, but still profitable
- London Midland is eligible for revenue support but it is not required due to strong performance driven by management action. Around 0.4% below bid



## RAIL: Review of Southern bid exogenous growth assumption

The profile of underlying demand assumptions compares unfavourably to latest economic projections:

%	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	Average
Bid model growth	(0.2)	(1.6)	1.3	3.1	3.9	4.1	4.0	2.1
Latest GDP forecast*	(4.4)	2.0	0.6	0.4	0.8	2.4	2.8	0.7
<b>Variance</b>	<b>(4.2)</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>(0.7)</b>	<b>(2.7)</b>	<b>(3.1)</b>	<b>(1.7)</b>	<b>(1.2)</b>	<b>(1.4)</b>
<b>Cumulative variance</b>	<b>(4.2)</b>	<b>(0.6)</b>	<b>(1.3)</b>	<b>(4.0)</b>	<b>(7.1)</b>	<b>(8.8)</b>	<b>(10.0)</b>	

- At 30 June 2012, cumulatively behind growth forecast
- Until June 2011, growth shortfall offset by initiatives such as marketing
- From 2011/12, bid assumptions fall significantly behind latest growth forecasts
- Southern becomes eligible for revenue support in September 2013, should it be required
- As with Southeastern, we will manage the franchise flexibly to reduce profit impact
- We expect Southern to remain profitable in 2012/13



## SUMMARY INCOME STATEMENT

£'m	FY'12	FY'11	Variance	
Revenue	2,423.8	2,297.0	126.8	
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>110.2</b>	115.1	<b>(4.9)</b>	
Net finance costs	(16.0)	(17.5)	1.5	→ Reduction in finance costs largely due to non-cash hedging movement
<b>Profit before tax*</b>	<b>94.2</b>	97.6	<b>(3.4)</b>	
Amortisation	(9.7)	(10.5)	0.8	
Exceptional items	-	(2.3)	2.3	→ No exceptional items this year Comparative consists of accelerated depreciation, release of onerous bus leases and rail organisation liabilities
<b>Profit before tax</b>	<b>84.5</b>	84.8	<b>(0.3)</b>	
Tax	(18.0)	(9.8)	(8.2)	→ Effective tax rate 21.3% (FY'11 26.2%)
<b>Profit for the year</b>	<b>66.5</b>	75.0	<b>(8.5)</b>	
Profit from discontinued operations	-	4.4	(4.4)	→ Prior year relates to aviation
Non-controlling interests	(11.0)	(12.0)	1.0	→ 35% Keolis rail holding
<b>Profit attributable to members</b>	<b>55.5</b>	67.4	<b>(11.9)</b>	
<b>Adjusted, continuing eps (p)</b>	<b>141.9</b>	135.2	<b>6.7</b>	→ Primarily due to fall in effective tax rate
<b>Total dividend per share (p)</b>	<b>81.0</b>	81.0	-	→ Dividend maintained. Payable 16 November

\*Excludes amortisation and exceptional items



## FINANCE COSTS

£m	FY'12	FY'11
<b>Finance revenue</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.5</b>
Interest payable on £200m bond	(11.1)	(11.1)
Interest payable on loans and overdrafts	(4.8)	(4.9)
Other interest payable	(2.6)	(3.0)
Hedging ineffectiveness	0.7	-
<b>Finance costs</b>	<b>(17.8)</b>	<b>(19.0)</b>
<b>Net finance costs</b>	<b>(16.0)</b>	<b>(17.5)</b>

- Finance revenue increase reflects higher cash balances, including restricted cash
- £200m 7.5 year 5.375% sterling bond issued in March 2010
- Average gross debt interest rate 4.9%
- Hedging adjustment reverses loss reported in 2010
- Expect finance costs next year to return to FY'11 levels



## TAX

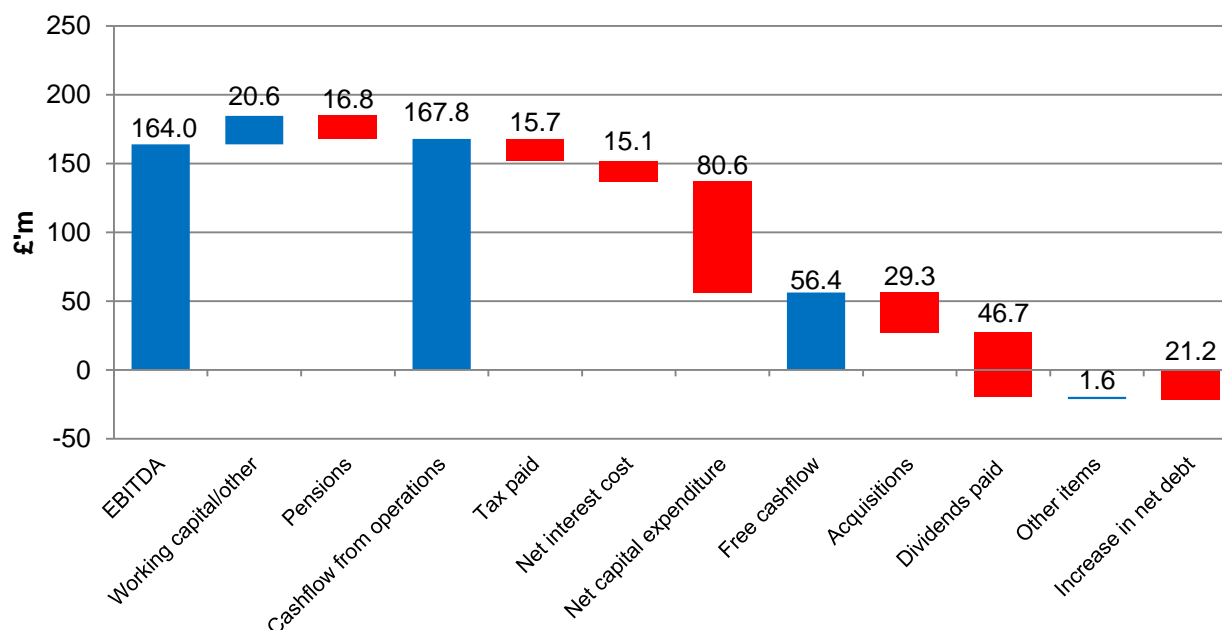
£m	FY'12	FY'11
Operating profit	110.2	115.1
Net finance costs	(16.0)	(17.5)
Amortisation	(9.7)	(10.5)
Profit before tax	84.5	87.1
Tax*	(18.0)	(22.8)
Effective rate	21.3%	26.2%

- Effective rate of 21.3%, below the UK statutory rate due to a £3.7m deferred tax credit
- Statutory rate expected to reduce by a further 2%, ultimately dropping to 22% by 2014
- Effective tax rate expected to be broadly in line with statutory rate on an on-going basis
- Tax paid of £15.7m (FY'11: £24.9m)
- Similar level of tax expected to be paid next year

\* Excluding exceptional tax



## CASHFLOW ANALYSIS



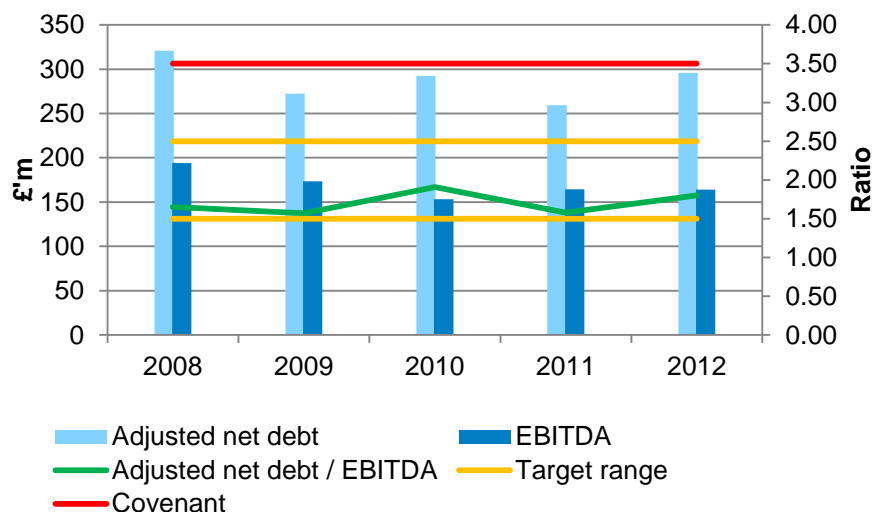
- Cashflow from operations is c£30m higher due to improved working capital
- Pensions includes a one-off contribution of £5m as part of pension scheme merger
- Free cashflow £10.5m higher than last year despite additional £25.6m of capital expenditure
- Five businesses were acquired in the year for a total cash consideration of £29.3m
- Expect similar increase in net debt next year, assuming no acquisitions and no working capital benefit





# BALANCE SHEET AND LIQUIDITY

## Adjusted Net Debt to EBITDA

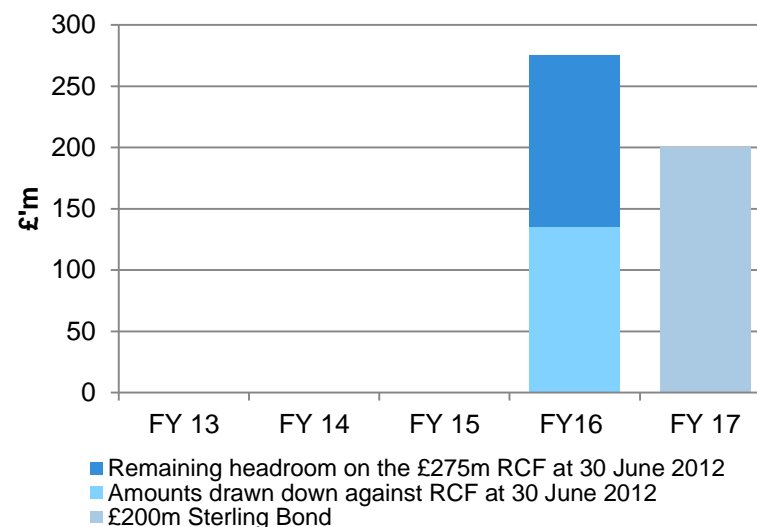


- Adjusted net debt / EBITDA 1.80x, well within target range\* of 1.5x - 2.5x
- BBB- / Baa3 (stable) rating
- Restricted cash was £205m, of which deferred season ticket income was £116m. If franchises ended, would expect significant proportion of the balance of £89m to remain with the business

## Maturity profile

£275m revolving credit facility matures in February 2016

£200m sterling bond redeemed in September 2017



- £140m of available liquidity
- Average duration over 4 years, balanced between bank and bond markets

\* Targets and covenant refer to adjusted net debt to EBITDA



## PENSIONS

£m	FY'12	FY'11
<b>Assets</b>	535.9	469.8
<b>Liabilities</b>	558.7	529.7
<b>Net deficit</b>	(22.8)	(59.9)
<b>Less tax</b>	5.5	15.6
<b>Post tax deficit</b>	(17.3)	(44.3)

### Bus pensions:

- Net operating cost £4.9m (FY'11: £5.2m)
- Discount rate: 5.0% (FY'11 : 5.6%)
- +/- 0.1% discount rate = +/- c£10.1m deficit
- Actuarial valuation results due early 2013
- Different assumptions applied on actuarial valuation compared to accounting valuation above

### Rail pensions:

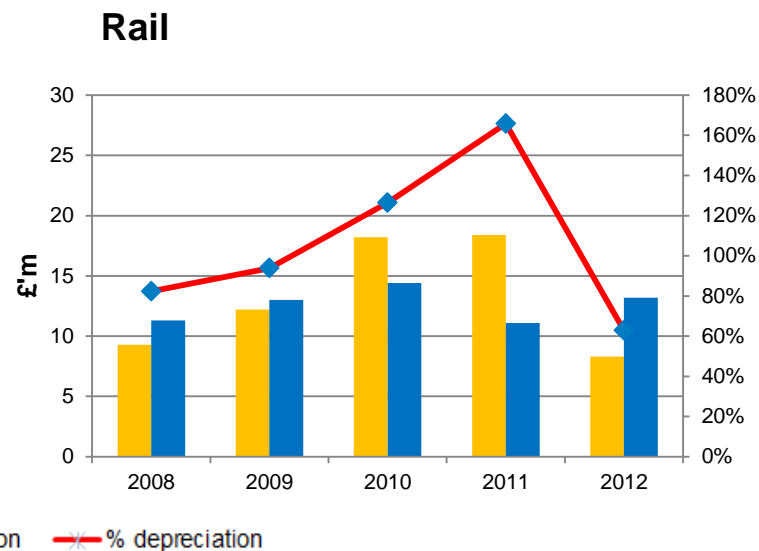
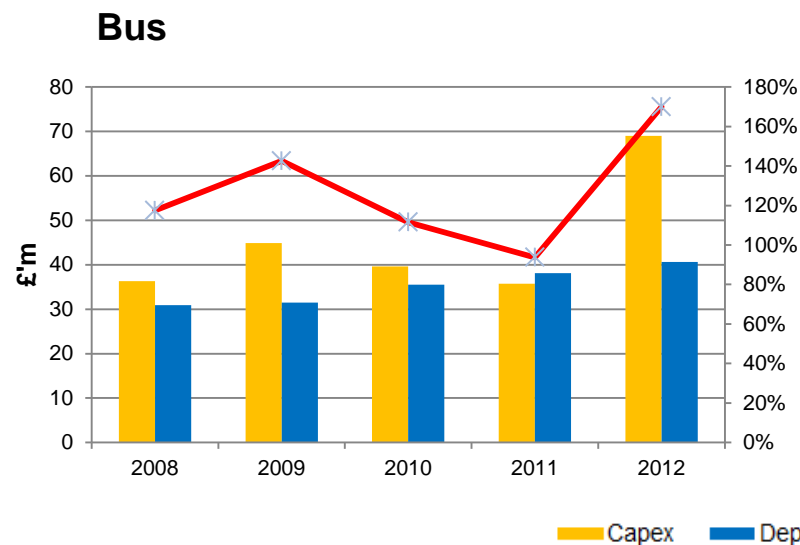
- Net operating cost of £29.4m (FY'11: £31.8m)
- Rail schemes moving from RPI to CPI
- Expect income statement benefit of £5m in 2012/13
- Assume cash contributions will also be reduced in due course.
- Net deficit £7.7m (FY'11: £17.0m). DfT guarantee any deficit after franchise end

### IAS 19 (revised):

- IAS 19 (revised) becomes effective for the Group in the 2013/14 financial year
- Had it been effective in 2011/12, reported operating profit before tax would have been £14.6m lower, down £11.8m in rail and £2.8m in bus
- EPS and adjusted EPS would have reduced by 18.1p
- No impact on cash, credit rating or bank covenant



# CAPITAL EXPENDITURE



- Bus capex increased to £69.0m due to significant investment in expanding and enhancing the fleet
- Rail capex down year on year to £8.3m due to fewer franchise commitments falling within the year
- Expect FY'13 bus capital spend of c£70m
- Expect FY'13 rail capital spend of c£15m
- Overall spend of £85m similar to current year



## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Bus: record operating profit, well placed to offset cost headwinds
- Rail: underlying profits up year on year,
- Strong balance sheet: low debt, good cashflow and liquidity
- Acquisitive investment made in growing the business and significant capital expenditure to expand and enhance our bus fleet



Full annual report & accounts available on our website [www.go-ahead.com](http://www.go-ahead.com)



# DAVID BROWN

## Group Chief Executive

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## DEREGULATED BUS (REGIONAL)

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Record operating profit
- Sector leading growth

- Strong performance – high quality and locally focused services
- 90% of operations are commercial
- The majority of our operations are in the south of England
- Investment of £21m in new buses
- Sector leading customer satisfaction rates of 90%
- Fare increases of 4-7% introduced in April to offset BSOG and fuel headwinds
- Continued roll out of “the key” - most widely used smartcard outside of London
- Customers taking advantage of value for money
- Acquired four value adding businesses from independent operators
- Successful delivery of Olympic contract for sailing event in Weymouth
- Government support – buses can help drive sustainable economic growth

	FY'12	FY'11
Operating margin	<b>11.3%</b>	11.6%
Revenue growth (lfl)	<b>4.7%</b>	5.1%
Passenger growth (lfl)	<b>2.8%</b>	2.3%



## DEREGULATED BUS (REGIONAL) – GOING FORWARD

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Strong performance in FY'13
  - Mitigation of cost headwinds
  - Continued focus on cost efficiencies
  - Opportunities to grow
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- Strong marketing plans in place
  - Smartcard 'the key' as an enabler – business to business / students
  - Fare increases managed via individual products
  - Focus remains on providing high quality services
  - Investment in new buses to continue
  - Full year contributions from new acquisitions – other opportunities exist
  - Focus on cost efficiencies; more shared services / shared practice





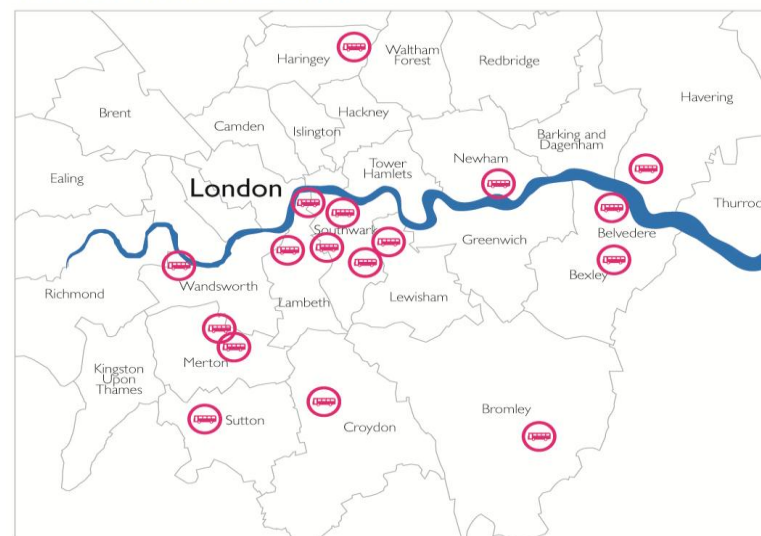
# REGULATED BUS

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Sector leading margins
- Acquisition of new depot
- Largest operator in London
- Cost efficient and high quality operator
- Best in class margins
- Additional contract wins
- QICs – changing contract profile
- Acquisition of Northumberland Park
- BSOG pressure
- Successful delivery of Olympic contracts
- Yellow Buses in North America

	FY'12	FY'11
Operating margin	<b>9.2%</b>	9.5%
Revenue growth (lfl)	<b>5.8%</b>	(2.3)%
Mileage growth (lfl)	<b>3.9%</b>	(0.6)%

GO-AHEAD'S LONDON BUS DEPOTS







## REGULATED BUS (LONDON) – GOING FORWARD

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Good performance expected in FY'13
  - Maintain efficiency and quality
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- Fundamental strengths of London bus market
    - Most widely used form of public transport
    - Key driver: population growth
    - Support from Mayor of London
  - Competitive environment more stable
  - Continued focus on cost efficiency
  - FY'13 mileage expected to be over 6%; H1'13 mileage expected to be over 11%





# RAIL

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Good revenue growth in all franchises
- Strong operational performance
- Effective and innovative management

	FY'12	FY'11
Operating margin	<b>2.3%</b>	2.9%
Passenger revenue growth	<b>9.6%</b>	8.5%
Passenger journey growth	<b>2.1%</b>	4.2%

## Southeastern

- Good progress in managing business to deliver value
- HS1 – good growth in journeys of nearly 13%
- EFQM 5 star rating and Gold Investors in People (IiP)
- Javelin service – key role in Olympic transport plan, 96% punctuality

## Southern

- Good business – Rail Business of the Year
- Recently formed alliance with Network Rail
- Trial of ‘the key’ smartcard
- EFQM 4 star rating, IiP Bronze, ISO 14001 across whole company





## RAIL continued

### London Midland

- Very strong growth – passenger journeys up 7.4%
- Highest ever customer satisfaction score – 87%
- Award winning marketing
- EFQM 5 star rating
- Innovation – 110mph trains on West Coast Main Line





## RAIL GOING FORWARD

- Focus on all three franchises delivering value
- Maintain operational performance
- Implement cost efficiencies through Group or industry partners via alliances
- Southern emphasis remains on growing the top line
- Rail franchise bidding





## RAIL - FUTURE FRANCHISES

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Highly skilled permanent bid team
- Focused on delivering Thameslink bid
- Experienced operator
- Growth opportunities
- Committed to the rail industry
- 12 of 19 franchises retendered over the next four years
- Each franchise will have different characteristics
- Will carefully assess all opportunities – bid on an appropriate risk /reward basis

	Bid process begins*	Awarded	Franchise start date	Approx annual passenger revenue
<b>Thameslink</b>	Dec 2011	May 2013	Sep 2013	£1.1bn
<b>East Coast</b>	Oct 2012	Aug 2013	Dec 2013	£0.6bn
<b>Southeastern</b>	Dec 2012	Dec 2013	Apr 2014	£0.5bn
<b>Northern</b>	Dec 2012	Dec 2013	Apr 2014	£0.3bn
<b>Greater Anglia</b>	Dec 2012	Mar 2014	Jul 2014	£0.5bn
<b>Scotrail</b>	Dec 2012	Jul 2014	Nov 2014	£0.3bn
<b>Crossrail</b>	Mar 2013	Sep 2014	Apr 2015	£0.6bn



## SUMMARY

- We have leading positions in the bus and rail markets
- Growth opportunities exist across both sectors
- Opportunities exist internally to drive revenue and remove costs
- Good long term growth fundamentals
  - We are a high quality and innovative operator
  - Modal shift continues
  - Strong political support for public transport
- We operate with financial discipline and are committed to maintaining the dividend
- Look forward to seeing you at our investor day – 18 October





# Q&A

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