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Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2026 for

Islington Somali Community

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for the year ended 31st March 2026

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Islington Somali Community Report of
the Trustees
for the year ended 31st March 2026

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2026. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number 06495712 (England and Wales)
Registered Charity number 1136720

Trustees

Mr. Essa Hussein ALI	Chairman
Mr. Ahmed Ibrahim TANI	Treasurer
Mr. Yussuf Hersi AHMED	Secretary
Mr. Ismail Musa EGAL	
Mr. Bashir Ibrahim NOOR	
Ms. Fadhiya Ali ELMI	
Mrs. Muna Ahmed MOHAMMED	
Mr. Guled Yussuf AHMED	
Mr. Mustafa AIDEED	Resigned 11.11.2025
Mr. Moohamed Warera ABDULAHI	Appointed 11.11.2025
Mr. Cabdelraxmaan Sharif AHMED	Appointed 11.11.2025
Mr. Nimmo Yassin ALI	Appointed 11.11.2025

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Islington Somali Community (ISC) is governed by, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

Trustees are generally identified and proposed by exiting Trustees; their appointment being ratified by the members at an annual general meeting. The Chairman is responsible for the induction of the new Trustees. Trustees meet monthly and all major financial and policy matters are discussed. The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that the systems are in place to mitigate those at risk. The day-to-day administration and management of the charity are delegated to the Co-ordinator, Mr. Yussuf Ahmed.

RISK MANAGENMENT

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

1. Overview

Between April 2025 and March 2026, ISC delivered a wide range of services to support residents across Islington. Our work focused on reducing inequality and improving outcomes for Somali and other disadvantaged communities, in line with the priorities of the **Islington Together 2030 Plan**.

Services covered key areas including **cost-of-living support, housing and welfare, health and wellbeing, education and employment, youth services, SEND support, and community activities**. Through direct support, outreach, advice, training and partnership working, ISC helped residents address immediate difficulties while also building confidence, independence and longer-term resilience.

2. Key Achievements and Impact

Supporting Residents Through the Cost-of-Living Crisis

ISC supported **more than 2,891 residents** experiencing financial pressures related to rent, food, energy and everyday living costs.

Support included advice on benefits, rent arrears, council tax and utility bills, as well as referrals for food and emergency support. Residents also received energy vouchers and assistance through crisis funds, including Cloudesley Crisis Grants and the Resident Support Scheme. Where necessary, emergency household items such as washing machines, cookers, fridges and clothing were provided.

This intervention helped residents prevent homelessness, manage debt, maintain essential household needs and achieve greater financial stability.

Health and Wellbeing

More than **620 people** benefited from health and wellbeing activities delivered by ISC and its partners. These included cancer awareness and screening, diabetes, blood pressure, cholesterol, vaccinations, winter health, healthy eating and exercise.

Additional activities included autism awareness, menopause and HRT information sessions, ESOL classes, hate crime awareness, AI and IT training, budgeting sessions, childminding information and intergenerational community projects.

ISC also provided regular activities for older people, including weekly support groups, yoga, gentle exercise, walking groups, social activities and hot meals. These activities played an important role in reducing loneliness, improving wellbeing and strengthening community connections.

Education, Skills and Employment

ISC supported **more than 360 adults and young people** through learning, skills development

and employment-related activities. Courses included ESOL, IT, Math's, Social Care and Green Skills.

The Job Club provided practical assistance with CV preparation, job applications and interview skills. Participants progressed into employment in areas such as care, retail and cleaning, while others gained confidence and progressed into further education and training.

In addition, **more than 323 young people** were supported through youth programmes designed to provide positive opportunities, develop confidence and help reduce anti-social behaviour.

Housing, Welfare and Crisis Prevention

ISC provided early advice and practical support to residents experiencing housing and financial difficulties. This included support with damp and mould, repairs, housing complaints, rent arrears, council tax, Universal Credit and other benefit issues and appeals.

Digital support was also provided to help residents access online services and complete applications and forms. Monthly housing advice sessions delivered in partnership with Islington Council enabled residents to receive timely support and resolve problems before they developed into more serious crises.

ISC supported families of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), helping parents access assessments, services and appropriate support.

Inclusive holiday activities and community programmes were delivered in partnership with organisations including SENDIASS and Centre 404. These services helped improve inclusion, reduce isolation and ensure that families could access support that was appropriate to their needs.

Community and youth activities included SEND trampoline and sports sessions, youth football, girls' wellbeing activities, family sports days, film and cultural events and other positive activities.

3. Partnership Working

Strong partnership working was central to ISC's success during the year. We worked with organisations including **Islington Law Centre, Citizens Advice, SENDIASS, Centre 404, Healthwatch Islington, Healthy Generations, Islington Council, WEA and other health, housing and community partners**.

These partnerships strengthened referral pathways, improved coordination and enabled residents to access more comprehensive and effective support.

4. Key Learning from 2025–2026

The year highlighted several important issues affecting local residents.

Digital exclusion remains a significant barrier. Many residents continue to struggle with online forms, Universal Credit and other digital systems. There is a clear need for increased digital skills and one-to-one support.

Language barriers can prevent residents from accessing services. Some residents experience difficulties understanding official letters, applications and service information. Early ESOL provision and access to interpretation are therefore important.

Residents often experience multiple and interconnected challenges. Housing problems, financial hardship, health issues, unemployment and social isolation frequently occur together. A holistic approach, rather than addressing each issue separately, leads to better outcomes.

Early intervention is essential. Residents often seek help only when their situation has become a crisis. Increasing outreach and preventative support can help identify problems earlier and reduce the need for emergency intervention.

Trust and cultural understanding are critical. Residents are more likely to engage with services when support is delivered in a trusted, community-based and culturally appropriate environment. ISC's community-led approach remains an important strength.

5. Priorities for 2026–2027

The experience of the past year will shape ISC's priorities for the coming year.

Earlier intervention and outreach: ISC will expand housing drop-ins, community outreach and early financial advice to help prevent problems from becoming crises.

Digital and financial inclusion: More digital skills training, budgeting support and benefits advice will be developed to increase residents' independence and reduce exclusion.

Health and wellbeing: ISC will expand activities for older people, mental health support, exercise and culturally relevant health awareness sessions, including cancer awareness and prevention.

Youth development: There is a particular need for more **sports activities linked with mentoring and positive role models for local young people**. ISC will explore opportunities to strengthen youth-led programmes that promote confidence, wellbeing and positive behaviour.

SEND and family support: Parents have identified a need for **culturally appropriate support groups and activities for families of children with SEND**. ISC will seek to strengthen this provision and develop more inclusive activities and holiday programmes.

New learning and community programmes: ISC will continue developing partnerships and programmes that bring together health, learning and confidence-building, including women's yoga, men's light exercise, cancer awareness sessions and adult learning opportunities through organisations such as WEA and Capital City College.

6. Overall Conclusion

ISC will continue to strengthen partnerships and develop services that enable residents to become healthier, safer, more confident and more independent, while responding to emerging needs within the local community.

7. Collaborative Partnerships

- Worked with partners including Islington Council, City Bridge Foundation, Cloudesley, Healthwatch Islington, IBAA, Islington People's Rights, the Mayor of London's office, and others to deliver impactful projects.
- ISC continues to empower vulnerable groups including older adults, women, children, and young people through practical and emotional support. The charity remains committed to promoting integration, resilience, and opportunity within the Islington Somali community and beyond.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Gross incoming resources of the charity for the year ended 31st. March 2026 amounted to **£147,132, (2025 £146,677**). The total resources expended during the year was **£144,685, (2025-£144,500**). The surplus during the year was **£2,446, (2025 £2,177).**

RESERVE POLICY

It is the policy of the trustees that the reserves of the charity should be held as current assets in order to meet the future requirements of its projects. The management committee has undertaken a review of the need for the level of reserves to be held by the charity. They consider that reserves are needed to provide for the charity's working capital requirements and to meet any increases in operating costs. It is the management committee's policy to work towards holding minimum unrestricted reserves, to meet operating costs of three months. Steps will be taken to build the general reserve fund if it falls below the level. Where the fund is above the level required by the policy, then the excess will be deployed towards the charitable objects of the charity. A Designated Fund has been established to allow for the development of a Centre for the charity's activities as a long-term asset for the benefit of the Somali community in Islington and beyond.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

Mr. Essa Hussein Ali
Trustee 30.9.2026

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Islington Somali Community

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Islington Somali Community ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st March 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and 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.



Efrem Kidane FCCA
EKB Accountancy Services Ltd
Certified Accountants
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Date: 30.9.2026

Islington Somali Community

Statement of Financial
Activities for the year ended
31st March 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total Funds 31.3.2026 £	Total funds 31.3.2025 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Donation and legacies		0	0	0	0
Charitable activities		26,136	120,996	147,132	146,677
Investment Income		0	0	0	0
Total Income received	6	**26,136**	**120,996**	**147,132**	**146,677**
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Governance costs		0	0	0	0
Direct charitable expenditure		(20,126)	(124,560)	(144,560)	(144,500)
Total resources expended	6	**(20,126)**	**(124,560)**	**(144,686)**	**(144,500)**
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		**6,010**	**(3,564)**	**2,446**	**2,177**
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		62,839	43,159	105,998	103,821
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**68,849**	**39,595**	**108,444**	**105,998**

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Balance Sheet

31st March 2026

	Notes	£ 31.3.2026	£ 31.3.2025
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	3	0	304
Cash at bank and in hand		142,443	115,292
		142,443	**115,596**
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	4	(33,999)	(9,598)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**108,444**	**105,998**
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		**108,444**	**105,998**
NET ASSET		**108,444**	**105,998**
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds		**38,849**	**32,840**
Designated funds		**30,000**	**30,000**
Restricted funds		**39,595**	**43,158**
TOTAL FUNDS		**108,444**	**105,998**

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st March 2026.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2026 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies.

In accordance with Section 444 of the companies Act 2006, the income statement has not been delivered.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 30th September 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:

.....
Mr. Essa Hussein Ali
Trustee (Chair)

.....
Mr. Ahmed Ibrahim Tani
Trustee (Treasurer)

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the 8historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

Trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2026- £NIL, (2025-

£Nil). The average number of employees during the year was 3, (2025-3).

Trustees' expenses

Trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st March 2026 was £NIL, (31.3.2025 -£380).

3. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.2026 £	31.3.2025 £
Accrued Income	0	
Sundry Debtors	0	304
	0	**304**

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31st March 2026

4. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.2026	31.3.2025
	£	£
Accruals	8,334	3,002
Deferred Income	25,305	6,437
Pension	360	158
	33,999	9,597

5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.2025	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.2026
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
LB Islington Community Fund	6,880	4,874	11,754
Other Unrestricted Fund	20,490	0	20,490
Donations	3,015	0	3,015
Interest	2,454	1,136	3,590
Designated Community Centre Funds	30,000	0	30,000
	62,839	6,010	68,849
Restricted Funds			
Mother Tongue (MTSS)	3,482	420	3,903
Healthwatch Islington	20,686	(1,318)	19,367
IBAA (Islington BAMER Advice Alliance)	6,639	1,571	8,210
Awards For All	0	20	20
City Bridge Foundation	0	277	277
Greater London Authority	5,426	(197)	5,229
LBI Borough Sanctuary	0	191	191
LBI Summer Activity		660	660
Cripplegate Foundation/Islington Giving		1,738	1,738
Claremont Community	4,000	(4,000)	0
LB Islington Violence Reduction	1,120	(1,120)	0
Somali Youth Group	480	(480)	0
GDPQ	1,326	(1,326)	0
	43,159	(3,564)	39,596
TOTAL FUNDS	105,998	2,446	108,444

A designated fund of £30,000 has been determined as available for related special projects. Islington Somali Community wishes to establish a Community Centre in London for the benefit of the community, and the funds in this reserve could be applied towards this purpose.

6. Funds received and expenditure during the year

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
LBI Community Fund	25,000	(20,126)	4,874
Interest	1,136	(0)	1,136
	26,136	**(20,126)**	**6,010**
Restricted funds			
Mother Tongue (MTSS)	2,333	(1,913)	420
Health Watch Islington	17,470	(18,788)	(1,318)
IBAA (Islington BAMER Advice Alliance)	15,692	(14,121)	1,571
Awards For All	10,120	(10,100)	20
City Bridge Foundation	25,750	(25,473)	277
Greater London Authority	35,000	(35,197)	(197)
LBI Borough Sanctuary	8,810	(8,619)	191
LBI Summer Activity	3,083	(2,423)	660
Cripplegate Foundation/Islington Giving	2,738	(1,000)	1,738
Claremont Community	0	(4,000)	(4,000)
LB Islington Violence Reduction		(1,120)	(1,120)
Somali Youth Group	0	(480)	(480)
GDPQ	0	(1,326)	(1,326)
	120,996	**(124,560)**	**(3,564)**
	147,132	**(144,686)**	**2,446**