



# Independent Limited Assurance Report to the Directors of Burberry Group plc

The Board of Directors of Burberry Group plc (“Burberry”) engaged us to provide limited assurance on the information described below and set out in Burberry’s Annual Report 2020/21 for the period ended 27 March 2021.

## Our conclusion

**Based on the procedures we have performed and the evidence we have obtained, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the Selected Information for the period 21 September 2017 to 27 March 2021 (“the period ended 27 March 2021) has not been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with Burberry’s Sustainability Bond Framework dated August 2020.**

This conclusion is to be read in the context of what we say in the remainder of our report.

## Selected Information

The scope of our work was limited to assurance over the allocation of total Sustainability Bond proceeds marked with symbol ^ in Burberry’s Annual Report 2020/21 (the “Selected Information”). The Selected Information is included in Appendix 1. The Reporting Criteria against which the Selected Information was assessed is available at <https://www.burberrypkc.com/en/investors/debt.html><sup>1</sup>. Our assurance does not extend to information in respect of earlier periods or to any other information included in the Annual Report 2020/21.

## Professional standards applied and level of assurance

We performed a limited assurance engagement in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 (Revised) ‘Assurance Engagements other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information’ issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. The procedures performed in a limited assurance engagement vary in nature and timing from, and are less in extent than for, a reasonable assurance engagement. Consequently, the level of assurance obtained in a limited assurance engagement is substantially lower than the assurance that would have been obtained had a reasonable assurance engagement been performed.

## Our Independence and quality Control

We complied with the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) Code of Ethics, which includes independence and other requirements founded on fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behaviour, that are at least as demanding as the applicable provisions of the IESBA Code of Ethics.

We apply International Standard on Quality Control (UK) 1 and accordingly maintain a comprehensive system of quality control including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements. Our work was carried out by an independent team with experience in sustainability reporting and assurance.

## Understanding reporting and measurement methodologies

The Selected Information needs to be read and understood together with the Reporting Criteria, which Burberry is solely responsible for selecting and applying. The absence of a significant body of established practice on which to draw to evaluate and measure non-financial information allows for different, but acceptable, measurement techniques and can affect comparability between entities and over time. The Reporting Criteria used for the reporting of the Selected Information are as at August 2020.

## Work done

We are required to plan and perform our work in order to consider the risk of material misstatement of the Selected Information. In doing so, we:

- made enquiries of Burberry’s management, including the Treasury team and those with responsibility for Sustainability Bond governance and reporting of the Selected Information;
- evaluated the design of the key structures, systems, processes and controls for managing, recording and reporting the Selected Information;
- inspected minutes of the Sustainability Steering Committee (SSC) to confirm that allocated Sustainable Projects had been considered and approved;

- obtained an internal listing of Sustainable Project categories allocated to be financed/refinanced by the Sustainability Bond and confirmed that this was consistent with the proposed disclosure in the Sustainability Bond Framework;
- performed limited substantive testing on a selective basis of the Selected Information to check that the allocated proceeds were in line with Burberry’s Sustainability Bond Framework and had been appropriately measured, recorded, collated and reported including:
  - ensuring each sustainable project falls into one of the eligible Sustainable Project categories per Burberry’s Sustainability Bond Framework;
  - inspecting a sample of records to confirm the accuracy of the expenditures where funds have been allocated to Sustainable Projects;
  - inspecting records maintained by Burberry’s Treasury team to confirm the existence of Sustainable Projects, and that the amount spent at the date of bond issue is accurately allocated to the Sustainability Bond proceeds; and
  - inspecting the records maintained for unallocated funds to ensure this is in line with Burberry’s Sustainability Bond Framework.
- considered the disclosure and presentation of the Selected Information, including the explanatory information issued by Burberry accompanying the Selected Information to assess the consistency of that explanatory information with the knowledge obtained from our assurance services.

## Burberry’s responsibilities

The Directors of Burberry are responsible for:

- designing, implementing and maintaining internal controls over information relevant to the preparation of the Selected Information that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error;
- establishing objective Reporting Criteria for preparing the Selected Information;
- measuring and reporting the Selected Information based on the Reporting Criteria; and
- the content of the Annual Report 2020/21.

## Our responsibilities

We are responsible for:

- planning and performing the engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the Selected Information is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error;
- forming an independent conclusion, based on the procedures we have performed and the evidence we have obtained; and
- reporting our conclusion to the Directors of Burberry.

This report, including our conclusions, has been prepared solely for the Board of Directors of Burberry in accordance with the agreement between us dated 9 March 2021, in order to assist the Directors in reporting the allocation of Sustainability Bond proceeds for the period ended 27 March 2021. We permit this report to be disclosed online at <https://www.burberrypkc.com/en/investors/debt.html><sup>1</sup>, in respect of the period ended 27 March 2021, to assist the Directors in responding to their governance responsibilities by obtaining an independent assurance report in connection with the Selected Information. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Board of Directors and Burberry for our work or this report except where terms are expressly agreed between us in writing.

**PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP**  
**Chartered Accountants**  
**London**  
**25 May 2021**

<sup>1</sup>The maintenance and integrity of Burberry’s website is the responsibility of the Directors; the work carried out by us does not involve consideration of these matters and, accordingly, we accept no responsibility for any changes that may have occurred to the reported Selected Information or Reporting Criteria when presented on Burberry’s website.

## Appendix 1: Selected Information subject to limited assurance procedures

The Selected Information subject to limited assurance procedures are set out below marked with symbol ^. The Reporting Criteria “Sustainability Bond Framework” available at <https://www.burberryplc.com/en/investors/debt.html> has been used to prepare and report the Selected Information.

### Statement of proceeds

Categories of spend	Sep 2017 - Mar 2020 £m	Apr 2020 - Mar 2021 £m	Cumulative Total £m (Selected Information)
Green Buildings	4.6	4.1	8.7
Environmentally sustainable management of living natural resources and land use	42.4	17.8	60.2
Pollution prevention and control	23.1	11.1	34.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>70.1</b>	<b>33.0</b>	<b>103.1<sup>^</sup></b>