



1. Trustee Information

The Trustees of the Mayor of Sefton's Charity Committee during 2024/25 and as recorded with the Charity Commission were:

- Chief Executive of the Metropolitan Borough Council of Sefton - Mr Phil Porter
- Executive Director of Corporate Resources - Mr Stephan Van Arendsen
- Chief Legal & Democratic Services Officer - Mr David McCullough (**Retired Mar 25**)
- From March 2025 – Mr Chris Moister (Chief Legal & Democratic Services Officer)

During this financial period, Mr David McCullough retired from his role as Chief Legal & Democratic Services Officer of Sefton Council and as a Trustee on 24th March 2025: following this Mr Chris Moister was appointed as his successor & trustee on 24th March 2025. Mr Stephan Van Arendsen also departed Sefton Council as Executive Director of Corporate Resources at the same time, however a permanent successor has yet to be appointed, so therefore a replacement trustee cannot be confirmed during this period.

2. Financial Information

The Trustees expressed thanks to Crosby Charity Committee for their continued support and for their hard work within their own area of operation, which resulted in raising funds for local causes within the Mayor of Sefton's Charity Fund in the Mayoral Year of Councillor June Burns 2024/25.

As of 1st July 2025, the Crosby Branch made the difficult decision to disband, therefore the monies raised for 24/25 year will be there last.

The Mayor & The Trustees would like to express their personal thank you to all members of the Crosby Charity Committee for their dedicated service over the years raising money for the Fund.

The total amount raised by the Crosby branch was as follows :

Crosby Committee - £2,303.77

3. Charity Applications

Following a decision made by the Trustees & The Mayor of Sefton on 4th March 2025 It was noted that 24/25 would be the final year that the application process would be applied to obtain donations.

The decision has now been made to allow the Mayor to choose their own charities going forward, starting with the next financial year 25/26.

A total of 32 applications for funding were received, which includes the 3 chosen charities specifically picked by the Mayor to support. These were Plaza Cinema, SWACA (Sefton Women's & Children's Aid) and St Joseph's Hospice.

Four applications from Crosby Charity Committee (Friends of Old Christ Church, SING Older & Young People's Groups & 8th Crosby Scouts) were also received, the amounts have already been allocated to these applications by the branch.

4. Charity Gala Ball & Other Charity Events

The Mayor's Gala Charity Ball was held on Saturday 26th April 2025, 220 guests attended the event, and it raised £9,002.70

Aswell as the Ball, we were able to hold a further fundraising event, a Charity Burns Night on Saturday 25th January 2025, which raised £560.00.

The Mayoral Golf Challenges raised a total of £6,095.68 and there was also a further donation from Castle Bingo for £2,500.00.

5. Public Benefit Guidance

Following documentation released by the Charity Commission regarding guidelines that charities need to be following in relation to public benefit, the Trustees of the Mayor of Sefton's Charity Fund are fully aware of this and have complied with their duty to have due regard when it comes to exercising any powers or duties relating to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance. All the funds raised during the year go towards organisation and groups with Sefton that benefit the borough and its residents.

6. Dispersal of the Annual Charity Fund

Cheques will be prepared and submitted to the Trustees for signature.

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Mr Phil Porter – Trustee

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Mr Chris Moister – Trustee

Meeting held on: 16th January 2026

Mayor of Sefton's Charity Fund

13/11/2025

Revenue Account Year Ended 30 June 2025

2023/24		2024/25	
£		£	£
	Income		
1,500.00	Charity Committee Areas	2,303.77	
16,050.00	Charity Ball	21,300.00	
240.00	Euro Sweep (23/24) Euro Sweep (24/25)	150.00	
866.00	Charity Diva Night	0.00	
1,095.00	Charity 80s Night (22/23) 70s Night (23/24)	0.00	
0.00	Burns Night	1,997.00	
2,187.00	Golf Challenge	6,095.68	
5,079.91	Mayoral Donations Received	4,074.08	
6,866.00	Sefton Lottery - Payroll Deductions	7,550.00	
0.00	Misc Income	0.00	
605.00	Donations - cancelled (previous years)	0.00	
1,531.41	Crosby Area Committee Fund Raising Activities	2,511.44	
<u>36,020.32</u>			<u>45,981.97</u>
	Expenditure		
-18,999.95	Donations 24/25	-25,483.77	
0.00	Donations reissued	0.00	
-9,520.00	Charity Ball	-12,297.30	
0.00	Burns Night	-1,587.00	
-600.00	Charity Diva Night	0.00	
-897.50	Charity 70s Night	0.00	
-110.00	Charity Euro Sweep	-30.00	
-3,446.00	Sefton Lottery - Winnings paid out	-3,776.00	
0.00	Misc	0.00	
-20.00	Lottery Fee	-20.00	
-1,804.19	Crosby Area Committee Fund Raising Activities	-2,532.52	
<u>-35,397.64</u>			<u>-45,726.59</u>
<u>622.68</u>	Surplus / Deficit (-) for year		<u>255.38</u>

Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2025

2023/24		2024/25	
£		£	£
	Current Assets:		
26,326.19	Mayoral Bank Account balance 30/06/2024	32,150.70	
1,521.08	Crosby Area Committee Current Assets Current Bank Account	2,303.77	
			<u>34,454.47</u>
	Debtors:		
0.00	Charity Ball Tickets	100.00	
0.00	Auction Prizes	0.00	
100.00	Euro Sweep Tickets	80.00	
0.00	Sefton Lottery Winners overpayment	0.00	
243.00	Donations to Mayoral Charity Fund 17/18	243.00	
1,500.00	Donations to Mayoral Charity Fund	2,360.77	
612.00	Sefton Lottery Payroll Deductions	620.00	3,403.77
<u>30,302.27</u>			<u>37,858.24</u>
	Total Assets		37,858.24
	Liabilities:		
	Creditors falling due within one year:		
-18,999.95	Donations 24/25	-25,483.77	
-917.00	Sefton Lottery Winners	-930.00	
0.00	Toy Appeal Payment	0.00	
0.00	Charity Ball	0.00	
0.00	Charity Night	0.00	

0.00	Donations
<u>-1,500.00</u>	Crosby Area Committee Current Liabilities
<u>-21,416.95</u>	
<u>8,885.32</u>	

	0.00
Total Liabilities	<u>-2,303.77</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>9,140.70</u>

Financed by the funds of the charity:

Unrestricted funds

8,262.64	Balance @ 1 July
622.68	Surplus / Deficit (-) for year
<u>8,885.32</u>	Balance @ 30 June

Total	8,885.32
	255.38
	<u>9,140.70</u>

reverse out in the SoFA

Main	Crosby
276.46	-21.08

0.00 diff should be zero

Main	Crosby
7,968.78	21.08
276.46	-21.08
<hr/> 8,245.24	<hr/> 0.00

Independent examiner's report on the accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Mayor of Sefton's Charity Fund

On accounts for the
year ended

30 June 2025

Charity
no (if
any)

1026227

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**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent
examiner's
statement**

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records, or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:		Date: 21 April 2025

Name:	Andrew Mawdsley
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Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Chartered Public Finance Accountant
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Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

