

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

The following glossary defines terminology used within the Bank's Accounts to assist the reader.

Terminology	Definition
Almost prime	Almost prime lending is lending to borrowers with very low levels of adverse credit history.
Arrears	Customers are said to be in arrears or non-performing when they are behind in fulfilling their obligations with the result that an outstanding loan is unpaid or overdue. Corporate customers may also be considered non-performing prior to being behind in fulfilling their obligations. This can happen when a significant restructuring exercise begins.
Automated Valuation Model (AVM)	A valuation model used specifically for low loan-to-value (LTV) remortgages. Performance of AVMs is monitored on a regular basis to ensure their ongoing accuracy.
Available for Sale (AFS)	AFS is a default classification applicable when a financial asset does not properly belong in one of the three other categories of financial assets – at fair value through profit or loss, held to maturity or loans and receivables. AFS normally includes equity and quoted debt securities not classified or designated at fair value through profit or loss, other than quoted debt securities held-to-maturity.
Banking Group	The Co-operative Banking Group Ltd and its subsidiaries, which included the Bank until legal separation occurred on 20 December 2013.
Basel II	A statement of best practice issued by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision, that defines the methods by which firms should calculate their regulatory capital requirements to retain enough capital to protect the financial system against unexpected losses. Basel II became law in the EU Capital Requirements Directive, and was implemented in the UK via the FSA Handbook. Basel 2.5 was an interim strengthening of requirements laid out in Basel II, with changes focusing on trading book and securitisations. Basel 2.5 was implemented within the UK in 2011 via the FSA's policy statement PS11/12. References to Basel II within these disclosures in accordance with Basel 2.5.
Basel III	A strengthening of the requirements laid out in Basel II, to be phased into the Bank from 2014 ahead of full implementation by 2022. Basel III is implemented within the UK through CRD IV.
Basis points (bps)	One hundredth of a percent (0.01%), so 100 basis points is 1%. Used in quoting movements in interest rates or yields on securities.
BIPRU	The prudential sourcebook for banks, building societies and investment firms which sets out the PRA's requirements for capital and liquidity.
Business and Commercial Banking (BaCB)	The Core segment of the Bank which specialises in lending to businesses.
Buy-to-let	A commercial practice of buying a property to let to tenants, rather than to live in.
Capital bonds	Fixed term customer accounts with returns based on the movement in an index (e.g. FTSE 100) over the term of the bond.
Capital ratio	Total of Tier 1 capital plus Tier 2 capital, all divided by RWAs.
Capital Requirements Directive (CRD IV)	Capital Requirements Directive is a European regulation that applies directly to UK financial institutions which is part of the CRD IV package. Broadly, it contains a supervisory framework to ensure firms are able to meet their liabilities as they fall due, implementing the Basel III set of reform measures.
Capital Requirements Regulation (CRR)	CRR is a European regulation that applies directly to UK financial institutions. Broadly, it implements the Pillar 3 aspects of Basel III in relation to capital adequacy and new liquidity requirements. CRR is part of CRD IV.
Capital resources	Capital held, allowable under regulatory rules, less certain regulatory adjustments and deductions that are required to be made. Capital resources include retained earnings, share premium and minority interests.
Carrying value	The value of an asset or liability as it appears in the balance sheet. For each asset or liability, the value is based on either of the amortised cost or fair value measurement principles.
Certificates of deposit (CDs)	Debt issued by banks, savings and loan associations to individual investors with terms ranging from a few months to several years. Longer term CDs tend to bear a higher interest rate. Before the expiration of the term, investors may be able to (subject to penalties and terms of the product) withdraw both the principal and the accrued interest.
CFS Management Services Ltd (CFSMS)	CFSMS provides supplies and services on behalf of subsidiary undertakings within The Co-operative Banking Group.
Charged off	When all economical avenues to recover an unsecured debt have been exhausted, the Bank permanently closes the loan account, i.e. it is charged off. This final step sits at the end of a time frame within which the Bank attempts to manage the debt's recovery and differs from a 'write down' in terms of its fixed position in time (see write down).

Collateralised swap	A swap, whose volatility is secured (collateralised) by way of exchanging cash deposits (see swaps).
Colleague engagement	An internal survey, measuring the level of the Bank's employees' engagement.
Collectively assessed for impairment	Impairment is measured collectively where a portfolio comprises assets with a homogenous risk and where appropriate statistical techniques are available.
Commercial paper	An unsecured promissory note issued to finance short term credit needs. It specifies the face amount paid to investors on the maturity date.
Commercial real estate	Commercial real estate includes office buildings, industrial property, malls, retail stores, shopping centres, multifamily housing buildings, warehouses, and industrial properties.
Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1)	A CRD IV regulatory measure of financial (capital) strength. CET1 capital is the highest quality of capital and comprises share capital and associated share premium, and general reserves from retained profits. The book values of goodwill and intangible assets as well as other regulatory adjustments, including the full amount of expected loss over provisions, are deducted from CET1 capital for the purposes of capital adequacy.
Conduct risk	The risk that the Bank's behaviours, offerings or interactions will result in unfair outcomes for customers.
Contagion risk	An international financial market term which describes a corrupting or harmful influence, spreading effects of shocks from one counterparty or regional market to another.
Co-operative Asset Management (CoAM)	The segment that comprises Non-core assets managed for run down or exit.
Co-operative Banking Group Limited (CBGL)	The Co-operative Banking Group Ltd and its subsidiaries, which included the Bank until legal separation occurred on 20 December 2013.
Core business	Lines of business which are consistent with the Bank's strategy and risk appetite.
Counterparty	In any financial contract, the person or institution entering the contract on the opposite side of the transaction is called a counterparty.
Covered bonds	Debt securities backed by a portfolio of mortgages that are segregated from the issuer's other assets solely for the benefit of the holders of the covered bonds. The Bank issues covered bonds as part of its funding activities.
Credit Conversion Factor (CCF)	The CCF is an estimate of the proportion of undrawn commitments expected to have been drawn down at the point of default, and is used within the calculation of EAD.
Credit default swap	An arrangement whereby the credit risk of an asset (the reference asset) is transferred from the buyer to the seller of protection. A credit default swap is a contract where the protection seller receives premium or interest related payments in return for contracting to make payments to the protection buyer upon a defined credit event. Credit events normally include bankruptcy, payment default on a reference asset or assets, or downgrades by a credit rating agency.
Credit impairment	Impairment charges on loans and advances to customers.
Credit risk	The current or prospective risk to earnings and capital arising from a borrower's failure to meet the terms of any contract with the Bank or their failure to perform as agreed.
Credit valuation adjustments (CVAs)	Adjustments to the fair values of derivative assets to reflect the creditworthiness of the counterparty.
Currency swap	An arrangement in which two parties exchange specific principal amounts of different currencies at inception and subsequently interest payments on the principal amounts. Often one party will pay a fixed rate of interest, while the other will pay a floating rate (though there are also fixed-fixed and floating-floating arrangements). At the maturity of the swap, the principal amounts are usually re-exchanged.
Customer deposits	Money deposited by all individuals and companies that are not credit institutions. Such funds are recorded as liabilities in the Bank's balance sheet under customer accounts or financial liabilities designated at fair value.
Customer loan-to-deposit ratio	Customer loans divided by customer deposits.
Debt securities in issue	Transferable certificates of indebtedness of the Bank to the bearer of the certificates. These are liabilities of the Bank and include certificates of deposit, commercial paper and fixed and floating rate notes.
Default	This is defined as when a borrower reaches a predefined arrears status, where a borrower is considered unlikely to repay the credit obligation in full without the lender taking action. For IRB rated portfolios these circumstances drive a 100% probability of default score for the purposes of the calculation of regulatory capital with CRR.
Delinquency	A customer in arrears is also said to be in a state of delinquency. When a customer is in arrears, their entire outstanding balance is said to be delinquent, meaning that delinquent balances are the total outstanding loans on which payments are overdue (see Arrears).
Derivative	A financial instrument that has a value based on the expected future price movements of the instrument to which it is linked, such as a share or a currency.
Effective interest rate method (EIR)	The method used to measure the carrying value of certain financial assets or liabilities and to allocate associated interest income or expense over the relevant period.

Encumbrance	Encumbrance is an impediment to the use of assets, for example a claim against a property by another party. Encumbrance usually impacts the transferability of the asset and restricts its free use until the encumbrance is removed.
Ethical Policy	The Ethical Policy was developed in conjunction with our customers and sets out how our business values and ethics shape the way we operate and the decisions we take.
Eurozone	The geographical area containing countries whose economies function using the European single currency.
Expected loss	A measure of anticipated loss for exposures captured under an internal ratings based credit risk approach. The expected loss amount is the exposure from a potential default of a counterparty or dilution over a one year period to the amount outstanding at default.
Exposure at default (EAD)	A Basel II Pillar 1 parameter the amount estimated to be outstanding at the time of default – EAD calculated under the standardised approach is always reported post credit conversion factors and provisions. Under the IRB approach the EAD includes undrawn commitments adjusted for credit conversion factors.
External audit	An independent opinion, by an external firm, on the Bank and Company's financial statements
External credit rating	A financial indicator of risk, assigned by credit rating agencies, to potential investors in the Bank.
Financial Conduct Authority (FCA)	The FSA was replaced as the UK's financial regulator on 1 April 2013 by two new regulatory bodies: the PRA and the FCA. The FCA is responsible for the regulation of conduct in retail, as well as wholesale, financial markets and the infrastructure that supports those markets.
Financial instruments	Any document with monetary value. Examples include cash and cash equivalents, but also securities such as bonds and stocks which have value and may be traded in exchange for money.
Financial Services Authority (FSA)	An independent non-governmental body, given statutory powers by the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, which regulated the financial services industry. It was replaced as the UK's financial regulator on 1 April 2013 by the PRA and the FCA.
Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS)	The UK's compensation fund of last resort for customers of authorised financial services firms. The FSCS may pay compensation to customers if a firm is unable, or likely to be unable, to pay claims against it, usually because it has stopped trading or has been declared in default. The FSCS is funded by the financial services industry. Every firm authorised by the PRA is obliged to pay an annual levy, which goes towards its running costs and compensation payments.
Floating Rate Notes (FRNs)	Investments with a variable interest rate. The adjustments to the interest rate are usually made every three to six months and are tied (or float) to a certain money market index.
Forbearance	The Bank, for reasons relating to the actual or apparent financial stress of a borrower, grants a concession whether temporarily or permanently to that borrower. A concession may involve restructuring the contractual terms of a debt (such as an extension of the maturity date or any weakening of the security structure or adjustment/non-enforcement of covenants) or payment in some form other than cash, such as an equity interest in the borrower.
Foreclosure	The legal process by which a lender, e.g. the Bank, obtains a court order in order to terminate a borrower's equitable right of redemption. This legal action is required when a borrower has materially failed to comply with the agreed terms and conditions of the loan, e.g. by defaulting (see Forbearance).
Forward rate agreement	A legal contract, governing the terms and conditions of a forward or future, in which the buyer pays a fixed rate of interest to the seller in return for the seller's floating rate (see Forwards, Futures and Swaps).
Forwards	Non-standardised contracts, traded over the counter, between two parties to buy or sell financial instruments at a specified future time at a price agreed today (see Over The Counter).
Funding for Lending Scheme (FLS)	The Bank of England and HM Treasury launched the FLS on 13 July 2012. It is designed to boost lending to households and businesses. It works by allowing participating banks and building societies to borrow from the Bank of England for up to four years. As security against that lending, participating banks will provide assets, such as business or mortgage loans, to the Bank of England. Banks were able to borrow during the 18 months from 1 August 2012 until 31 January 2014.
Futures	Standardised contracts, traded on an exchange, between two parties to buy or sell financial instruments at a specified future time at a price agreed today.
Gap	The Bank's net exposure to variable elements being managed within its market risk, e.g. interest rate movements (see Market risk).
Hedging	A technique used by the Bank to offset risks on one instrument by purchasing a second instrument that is expected to perform in the opposite way.

High Quality Liquid Assets (HQLA)	Under European Banking Authority (EBA) rules, assets are considered to be HQLA if they can be easily and immediately converted into cash at little or no loss of value.
Impaired loans	Loans where, based on information and circumstances at the balance sheet date, the Bank does not expect to collect all the contractual cash flows or expects to collect them later than they are contractually due.
Independent Review	An independent review of the Bank's Interim Financial Report conducted by the external auditors of the Bank.
Individual Capital Guidance (ICG)	The PRA's statement as to the regulatory capital it expects the Bank to hold. ICG is Pillar 1 plus Pillar 2a.
Individually assessed for impairment	Impairment is measured individually for assets that are individually significant.
Individually significant	A term applied to high value loans that exceed a balance threshold established by the Bank, above which it is deemed appropriate to impair accounts on an individual basis.
Interest rate risk	The variability in value borne by an interest bearing asset, such as a loan or a bond, due to variability of interest rates. In general, as rates rise, the price of a fixed rate bond will fall, and vice versa.
Internal audit	Internal audit is an independent, objective assurance and consulting activity designed to add value and improve an organisation's operations. It helps an organisation accomplish its objectives by bringing a systematic, disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of risk management, control and governance processes.
Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process (ICAAP)	The Bank's own assessment, as part of Basel II requirements, of the levels of capital that it needs to hold in respect of its regulatory capital requirements (for credit, market and operational risks) and for other risks including stress events.
Internal rating grade (IRG)	The grading of credit risk resulting from the internal ratings based approach (IRB).
Internal Ratings Based (IRB)	Internal Ratings Based is the approach used for measuring exposure to credit risks. IRB approaches are more sophisticated and risk sensitive than the Standardised Approach and may be Foundation or Advanced. IRB approaches may only be used with PRA permission.
Investment grade	A debt security, treasury bill or similar instrument with a credit rating measured by external rating agencies of AAA to BBB.
Legal separation	The process by which the Bank was legally separated from The Co-operative Group.
Leverage ratio	A CRD IV measure, calculated as the ratio of Tier 1 capital to total exposures. Total exposures include on-balance sheet items, off-balance sheet items and derivatives. The leverage ratio is a supplementary measure to the risk based capital requirements and is intended to constrain the build-up of excess leverage in the banking sector.
Liability Management Exercise (LME)	The process by which the Bank successfully raised £1.2bn of capital in 2013. This was affected by the transfer of preference shares and extinguishment of multiple subordinated liabilities, followed by the recognition of a single tranche of subordinated debt.
LIBOR (London Interbank Offered Rate)	The interest rate participating banks offer to other banks for loans on the London market.
Limited Liability Partnership (LLP)	An LLP provides each of its individual partners protection against personal liability for certain partnership liabilities.
Liquidity and funding risk	The risk that the Bank's resources will prove inadequate to meet its liabilities as they contractually fall due or as a result of any contingent or discretionary cash outflows that may occur in times of stress. It arises from mismatch of timings of cash flows generated from the Bank's assets and liabilities (including derivatives).
Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR)	A liquidity metric that aims to ensure that a bank has an adequate stock of unencumbered high quality liquid assets to meet its liquidity needs for a 30 calendar day liquidity stress scenario.
Loan-to-value (LTV)	A ratio which expresses the amount of a mortgage as a percentage of the value of the property. The Bank calculates residential mortgage LTV on an indexed basis (the value of the property is updated on a quarterly basis to reflect changes in the house price index (HPI)).
Loss emergence period	The time taken, expressed in months, for a loss event on a loan to become observed by the Bank.
Loss Given Default (LGD)	LGD is a Pillar 1 parameter and represents an estimate of the actual loss that would occur in the event of default expressed as a percentage of the EAD.
Loss provisions	Provisions held against assets on the balance sheet as a result of the raising of a charge against profit for the incurred loss inherent in the lending book. The allowance represents management's best estimate of losses incurred in the loan portfolio at the balance sheet date.
Malus	A facility whereby the Remuneration Committee may reduce the amount of any deferred bonus payable in the event that any of the underpins to the incentive plans are not met or where business and/or individual performance otherwise requires.
Management expenses and compensation	The specific elements of both operating and financing cost which form the basis of the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (see Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS)).

Mandatory reserve deposits	Mandatory reserve deposits are deposited with the Bank of England and are not available for use in the Bank's day to day operations. They are non-interest bearing and are not included in cash and cash equivalents.
Market risk	Risk that the values of assets and liabilities, earnings and/or capital may change as a result of changes in market prices of financial instruments. The majority of the Bank's market risk arises from changes in interest rates.
Medium Term Notes (MTN)	Flexible medium term corporate debt instruments, offered by the Bank to investors through a dealer. Investors can choose from differing maturities, ranging from nine months to 30 years.
Merger	Any combination of two or more business enterprises into a single enterprise. In the Bank, this specifically refers to the merger of the Bank with Britannia Building Society on 1 August 2009 (see Transfer of engagements).
Merger fair value adjustments	Fair value adjustments are the remaining balance sheet adjustments for the assets/liabilities acquired on the merger of the Bank and Britannia Building Society on 1 August 2009.
Merger fair value amortisation	The amortisation of the remaining interest risk related fair value adjustments for the assets/liabilities acquired on the merger of the Bank and Britannia Building Society on 1 August 2009 (see Interest rate risk).
Mortgage Backed Securities (MBS)	Securities that represent interests in a group of mortgages. Investors in these securities have the right to cash received from future interest and/or principal mortgage payments.
MREL	A minimum requirement for capital and liabilities capable of absorbing losses in a resolution scenario, introduced in the EU by the Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive.
Net Promoter Score (NPS)	The Net Promoter Score is an index ranging from -100 to 100 that measures the willingness of customers to recommend a company's products or services to others. It is used as a proxy for gauging the customer's overall satisfaction with a company's product or service and the customer's loyalty to the brand.
Non-conforming	Loans originated by Platform up to September 2009, and those acquired by Britannia Treasury Services, which did not conform to regular credit standards and all Almost Prime lending (see Almost prime).
Non-core business	Lines of business not congruent with the Bank's current strategy, are managed for value and are targeted for run down and exit, and contain the majority of impairment risk. Included in Non-core is Corporate Non-core business and Optimum (closed book of residential mortgages originated through intermediaries and previously purchased mortgage portfolios).
Operational risk	The risk of loss resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people and systems or external events. This encompasses the effectiveness of risk management techniques and controls to minimise these losses.
Optimum	A sub-segment within CoAM which is a closed book of residential mortgages originated through intermediaries and previously purchased mortgage portfolios.
Options	Instruments which convey the rights, but not the obligations, to engage in future transactions.
Over The Counter (OTC)	Contracts that are traded (and privately negotiated) directly between two parties, without going through an exchange or other intermediary. They offer flexibility because, unlike standardised exchange traded products, they can be tailored to fit specific needs.
Past due	When a counterparty has failed to make a payment when contractually due.
Pension risk	The risk to Bank capital and Company funds from exposure to pension scheme liabilities and risks inherent in the valuation of scheme liabilities and assets.
Platform	Platform is the intermediary lender of The Co-operative Bank p.l.c. Launched in February 2003, the company was created from the merger of Platform Home Loans and Verso, both Britannia subsidiaries.
Preference shares	The preference shares are fixed interest shares, non-cumulative and irredeemable.
Prime	Prime mortgages are mainstream residential loans, which typically have a higher credit quality and fit standard underwriting processes. As such, they are likely to have a good credit history and pass a standard affordability assessment at the point of origination.
Probability of Default (PD)	The likelihood that a loan will not be repaid and will fall into default. PD may be calculated for each customer who has a loan (normally applicable to wholesale customers) or for a portfolio of customers with similar attributes (normally applicable to retail customers). To calculate PD, the Bank assesses the credit quality of borrowers and other counterparties and assigns them an internal risk rating.
Prudential Regulation Authority (PRA)	The FSA was replaced as the UK's financial regulator on 1 April 2013 with two new regulatory bodies: the PRA and the FCA. The PRA, a subsidiary of the Bank of England, is responsible for promoting the stable and prudent operation of the financial system through regulation of all deposit-taking institutions, insurers and investment banks.
Renewable Energy and Asset Finance (REAF)	These relate to Corporate assets which fall under the definition of Renewable Energy and Asset Finance.
Recapitalisation Plan	The process by which the Bank is improving its capital position in line with regulatory guidance.

Recovery and Resolution Plan (RRP)	Under the requirements of the 2014 E.U. Banking Recovery and Resolution Directive (BRRD), all UK banks, building societies and PRA-designated investment firms are required to produce Recovery and Resolution Plan documents. Transposition of the Directive in the U.K. has been achieved through a combination of HM Treasury legislation and rules made by the PRA and the FCA, with The Bank of England acting as the domestic resolution authority. The regulatory framework provides the authorities with a set of tools and powers for dealing with failing banks, and requires banks to facilitate this process by providing information for recovery and resolution planning purposes as well as meeting resolvability requirements. Recovery Plans assess and document firm recovery options available to recover financial strength in stress situations, either market wide or idiosyncratic. Resolution Plans provide the authorities with sufficient information to enable them to determine a detailed roadmap to resolve a failed financial institution, without resorting to government (effectively taxpayer) support.
Remuneration Code	The Remuneration Code, issued by the Financial Services Authority, sets out the standards that banks, building societies and other financial institutions have to meet when setting pay and bonus awards for their staff. It aims to ensure that firms' remuneration practices are consistent with effective risk management.
Repo/Reverse repo	A repurchase agreement that allows a borrower to use a financial security as collateral for a cash loan at a fixed rate of interest. In a repo, the borrower agrees to sell a security to the lender subject to a commitment to repurchase the asset at a specified price on a given date. For the party selling the security (and agreeing to repurchase it in the future) it is a repo; for the party on the other end of the transaction (buying the security and agreeing to sell in the future) it is a reverse repurchase agreement or reverse repo.
Reputational risk	The risk associated with an issue which could in some way be damaging to the brand of the Bank either through its strategic decisions, business performance, an operational failure or external perception.
Residential Mortgage Backed Securities (RMBS)	Securities that represent an interest in an underlying pool of residential mortgages.
Return on Equity	The ratio of profit for the year (after tax) to shareholders equity, expressed as a percentage.
Return on Risk Weighted Exposure Amount (RRWEA)	The return on Bank's assets and exposures weighted according to risk. The measure is one of the performance metrics set by the Remuneration and Appointments Committee when assessing targets in the Long Term Incentive Plan.
Risk appetite	The articulation of the level of risk that the Bank is willing to accept (or not accept) in order to safeguard the interests of the members whilst achieving its business objectives.
Risk weighted amount	Risk weightings are established in accordance with Basel II as implemented by the FSA. Risk weighted amounts are the carrying value of the Bank's assets, adjusted by the risk weightings, to reflect the degrees of risk they represent.
Risk Weighted Assets (RWAs)	Risk Weighted Asset or Risk Weighted Assets is the amount of exposure deemed 'at risk' according to PRA prescribed calculation for Pillar 1 capital requirement.
Secondary sovereign exposure	Direct exposure to something other than sovereign debt that has itself a direct exposure to sovereign debt.
Secured lending	Lending in which the borrower pledges security as collateral for the loan, which then becomes a secured debt owed to the Bank. In the event that the borrower defaults, the Bank may take possession of the asset used as collateral and may sell it to regain some or the entire amount originally lent to the borrower.
Securitisation	A process by which a portfolio of assets is used to back the issuance of new securities by an SPE. The Bank has established securitisation structures as part of its funding and capital management activities (see Special Purpose Entities (SPEs)).
Senior unsecured debt	Debt that has priority ahead of all other unsecured or subordinated debt for payment in the event of default.
Slotting	The regulatory defined approach used for rating the risk level of Corporate lending using a broad scope of financial, political and transactional factors. The regulatory slotting categories are listed as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Standardised' businesses lack sufficient information upon which detailed credit analysis can be undertaken for which models have yet to be developed; • 'Strong' businesses have little competition, high demand, significant governmental support and enforceable collateral; • 'Good' businesses have limited competition, stable demand, good governmental support and enforceable collateral; • 'Satisfactory' businesses have a broad competition base with limited levels of demand, governmental support and collateral; • 'Weak' businesses operate at a disadvantage to competition, display a declining trend of demand, with no governmental support and no clear collateral; and • 'Default' businesses are considered unlikely to repay their credit obligations (see Impaired loans).

Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) customers	Small and medium sized businesses engaging with the Bank as customers.
Sterling Over Night Index Average (SONIA)	SONIA is the effective reference overnight rate for unsecured transactions in the Sterling market.
Sovereign debt	Bonds issued by and loans given to central banks and local governments, governmental bodies and other government-related bodies.
Sovereign exposure	The Bank's exposure to the total financial obligations incurred by all governmental bodies of any nation.
Special Purpose Entities (SPEs)	Entities that are created to accomplish a narrow and well defined objective. For the Bank this includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • various securitisation transactions in which mortgages were sold to SPEs. The equity of these SPEs is not owned by the Bank; and • Covered Bond Limited Liability Partnerships created in order to act as guarantors for issues of covered bonds.
Standardised	Exposure classifications available under CRR for assets not rated using IRB models for the purposes of capital calculations.
Standard Variable Rate (SVR)	A variable and basic rate of interest charged on a mortgage. This may be changed by the Bank in reaction to market conditions resulting in monthly repayments going up or down.
Statutory loss	The loss stated in accordance with the requirements of the UK Companies Act 2006, which incorporates the requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).
Strategic Asset Review	The process by which the Bank centrally monitors risk on its Corporate loan assets in line with agreed strategy and governance parameters.
Strategic and business risk	Risk arising from changes to the Bank's business and the environment in which it operates, specifically the risk of not being able to carry out the Bank's business plan and desired strategy.
Swaps	An agreement between the Bank and a counterparty in which one stream of future payments is exchanged for another stream, based on a specified principal amount. For example, interest rate swaps often involve exchanging a fixed receipt for a floating receipt, which is linked to an interest rate (most often LIBOR). The Bank's use of swaps helps to manage periodic market risk on its financial instruments.
Term deposit	A deposit balance that cannot be withdrawn before a date specified at the time of deposit.
The Bank	The Co-operative Bank and its subsidiaries.
The Banking Group	See 'The Co-operative Banking Group'.
The Board	The Board of Directors. They manage the Bank's business performance in line with its purpose, givens, vision and values.
The Company	The Co-operative Bank as a standalone entity.
The Co-operative Banking Group	The Co-operative Banking Group Ltd and its subsidiaries, which included the Bank until legal separation occurred on 20 December 2013.
The Co-operative Group	The former ultimate parent company of the Bank, pre legal separation.
Tier 1	A regulatory measure of financial (capital) strength. Tier 1 is divided into Core Tier 1 and other Tier 1 capital. Core Tier 1 capital comprises share capital and associated share premium, and general reserves from retained profits. The book values of goodwill and intangible assets are deducted from Core Tier 1 capital and other regulatory adjustments may be made for the purposes of capital adequacy. Qualifying capital instruments such as perpetual subordinated bonds are included in other Tier 1 capital.
Tier 1 ratio	Tier 1 capital divided by RWAs.
Tier 2	Tier 2 capital comprises the Bank's qualifying subordinated notes and surplus impairment allowances above expected losses. Certain regulatory deductions may be made for the purposes of assessing capital adequacy.
Transfer of engagements	On 1 August 2009, Britannia Building Society merged with The Co-operative Bank plc by a transfer of engagements between the Building Society and the Bank under the Building Societies (Funding) and Mutual Societies (Transfers) Act 2007 (see Merger).
Treasury segment	The Treasury segment's responsibilities usually include capital management, risk management, strategic planning and investor relations.
Unaudited	Financial information that has not been subjected to the audit procedures undertaken by the Bank's external auditor.
Unfunded pension scheme	Pension scheme which has liabilities and no assets. The Bank will pay the liabilities of the scheme as they fall due.
Unsecured lending	Lending for which there is no collateral for the loan.
Value at risk (VaR)	VaR measures the daily maximum potential gain or loss due to market volatility within a statistical confidence level of 95% and a one day holding period. The VaR methodology employed is historical simulation using a time series of one year to latest day.
Watchlist	A list of customers and counterparties, drawn up by the Bank once it has elected to closely monitor the performance of loans subject to significant credit risk.

Wholesale	Wholesale banking is the provision of loans to corporate customers and institutional customers and services to other banks and financial institutions.
Write down	After an advance has been identified as impaired and is subject to an impairment allowance, the stage may be reached whereby it is concluded that there is no realistic prospect of further recovery. Write downs will occur when, and to the extent that, the whole or part of a debt is considered irrecoverable. This action can occur at any time in the debt's life (see Charge off).
