

Charity registration number 327380

**THE GERTNER CHARITABLE TRUST**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

# THE GERTNER CHARITABLE TRUST

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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# THE GERTNER CHARITABLE TRUST

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Trust Deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

#### **Objectives and activities**

The trustees hold the capital and income of the trust fund upon trust to pay or apply the whole thereof to or towards or for the benefit or in furtherance of such Jewish charitable purposes, charitable institutions or charitable foundations or individuals in the United Kingdom or elsewhere in such manner and in such proportions as the trustees may from time to time in their absolute discretion determine and so that the trust fund shall be applicable both as to capital and income primarily for the support of Jewish charities and for other general charitable purposes.

The trustees have paid due regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding the allocation of funds.

Applications received for grant funding are considered and determined in accordance with the charity's Grant Making Policy Statement which is reviewed annually.

Grants are made in accordance with the Grant Making Policy Statement to registered U.K. and overseas charities in support of the education, health and wealth fare and other activities of those charities so that the public has a good understanding of how the Trust's structure and investment strategy helps to further its objects.

The charity has not made significant use of volunteers other than the trustees.

#### **Achievements and performance**

The Statement of Financial Activities on page 5 shows the incoming and outgoing resources for the year. Incoming resources comprised solely of donations receivable of £493,345 (2023 : £621,517).

The charity has maintained its policy of allocating grants to individuals and charitable organisations, both within the U.K. and overseas.

#### **Financial review**

The balance sheet on page 6 shows the financial position of the charity as at 31st March 2024.

At the balance sheet date there was a funds deficiency of £3,942,293 (2023: £4,083,442). The funds deficiency arose in 2010 as a consequence of meeting commitments for grants made in that year. The financial statements have been drawn up on a going concern basis as Indigo Investments Limited has confirmed its continued support to enable the Charity to meet its objectives.

The trustees have reviewed the financial position of the charity and consider that, with the support of Indigo Investments Limited, funds are available to cover the management and administration costs for the forthcoming year.

The charity aims to distribute its unrestricted funds as as soon as it is able, although the trustees will ensure that sufficient reserves are maintained to meet grant payments for the foreseeable future.

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has not been maintained during the year and the trustees are currently striving to build the reserve up.

# THE GERTNER CHARITABLE TRUST

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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The Trustees have reviewed the major risks to the charity and it is considered that appropriate and reasonable systems are in place to cover foreseeable eventualities. From time to time further reviews will be undertaken.

The trustees will continue to adopt a policy of making regular donations to or for the benefit or in furtherance of such Jewish charitable purposes, charitable institutions or charitable foundations as the trustees may from time to time in their absolute and uncontrolled discretion determine.

#### **Structure, governance and management**

The Gertner Charitable Trust is a registered charity (number 327380) and was established under a Trust Deed dated 3rd February 1987.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Michelle Gertner	(Resigned 11 July 2024)
Simon Jacobs	
Mendi Gertner	
Moises Gertner	

The statutory power of appointing new or additional trustees is vested in the current trustees.

The total number of trustees shall not be less than two.

The Trust's day to day activities are administered by the trustees. The Trust has regular quarterly meetings.

The Charitable Trust has no employees.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

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**Simon Jacobs**  
Trustee

Dated: .....

# THE GERTNER CHARITABLE TRUST

## STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024***

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The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

# THE GERTNER CHARITABLE TRUST

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE GERTNER CHARITABLE TRUST

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Gertner Charitable Trust (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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 that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do 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 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 financial statements to be reached.

#### **Use of my report**

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My independent examination work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees, as a body, for my independent examination work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

David Passey ACA  
325-327 Oldfield Lane North  
Greenford  
Middlesex  
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Dated: .....

# THE GERTNER CHARITABLE TRUST

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>			
Donations and legacies	2	493,345	621,517
Other income	3	-	233
<b>Total income</b>		<u>493,345</u>	<u>621,750</u>
Charitable activities	4	<u>352,196</u>	<u>421,636</u>
<b>Net income and movement in funds</b>		141,149	200,114
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>			
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		<u>(4,083,442)</u>	<u>(4,283,556)</u>
<b>Fund balances at 31 March 2024</b>		<u><u>(3,942,293)</u></u>	<u><u>(4,083,442)</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

# THE GERTNER CHARITABLE TRUST

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

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	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
<b>Current assets</b>					
Cash at bank and in hand		17,719		11,162	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>11</b>	<u>(3,748)</u>		<u>(3,748)</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			13,971		7,414
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	<b>12</b>		<u>(3,956,264)</u>		<u>(4,090,856)</u>
<b>Net assets excluding pension liability</b>			<u>(3,942,293)</u>		<u>(4,083,442)</u>
<b>Net liabilities</b>			<u>(3,942,293)</u>		<u>(4,083,442)</u>
<b>The funds of the charity</b>					
Unrestricted funds			<u>(3,942,293)</u>		<u>(4,083,442)</u>
			<u>(3,942,293)</u>		<u>(4,083,442)</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on .....

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Simon Jacobs  
**Trustee**

# THE GERTNER CHARITABLE TRUST

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>					
Cash generated from operations	15		141,149		191,882
<b>Financing activities</b>					
Repayment of borrowings		(134,592)		(205,201)	
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>			<u>(134,592)</u>		<u>(205,201)</u>
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>			6,557		(13,319)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			<u>11,162</u>		<u>24,481</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>			<u><u>17,719</u></u>		<u><u>11,162</u></u>

# THE GERTNER CHARITABLE TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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#### 1 Accounting policies

##### Charity information

The Gertner Charitable Trust is a registered charity (number 327380) and was established under a Trust Deed dated 3rd February 1987.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

This is because Rackley Limited has confirmed its continued support to enable the charity to meet its debts as and when they fall due. Details of the support provided to the charity by Rackley Limited are disclosed in the related party transactions notes to the Financial Statements.

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

#### 1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

# THE GERTNER CHARITABLE TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at the charity's Head Office.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the charity's educational operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

#### 1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

##### **Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

##### **Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

##### **Derecognition of financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

#### 1.7 Foreign exchange

Transactions in currencies other than pounds sterling are recorded at the rates of exchange prevailing at the dates of the transactions. At each reporting end date, monetary assets and liabilities that are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing on the reporting end date. Gains and losses arising on translation are included in net income/(expenditure) for the period.

#### 1.8 Interest Receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

# THE GERTNER CHARITABLE TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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### 2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations and gifts	493,345	621,517

### 3 Other income

	Total Unrestricted Funds	funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
Interest Refund from HMRC	-	233

### 4 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
Grant funding of activities (see note 5)	347,355	417,331
Share of support costs (see note 6)	1,091	555
Share of governance costs (see note 6)	3,750	3,750
	<u>352,196</u>	<u>421,636</u>

# THE GERTNER CHARITABLE TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

### 5 Grants payable

	2024	2023
	£	£
Grants to institutions:		
Achisomoch	10,250	20,000
Amud Hatzdokoh	12,000	.
Beis Hamedrash BHNY	8,780	13,170
Beis Yaakov Primary School Foundation	13,800	9,330
Chabad Lubavitch Bricket Wood & Districts	-	1,000
Chana Charity Limited	12,200	10,000
Chevras Mooz Ladol	12,000	2,200
CML	18,100	18,100
Congregation Yeshuos Pinchos in New Jersey, USA	-	22,537
Cosmon Belz Limited	4,265	8,750
Diaspora Yeshiva New York	12,000	9,000
Dover Sholem Community Trust	-	10,000
Friends of Michlalah Yerushalayim	5,259	-
Friends Of Mir	10,000	-
Friends of Beis Yisroel Trust	-	10,600
Hasmonean High School	1,180	5,450
Hendon Adath Yisroel	2,223	3,380
Institut Nacional	42,347	35,548
Kollel Bais Yechiel	30,000	30,000
Law Of Truth Talmud	3,600	2,000
Mercaz Chabad	515	45,000
Moreshet Hatorah	-	35,000
Ohel Avraham	-	20,000
Congregation Yeshuos Pinchos	23,927	
Shaarei Torah Trust	3,005	15,000
The North West Hachnosas Kalloh (NWHK)	-	2,000
Tomchei Yotzei Anglia	-	2,765
Torah (5759) Limited	9,640	11,300
Mosdos Torat Emet, Jerusalem, Israel	29,805	45,000
Uklfi Charitable Trust	10,000	-
United Synagogue	-	2,000
WST Charity	5,430	-
Yad Vochedsed Association	14,000	5,000
Yeshivas Arzei Levanon	7,715	11,000
Yeshiva Beis Ruz	15,845	-
Others	20,855	1,450
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	338,740	406,580
Grants to individuals	8,615	10,750
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	347,355	417,330
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# THE GERTNER CHARITABLE TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

### 6 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2024 £	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2023 £
Bank charges	1,091	-	1,091	555	-	555
Accountancy	-	2,150	2,150	-	2,150	2,150
Independent examiners fee	-	1,600	1,600	-	1,600	1,600
	<u>1,091</u>	<u>3,750</u>	<u>4,841</u>	<u>555</u>	<u>3,750</u>	<u>4,305</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>1,091</u>	<u>3,750</u>	<u>4,841</u>	<u>555</u>	<u>3,750</u>	<u>4,305</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the Independent examiner of £3,750 (2023: £3,480).

### 7 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration, reimbursement of expenses or benefits from the charity during the year (2023: £NIL).

### 8 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

The charity has no employees and as such there were no employee remuneration and/or benefits paid in either year.

### 9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

### 10 Loans and overdrafts

	2024 £	2023 £
Other loans	<u>3,956,264</u>	<u>4,090,856</u>
Payable after one year	<u>3,956,264</u>	<u>4,090,856</u>

# THE GERTNER CHARITABLE TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

#### 11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	3,748	3,748

#### 12 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
Borrowings	3,956,264	4,090,856

#### 13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2024 are represented by:		
Current assets/(liabilities)	13,971	7,414
Long term liabilities	(3,956,264)	(4,090,856)
	<u>(3,942,293)</u>	<u>(4,083,442)</u>

#### 14 Related party transactions

As at 31 March 2024 the Trust owed £3,790,106 (2023: £3,860,106 ) to Rackley Limited a company registered in Gibraltar and controlled by The Gertner No. 1 Settlement, connected with Michelle Gertner. The directors of Rackley Limited have confirmed that they will not be calling upon these funds to be repaid within the next 12 months.

At 31 March 2024, there was a funds deficiency on the balance on unrestricted funds amounting to £3,942,293. Rackley Limited has confirmed that it will continue to provide support to enable the charity to continue to meet its charitable objectives.

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that, with the support provided by Rackley Limited charity will have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, the charity continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

During the year, the charity received donations totalling £51,000 (2023: £52,000) from the charity's trustees.

# THE GERTNER CHARITABLE TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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<b>15</b>	<b>Cash generated from operations</b>		<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
			<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Surplus for the year		141,149	200,114
	Movements in working capital: (decrease) in creditors		-	(8,232)
	<b>Cash generated from operations</b>		<u>141,149</u>	<u>191,882</u>
<b>16</b>	<b>Analysis of changes in net (debt)/funds</b>			
		<b>At 1 April 2023</b>	<b>Cash flows</b>	<b>At 31 March 2024</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Cash at bank and in hand	11,162	6,557	17,719
		<u>11,162</u>	<u>6,557</u>	<u>17,719</u>
	Loans falling due after more than one year	(4,090,856)	134,592	(3,956,264)
		<u>(4,079,694)</u>	<u>141,149</u>	<u>(3,938,545)</u>