

Sheffield City Trust

Annual report and consolidated
financial statements

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Trustees' and directors' report (including strategic report)

The trustees, who act as directors for the purpose of company law, are pleased to present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Purpose of the charity

The objects of the charity are as detailed in the charity's governing document, its Memorandum of Association.

- 1 An object of the charity is to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of South Yorkshire and surrounding counties by the provision of facilities for recreation and leisure time occupation in the interest of social welfare. The charity has continued in its policies of providing recreational and other leisure facilities of a high standard and as economically as possible. The charity seeks to encourage high levels of use by the community with policies that encourage wide public access. There has been no material change in these policies over the relevant period.
- 2 A further object of the charity is to promote and preserve good physical and mental health. The objective is pursued by encouraging high levels of use of recreational and leisure facilities by the community. In addition, the charity has a policy of carrying out ad hoc initiatives and giving financial support to appropriate projects which has been continued during the year.
- 3 Further objects of the charity include the encouragement of the arts and the acquisition, preservation, restoration and maintenance of buildings of historic and architectural interest in Sheffield.

Activities

In furtherance of the charity's object to provide facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupations Sheffield City Trust operated the following facilities directly in the year:

- Beauchief Golf Course
- Birley Golf Course
- Concord Sports Centre
- Heeley Swimming Pool and Gym
- Hillsborough Leisure Centre
- iceSheffield
- Ponds Forge International Sports Centre
- Sinfin Golf Course
- Springs Leisure Centre
- Tapton Park Golf Course
- Tinsley Park Golf Course
- Westfield Sports Centre

The charity has continued to operate the following facilities through Sheffield International Venues Limited:

- English Institute of Sport – Sheffield
- Utilita Arena Sheffield
- Sheffield City Hall

Sheffield International Venues Limited also acts as principal for all commercial activity within the above venues.

Any profits made by Sheffield International Venues Limited, where the company has sufficient distributable reserves, may be passed back to the charity by way of a gift aided payment.

The operation of leisure facilities continues to be the primary way in which the two main objects of the charity are achieved. The trustees ensure that participation continues to grow and benchmark attendance against national standards. Prices are set at a level that encourages use by as many people as possible and many facilities are full at peak times.

Trustees' and directors' report (including strategic report) (continued)

Activities (continued)

Beginning in March 2021, England began lifting restrictions associated with the Covid-19 lockdown (roadmap), with a phased removal of all legal limits on social contact. As a trust, we aligned our activities to this roadmap. We have seen customers return consistently since reopening, but there remains caution in many activities for example gym use, group exercise and events. However, aquatics and ice activities have seen a really positive take up by individuals and families, and our learn to swim/skate programmes have also been very popular. A significant loss has been gala dinners as companies have not returned to large employee celebrations as a way of rewarding performance or building team spirit. Fundraising events also seem to be much less popular compared with pre-2020 levels. Shortages in supplies and the challenges we face with recruitment and more recently the impact of Inflation (Cost of Living) have required a responsive, adaptive and flexible approach over the past 12 months.

In the last two financial years we have included concessionary rates on all activities to try to alleviate the financial burden to an identified audience that typically would welcome this discount. The 40% discount is applied to all activities and has seen a very good uptake, specifically from families of children on free school meals. On coached admissions we have over 2,400 children benefiting from this each week.

The English Institute of Sport – Sheffield continues to be the home for GB Boxing, GB Para Badminton, GB Para Table Tennis and GB Goalball along with Sheffield Hallam University's Sport and Physical Activity academic learning. At Ponds Forge International Sports Centre, the professional basketball team, the Sheffield Sharks extended their training and Basketball League fixtures whilst they wait for their home court to be finalised. Ponds Forge was also able to host the British Swimming Championships. The Utilita Arena Sheffield is the home of the Elite Ice Hockey League team, the Sheffield Steelers.

The charity continues to partner with the National Centre for Sport and Exercise Medicine in Sheffield ('NCSEM') where clinical facilities are co-located with facilities for sport and exercise. At Concord Sports Centre NHS patients are treated in an environment which promotes physical activity as medicine. The centre also promotes physical activity as a prime preventer of ill health with exit routes for patients into our Exercise Referral scheme and other activities.

Essential maintenance work has been undertaken on various facilities in partnership with Sheffield City Council. In February 2023 a 5-month long programme of work on the swimming pool hall began at Hillsborough Leisure Centre, which would see repairs to the plant room, roof and changing village.

We have had a strong year for our event programme, with both regional, national and international events being hosted across the group. IceSheffield hosted the ISU Junior Grand Prix in November 2022, which brought significant profile and recognition to the city and its capabilities to host a large international event.

Golf has continued in its popularity, as it allows exercise while outside and socialising with friends. This has had a positive effect on the use of all five of the charity's courses.

During the first full year of operation following the Covid-19 pandemic, the Sheffield City Hall and the Utilita Arena Sheffield hosted 520 events and welcomed 947,000 guests through the doors.

The venues delivered a wide and varied arts and entertainment programme hosting some of the most popular acts in music, comedy and theatre. Opera and ballet also appeared in the programme as well as the Sheffield International Classical Concert Season featuring both international and domestic orchestras. Community events have always been a major part of the charity's events diary, and these included the return of the popular community tea dances, local dance school performances and the local amateur dramatic society, Manor Operatic Society, who performed a week long musical (Made in Dagenham) and their traditional two week pantomime at Christmas.

Elite League Ice Hockey continued to play a major part of the events programme with the ongoing partnership with the Sheffield Steelers. This season, together with the Steelers, the Utilita Arena Sheffield hosted 36 games and welcomed 240,000 fans, predominantly from the local Sheffield area. This attendance is the Steelers highest in the Elite League era and 2nd all-time attendance behind only the 1994/95 season. The International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) have recently reported that, now all Covid-19 restrictions are removed across all European venues, the venue was the 24th most attended ice hockey stadium in Europe moving from a pre pandemic position of 28th. The venue was the No1 attended Ice Hockey Stadium in the UK.

Our community development activities continue to support the local area away from the facilities. Work with school and education establishments sees engagement and support to over 100 local schools, through coaching, provision of equipment, tickets and subsidised venue hire.

Trustees' and directors' report (including strategic report) (continued)

Activities (continued)

A Summer Sports Van programme saw large levels of engagement with a continuation in certain locations as we work closely with Community Officers and Councillors. This sees activity and engagement, as well as food distribution as we look to engage through different needs for local families.

Our involvement in the Healthy Activities and Food (HAF) programme has again been extensive, with over 10,000 children accessing a range of our facilities as we provide activities and food for children on free school meals during holiday weeks. This delivery has seen children learning to swim and learning to skate, as well as partnering with various community organisations to ensure an offer is available to all local families that surround our leisure facilities.

The charity does not set targets for grant giving as it is a comparatively small part of the work undertaken. As stated above, the provision and management of the facilities is the primary method of meeting the objects of the charity. The trustees monitor the level of funds in the designated fund (see note 4 of the financial statements) in order to ensure that they make best use of the limited income available and do make grants to community groups in Sheffield in order to support their work promoting sports and physical activity within their communities.

In measuring achievements against the above objectives, the charity uses financial measures, a review of which is given below. In addition to financial performance measures, the charity monitors the performance of its venues using non-financial key performance indicators that give information regarding attendance at each venue by activity, and split attendances by age and gender. These performance indicators are monitored against targets and previous years' results.

Financial Review

The funding agreements for the venues between the charity and Sheffield City Council and Derby City Council mean the charity is entitled to receive income from these councils to fund its operating activities which in the year amounted to £7,708,000 (2022: £7,589,000). The funding is split £7,688,000 from Sheffield City Council (2022: £7,569,000) and £20,000 from Derby City Council (2022: £20,000).

When considering the financial performance of the charity the trustees examine the results of each facility that the charity operates. In 2022/23 financial performance and attendance levels from community usage continued to grow and return more towards the pre Covid-19 levels as confidence returned and all restrictions lifted, however the impact of continuing difficult economic circumstances on the majority of users continued to be felt. The group had positive unrestricted general reserves at 31 March 2023 of £1,640,000 (2022: negative £2,517,000). The Trustees are confident that over future periods, the charity will continue to see positive unrestricted general reserves as was anticipated when the charity was established.

Total incoming resources amounted to £41,546,000 (2022: £33,077,000) and total resources expended amounted to £39,048,000 (2022: £18,998,000) resulting in net incoming resources before tax of £2,498,000 (2022: £14,079,000). Prior year net incoming resources includes a credit of £12,957,000 in respect of settlement of the South Yorkshire Pension Scheme, following the transfer of the scheme's assets and liabilities to Sheffield City Council on 31 March 2022.

The results of the charity's trading subsidiary, Sheffield International Venues Limited, its subsidiary SIV Enterprises Limited, the subsidiary charity, 7 Hills Leisure Trust and also Phoenix Sports Limited are set out in note 2 to the financial statements.

The principal activities of Sheffield International Venues Limited in the year under review were the management of the facilities to deliver commercial income. These activities are in support of the charity's activities such as providing public catering in the buildings and supporting elite athletes to use the spaces when not in use by the general public. Sheffield International Venues also manages unrelated commercial activity that raises the profile of the charity and its facilities and generates income which is used to support the core charitable activities.

7 Hills Leisure Trust has not traded in the year and the objects of the charity in the year were to allow the orderly wind up of the charity. On 29 March 2023, the charity, together with its dormant subsidiary, 7 Hills Commercial Limited, and SIV Enterprises Limited entered Members Voluntary Liquidations (MVL).

The activities of Sheffield City Trust in the year under review includes the operation of leisure facilities and golf courses.

Trustees' and directors' report (including strategic report) (continued)

Business review

The trustees consider the general trend in financial performance of the venues to be satisfactory considering the general economic climate. All venue activities continued to grow and by the end of the year had more or less returned to their pre pandemic levels.

Sheffield City Council has confirmed its support for the charity and discussions with the council continue in a robust, constructive atmosphere. Sheffield City Trust entered into a legally binding agreement with Sheffield City Council on 31 March 2022, which was updated by a Deed of Extension on 10 July 2023 to ensure it has sufficient funds to continue to at least 31 December 2024. The support provided gives the certainty necessary for the trustees to develop a plan to continue to deliver services at its current levels for the foreseeable future. The trustees believe investment can be made in the facilities in a financially sustainable way in partnership with Sheffield City Council and are working with Sheffield City Council on the short to medium term strategy.

As disclosed in note 1, the financial viability of the charity is dependent on both continued support from the council (working capital and venue investment) and to achieving the trading assumptions in the business plan and budgets to 31 December 2024. We believe that the forecasts, including revenue growth and cost assumptions, included in the plan are achievable, subject to the required investment from Sheffield City Council. The management team continues to meet on a monthly basis to review performance against the budget and, where there are shortfalls, looks at actions to address these, including the reduction of costs where necessary. Performance year to date is ahead of budget.

Based on the above, the trustees believe that it remains appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis. However, they note a material uncertainty in respect of the position beyond December 2024 (refer to note 1). The trustees have considered the impact on the financial statements should the trust not be considered a going concern and would not anticipate any changes to those presented.

Our pricing policy

Prices are set to enable as many people as possible to use the facilities while ensuring that income generated is sufficient to cover the costs of the charity. General economic trends are currently showing significant cost rises across much of our key expenditure items therefore, as far as possible, a higher level of income must be generated by use of the facilities from both core charitable activities and commercial activities, managed by another company within the group. However, it is essential that prices are affordable and in no way create a barrier to use of the facilities by any of the people of Sheffield and concessionary prices are used to ensure that the least wealthy are able to attend.

The trustees review pricing for all charitable activities on an annual basis in order to deliver the best possible facilities to all citizens of Sheffield at affordable prices.

Investment powers and policy

The trustees balance the needs of the organisation to have funds available for the operations of the charity and the need to maximise investment returns. Recently, interest rates have been rising and the charity has responded by moving its funds into accounts which generate a better return thus generating additional income.

No funds are invested in non-cash assets such as property or shares. All property owned by the charity is in order to deliver services directly to the beneficiaries. The trustees believe that the level of cash and bank assets owned is insufficient for the charity to consider investment in stock, shares or bonds, particularly in the current volatile climate for investments.

Pension Scheme

The charitable group contributes to a defined benefit pension scheme provided by South Yorkshire Pension Authority ("SYPA"). As disclosed in previous years a number of members transferred into the SYPA scheme under the provision of TUPE. The scheme closed to new members on 1 September 2009.

On 31 March 2022, the group entered into an agreement with Sheffield City Council in which the historic pension assets and liabilities transferred to Sheffield City Council, thus removing the deficit from the balance sheet of Sheffield City Trust. Sheffield City Trust continues to pay contributions into the scheme for all eligible employees and the future benefits of those employees were unaffected by the change.

All new employees since 1 September 2009 who didn't join under the provisions of TUPE have been eligible to join a defined contribution, group money purchase scheme. Since 1 January 2014 the group has provided pensions under the auto-enrolment provisions and all new employees are automatically enrolled into the group money purchase scheme unless they decide to opt out.

Trustees' and directors' report (including strategic report) (continued)

Reserves policy

The reserves of the charity are split between restricted and unrestricted funds. It is the policy of the trustees to spend unrestricted reserves in pursuit of the charitable objectives in a way that maximises their value in meeting those objectives. At the end of the financial year, the charity had consolidated unrestricted funds of £2,017,000 (2022: negative £2,012,000) and restricted funds of £30,846,000 (2022: £32,342,000).

The restricted funds of the charity at 31 March 2023 are set out in note 5 of the financial statements.

The level of free reserves at the end of the financial year was negative £2,569,000 (2022: negative £7,687,000). Historically, the trustees believed it was appropriate to hold reserves in order to meet the future depreciation of capital assets (other than restricted assets) and to provide some "buffer" should future operations fall short of financial budgets and that an appropriate level of reserves would be sufficient to support operations for six months.

However, as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, which impacted on the charity's ability to address the reserves position, as well as the current rises being seen in the general cost of living, impacting on how individuals choose to spend their disposable income the trustees have reviewed the charity's reserves policy. The trustees signed a Funding Agreement with Sheffield City Council on 31 March 2022, which was updated by a Deed of Extension on 10 July 2023, to ensure it has sufficient funds to continue to at least 31 December 2024, which provides for the City Council to meet existing and future liabilities to the extent that they aren't financed by future operations and, taking this and the future challenges described above into consideration, the trustees now consider it more appropriate to target a neutral reserves position. To achieve this the charity will continue to drive an increase in footfall across all venues and maximise attendances, whilst continuing to grow the programme of events across both the entertainment and sporting venues. For further information refer to 'plans for future periods'.

The legally binding funding agreement with Sheffield City Council confirming support for the group to 31 December 2024, together with the positive cash balances held by the charity, provide the trustees with the necessary comfort to continue trading. The Trustees believe that, in light of the provisions of the Funding Agreement, the level of reserves is satisfactory at present.

Plans for future periods

The trustees considered the future of the charity and how it might achieve its reserves target and deliver its charitable objects in the long term. It was determined that the beneficiaries would be best served if all the charitable activities within the group were delivered by one rather than two charities and hence all charitable operations are now managed by Sheffield City Trust and so on 29 March 2023 7 Hills Leisure Trust entered into a Members Voluntary Liquidation. In doing this the Trustees believe that the streamlined group structure will drive further efficiencies and ultimately improve the resources available to deliver the charitable objects of both charities.

Activity levels have grown during the year, returning towards pre pandemic levels. It is expected that activity levels will continue to grow as consumer confidence grows and there is already a significant calendar of events booked in at both entertainment and leisure venues, although it is anticipated that the current difficult economic conditions affecting the majority of users may have a negative impact.

As stated above, the trustees are working with Sheffield City Council on longer term funding certainty and have agreed with Sheffield City Council that the charity will continue to operate the facilities directly, and via its group companies, until at least 31 December 2024 and jointly look to invest in them as funding permits. This agreement gives a degree of certainty and enables medium term planning and programme development.

The discussions with the council have included the strategy of the charity to continue to encourage the director of Sheffield International Venues to pursue such commercial activities as can be performed in and around Sheffield as will bring in additional income without reducing the ability of the charity to provide services to its beneficiaries.

The performance of the group in the first quarter of 2023/24 was satisfactory, when taking into account the challenging general economic climate. It is the intention of the trustees to continue to invest in facilities as much as possible and to maximise attendances, as much as possible during these challenging economic times.

Trustees' and directors' report (including strategic report) (continued)

Reference and administrative details

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Company Registration Number: 2164600

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Directors and directors' interests

The trustees, who also act as directors, who held office during the year and after the year end are as follows:

P Abel
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G Moore
A Pettifer MBE
R Plews
P Taylor
J Warner

The charity has a Group Audit Committee and Mr J Warner is chairman of that Group Audit Committee. The Group Audit Committee members are Mr J Warner and Mr R Plews.

None of the trustees who held office at the end of the financial year had any disclosable interest in debentures of the charity or in any shares or debentures of any other group company.

According to the Register of Trustees' Interests, no rights to subscribe for debentures of the charity or in any shares or debentures of any other group company were granted to any of the trustees or their immediate families or exercised by them during the year.

Employees

The group has a policy of offering job opportunities to persons with disabilities where possible.

The group has a formal consultation procedure in respect of employees' terms and conditions and health and safety issues.

The senior employee of the group is:

Chief Executive Andrew Snelling

Insurance for trustees and officers

Insurance for trustees and officers against liabilities in relation to the group, as permitted by the Companies Act 2006, is maintained under a policy held by Sheffield City Trust. The cost of this amounted to £15,000 (2022: £14,000).

Trustees' and directors' report (including strategic report) (continued)

Structure, governance and management

Sheffield City Trust is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity and is governed by its Memorandum & Articles of Association. The trustees are the members of the charity under company law. The charity is domiciled and its principle place of business is in the UK.

The trustees recognise the importance of communication with beneficiaries and will issue regular newsletters and updates on specific projects and overall performance. These reports may also include some summary financial information from the financial statements of the charity.

Organisation of the charity

At present the charity has 9 trustees. It aims to be governed by a board of between 12 and 20 trustees and had been looking at ways to attract more trustees. This has taken a pause whilst the funding agreement with Sheffield City Council was negotiated and also whilst Sheffield City Council looks to undertake a tender process for the future operation of the venues. Once the outcome of the tender process is known, then the trustees will consider the appropriate way forward.

Trustees are attracted based on advertising and introductions and are selected based on key skills. An induction process is carried out and all new trustees are invited to meet with the chairman and senior executives in order to better understand the operations of the charity. Trustee training is made available on an ad hoc basis when a need is identified.

During the year, the charity had five wholly owned subsidiaries, Sheffield International Venues Limited, SIV Enterprises Limited, Phoenix Sports Limited, a company limited by guarantee, which has complementary objects, 7 Hills Leisure Trust, a registered charity, with independent trustees, but of which the charity is the sole member and 7 Hills Commercial Limited. SIV Enterprises Limited, 7 Hills Leisure Trust and 7 Hills Commercial Limited did not trade during the year. As part of a planned group simplification programme, these entities, as of 29 March 2023, were put into Members Voluntary Liquidation.

Sheffield International Venues Limited undertakes all commercial activities in the venues in order to support the charitable activity.

The overall management and control of the charity's activities and finances are vested in the Chief Executive, Andrew Snelling. The board of the charity meets monthly and Mr Snelling attends all meetings, reporting on all key operational and financial matters. There is a Group Audit Committee which meets as required and not less than three times in each financial year. There is a Charitable Purposes Committee which focuses on the work of the charity outside the venues. The Charitable Purposes Committee has three members, Helen Best, Chairwoman, Graham Moore and Peter Taylor.

Trustee induction and training

New trustees undergo an induction process in which they spend some time with the chairman and chief executive and then the other senior managers. They will also visit the various facilities of the charity in company with a senior manager and familiarise themselves with the operations of the charity and its subsidiaries.

Each trustee is invited to take a special interest in one facility in order to get an in depth understanding of that part of the charity's operations and to be able to act as a point of contact for senior management. As with any special skills that any trustees may have, this arrangement adds to the effectiveness of the trustee board but doesn't change the responsibility of all trustees for all aspects of the governance and activities of the charity.

Relationship with other charities and organisations

The charity co-operates closely with Sheffield City Council in pursuit of its charitable objectives. The relationship is conducted in accordance with formal funding agreements. A councillor and an officer of the council are invited to attend as observers at each meeting of the board. The council did not appoint a nominee director to the board of Sheffield International Venues Limited in the year. The council reserves the right to appoint a director in the future.

Pay policy for senior staff

The trustees, who act as directors for the purpose of company law, consider that the board of trustees and the chief executive comprise the key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling and running and operating the charity on a day to day basis. All trustees give their time freely and no trustee received any remuneration in the year.

The pay of the chief executive is reviewed annually by the board of trustees. In view of the nature of the charity, the trustees benchmark against pay levels in other leisure trusts and other similar organisations.

Trustees' and directors' report (including strategic report) (continued)

Pay policy for senior staff (continued)

All such organisations are different, and the trustees are aware of the organisational complexities of the group and take this into consideration when comparing with larger charities. The trustees also look at similar job roles in the local, Sheffield, economy and other local charitable organisations to ensure that salaries are reasonable within the market.

Management of risk

The trustees are responsible for ensuring the effective management of risk including a system of internal financial control which is maintained by the charity. They consider risk management to be an important part of their role and endeavour to follow best practice.

During the year, the management teams at each venue have again discussed the risks identified with the members of the senior leadership team and have ensured that proper controls are in place within their venue. They have also considered each of the objectives set for the venue in the corporate strategy of the charity to ensure that the risks are linked into the operational objectives and that the process of risk mitigation is embedded in the action plans to deliver the objectives. This work of monitoring and mitigating risks within the venues continues to be a major work of the general managers at each venue. The senior leadership team regularly considers corporate risk in its meetings and updates the risk register accordingly. The Group Audit Committee reviews this process at each of its meetings as a standard agenda item providing additional checks and specific skill on top of the trustees' own monitoring process.

The trustees believe one of the key risks to the charity and group to be the ability of Sheffield City Council to provide adequate funds to maintain the buildings in the medium term. The trustees of the parent charity have entered into an agreement with Sheffield City Council ending in December 2024 in order to give greater certainty of future funding and additional funding has been provided to cover the cost of essential maintenance work on the venues.

The trustees also believe the general economic climate to be a major risk to the group, particularly in respect of the general rise in cost of living. The general rise in cost of living is impacting on individuals' disposable incomes and as such will impact on the ability of customers to pay for the services offered by the company, as they choose where to spend what disposable income they have.

Rising prices are also considered a major risk to the group, in particular higher energy costs, as energy costs make up a significant part of the charity's overall cost base, however these costs are managed to the extent possible through fixed price contracts.

The trustees continue to monitor the financial performance of the group very closely. The trustees anticipate that now that business has returned to normal following the pandemic, it will continue to grow and return to normal levels, however they expect to see some impact of the rising cost of living. The entertainment venues, in particular, have a strong diary of future events already scheduled. Given the support provided by Sheffield City Council to the Sheffield City Trust group, the trustees continue to support the going concern basis although they note a material uncertainty beyond December 2024 (see note 1).

The trustees have identified a number of other risks which they consider to be important to the business and have action plans to mitigate against them but believe that the risks considered above are the most significant and their future strategy addresses them directly.

Public Benefit

The trustees are aware of their duty to ensure that the charity provides a public benefit. Each year the prices charged for the charitable activities within each venue are reviewed by the trustees in order to ensure that they are reasonable and affordable to the vast majority of the citizens of Sheffield. The trustees are proud of their fitness membership package which provides high quality fitness membership at very good value for money, the excellent coached activity programme which provides affordable access to swimming, gymnastics and trampolining lessons amongst others and of the low prices of the Sheffield International Concert Season. In increasingly difficult economic times it is becoming difficult to maintain access to so many citizens. The trustees believe that the high levels of customer service, for which the group has won awards, demonstrates an ethos of providing the highest possible standards to all. Additionally, the charity offers concessionary prices on all products, including fitness membership and coached programmes, at 40% discount. The level and breadth of discount available are market leading and reflect the charity's commitment to ensuring services are available to as many of the citizens of Sheffield as possible.

The charity is the only member of 7 Hills Leisure Trust, a now dormant charity going through Members Voluntary Liquidation.

Trustees' and directors' report (including strategic report) (continued)

Stakeholder engagement and section 172 statement

The group operates in an environment which involves engagement with a wide network of stakeholders. The trustees understand that its relationships with stakeholders evolve and change over time. To respond to this, the Board keeps itself informed of its key stakeholders' interests through a combination of both direct and indirect engagement.

The trustees have regard to the interests of their stakeholders when discharging their duties. The trustees have identified the key stakeholders as its customers, people (employees), suppliers and the communities in which it operates. This section describes how the Board engages with its key stakeholders and how it considers their interests when making decisions. Further, it demonstrates how the board takes into consideration the long-term impact of its decisions, its desire to maintain a reputation for high standards of business conduct, and its requirement to act fairly between members of the group.

Customers

The trustees recognise that the importance of creating long lasting relationships with our customers and partners is vital to the way we do business.

For example, through the quality of the experience provided in venues and interaction with our general customer base whilst in our venues, through the GP exercise referral programme that we offer and work we do with our customers to benefit the local community, we develop and build lasting relationships which work to the benefit of all parties. Our reputation and success are built on the relationships we create, and we ensure that we continue to build on these for the future.

In addition, we carry out formal and informal feedback with customers that use our venues, using the results of this feedback to further develop relationships and make changes to the business where it is considered appropriate to do so.

In making strategic business decisions, the trustees consider their impact on customers, for example when considering the pricing structure, and aim to make business decisions that are beneficial and in the interests of the customer base.

People

Our people are fundamental to the charity's success. We recognise that their opinions count towards improving the workplace and the continued performance of the business.

The charity has a formal consultation procedure in respect of employees' terms and conditions and health and safety issues. We engage with our people through surveys, by providing learning and development opportunities where required and through providing access to health and wellbeing initiatives.

The charity has a policy of offering job opportunities to persons with disabilities where possible.

Suppliers

The group's supply chain plays an important part in the delivery of its strategy and its success is tied to the performance of suppliers.

We continue to build strong relationships with our key suppliers and our wider stakeholder population. We are committed to securing services and supplies from local suppliers to support the strategy of the group and the importance it places on the local economy.

The group ensures that it maintains high standards of business conduct throughout its supply chain.

Communities and environment

It is important to us to support and give back to the local communities in which we operate including a commitment to supporting employees to give time to community and charitable activities. These include operating various activities within the community, for example cooking meals for the homeless, volunteering in local food banks and volunteering in local schools. We continue to monitor and are committed to reducing our carbon footprint.

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Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting

GHG emissions and energy use data for period 1-April-2022 to 31-March-2023

	Reporting Year 2021-2022	Reporting Year 2022-2023
	UK GHG Emission and Energy Data	UK GHG Emission and Energy Data
Energy consumption used to calculate emissions (kWh), all mandatory energy sources are included.	45,432,606	50,791,906.2
Scope 1: Emissions from the combustion of Natural Gas tCO _{2e}	1,935.0	1,943.8
Scope 1: Emissions from combustion of Fuel for transport and heating (Tinsley) tCO _{2e}	32.2	116.5
Scope 3: Emissions from business travel in employee owned vehicles, where the company repaid mileage claims tCO _{2e} (average vehicle / fuel source unknown)	4.8	7.7
Scope 2: Emissions from purchased Electricity tCO _{2e}	3,454.1	3,542.6
Scope 2: Emissions from purchased Heat / Steam from District Heating tCO _{2e}	1,775.6	2,152.9
Total gross CO _{2e} based on above (tCO _{2e})	7,200.1	7,763.1
Intensity Ratio: kg CO _{2e} gross based on mandatory fields above per metre square of Gross Internal Area: (kg CO _{2e} m ⁻²)	53.0 kg CO _{2e} m ⁻²	51.8 kg CO _{2e} m ⁻²

Methodology

An evidence-based methodology was adopted in accordance with BS EN ISO 14064-3:2019, Section 4.3; verifiable data has been collected from the following sources:

Energy Data: Energy Metering, Invoices, Supply Summaries / Statements, Repayment Claims for business mileage, Fuel Cards, and correspondence with suppliers.

Previous Audit Data: ISO 50001, CRC, ESOS Phase II and Display Energy Certificates.

Emission Conversions: All emission factors for CO₂ have been calculated using Defra Conversions 2022, the carbon content of the District Heating Schemes has been provided by the energy supplier(s).

Energy Efficiency Action

During the reporting period, Sheffield City Trust Group has procured 100% REGO backed Renewable Electricity from their energy suppliers, five of the largest venues are heated by District Heating Schemes (two from Energy from Waste and three from Biomass District Heating), one venue has a Combined Heat and Power Unit installed operating from Natural Gas.

Trustees' and directors' report (including strategic report) (continued)

Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting (continued)

Energy Efficiency Action (continued)

Sheffield City Trust Group has continued to invest in energy efficient lighting, replacement Building Management Systems, Direct Drive Ventilation Fans, Circulation Pump upgrades and Variable Speed Drives, in a bid to reduce energy consumption and emissions of CO₂. During the financial year (2022-23), there were and continue to be major investment plans supported by Sheffield City Council to replace two of the existing venues with new buildings, whilst continuing to invest in remedial works and energy efficiency projects.

Carbon Desktop hardware is reliant on the 3G Network, as 3G is due to be switched off later this year, alternative energy monitoring systems are being investigated. Unfortunately, many of the meters have now lost connectivity due to a mixture of project works and failure of the hardware utilised by the Carbon Desktop system.

There remains only two gas meters to be upgraded to AMR on Stark ID and one very small electricity supply meter appears to have failed. The Trust has requested this supply be replaced with a Smart Meter, as the monthly consumption prior to failure was around 30 kWh per month.

Sheffield City Trust has disposed of the vehicle fleet and outsource the maintenance of the buildings to a local contractor, as such the use of white diesel for the van fleet has been removed.

There is currently refurbishment work of Hillsborough Leisure Centre's plant room, with two further venues earmarked for future development (Concord Sports Centre and Springs Leisure Centre) although plans and dates are yet to be decided.

Disclosure of information to auditor

The trustees who held office at the date of approval of the trustees' report and this strategic report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant information of which the group's auditor is unaware; and each trustee has taken all steps that he/she ought to have taken as a trustee to make himself/herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the group's auditor is aware of that information.

Auditor

In accordance with Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, the auditor will be deemed to be re-appointed and Crowe U.K. LLP therefore continued in office.

In accordance with Section 414 of the Companies Act 2006, the company has prepared a trustee's report that includes information that would be included with a strategic report. The trustees authorise both the trustees' report and strategic report below.

By order of the board

D Grey MBE
Chairman



English Institute of Sport - Sheffield
Coleridge Road
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26 July 2023

Company registration number 2164600
Charity registration number 700520

Statement of trustees' responsibilities in respect of the strategic report, the trustees' report and the consolidated financial statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law they are required to prepare the group and charitable company financial statements in accordance with UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the group and charitable company and of their profit or loss for that period. In preparing each of the group and charitable company financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- assess the group's and the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; and
- use the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the group or the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that its financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the group and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Independent auditor's report to the members of Sheffield City Trust

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Sheffield City Trust ('the Trust') and its subsidiaries ('the group') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities, Trust Statement of Financial Activities, Consolidated Balance Sheet, Trust Balance Sheet, Consolidated Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and the Trust's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of the group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Material uncertainty related to going concern

We draw attention to note 1 in the financial statements, which indicates that the Trust has funding agreements in place through to at least 31 December 2024 although future operations beyond 2024 are subject to a tender process and funding is in place until 2024. As stated in note 1, these events indicate that a material uncertainty exists that may cast significant doubt on the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern beyond 2024. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Our evaluation of the directors' assessment of the entity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting included:

- Challenging the Group's assessment of the ability of Sheffield City Council to provide such support.
- Assessing the numerical accuracy of the forecasts.
- Considering sensitivities over the level of available financial resources indicated by the Group's financial forecasts taking account of reasonably possible (but not unrealistic) adverse effects that could arise from these risks individually and collectively including the impact of inflation.
- Assessing the completeness and accuracy of the matters covered in the going concern disclosures by comparing the disclosures to our knowledge obtained throughout the audit.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Independent auditor's report to the members of Sheffield City Trust *(continued)*

Other information *(continued)*

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit

- the information given in the trustees' report, which includes the directors' report and the strategic report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the strategic report and the directors' report included within the trustees' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Trust and their environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report or the directors' report included within the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the parent company has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the parent company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 12, the trustees (who are also the directors of the Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the Trust or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Independent auditor's report to the members of Sheffield City Trust (continued)

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks within which the Group and Trust operate. We considered this context to be the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011. We identified the greatest risk of material impact on the financial statements from irregularities, including fraud, to be the override of controls by management. Our audit procedures to respond to these risks included enquiries of management about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, sample testing on the posting of journals and reviewing the accounting estimates for bias.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements of the financial statements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with the ISAs (UK). The potential effects of inherent limitations are particularly significant in the case of misstatement resulting from fraud because fraud may involve sophisticated and carefully organized schemes designed to conceal it, including deliberate failure to record transactions, collusion or intentional misrepresentations being made to us.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Trust's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Trust's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Trust and the Trust's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Vicky Szalust (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Crowe U.K. LLP, Statutory Auditor

Chartered Accountants

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26 July 2023

Consolidated statement of financial activities *(incorporating income & expenditure account)*
For the year ended 31 March 2023

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds – charitable activities	Total funds	Total funds
	<i>Note</i>	2023 £000	2023 £000	2023 £000	2022 £000
Incoming resources					
Income from charitable activities		29,319	-	29,319	20,235
Investment income		103	-	103	9
Income from donations and legacies - Grants receivable		212	-	212	1,321
Income from donations and legacies - Sheffield City Council		9,668	2,244	11,912	11,512
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Total incoming resources		39,302	2,244	41,546	33,077
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Resources expended					
Expenditure on raising funds		(20,418)	(1,688)	(22,106)	(14,847)
Expenditure on charitable activities – general		(14,881)	(2,061)	(16,942)	(17,108)
Expenditure on charitable activities - pension		-	-	-	12,957
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Total resources expended	3	(35,299)	(3,749)	(39,048)	(18,998)
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Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before tax	6	4,003	(1,505)	2,498	14,079
Taxation	9	35	-	35	396
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Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains and losses		4,038	(1,505)	2,533	14,475
Transfer between funds		(9)	9	-	-
Actuarial gain recognised in the pension scheme	22	-	-	-	3,677
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Net profit/(loss) in the year		4,029	(1,496)	2,533	18,152
Fund balances brought forward		(2,012)	32,342	30,330	12,178
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Fund balances carried forward	4/5	2,017	30,846	32,863	30,330
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The accompanying notes form part of the financial statements.

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities which are in furtherance of the charity's objects.

Company statement of financial activities *(incorporating income & expenditure account)*
For the year ended 31 March 2023

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds – charitable activities	Total funds	Total funds
	<i>Note</i>	2023 £000	2023 £000	2023 £000	2022 £000
Incoming resources					
Income from charitable activities		10,500	-	10,500	8,474
Investment income		102	-	102	9
Income from donations and legacies - Grants receivable		7	-	7	692
Income from donations and legacies - Sheffield City Council		9,668	1,918	11,586	9,113
Total incoming resources		20,277	1,918	22,195	18,288
Resources expended					
Expenditure on charitable activities – general		(16,942)	(2,061)	(19,003)	(17,360)
Expenditure on charitable activities - pension		-	-	-	12,957
Total resources expended	3	(16,942)	(2,061)	(19,003)	(4,403)
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before tax	6	3,335	(143)	3,192	13,885
Tax		-	-	-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains and losses		3,335	(143)	3,192	13,885
Transfer between funds		(9)	9	-	-
Actuarial gain recognised in the pension scheme	22	-	-	-	3,677
Net profit/(loss) in the year		3,326	(134)	3,192	17,562
Fund balances brought forward		(2,242)	11,174	8,932	(8,630)
Fund balances carried forward	4/5	1,084	11,040	12,124	8,932

The accompanying notes form part of the financial statements.

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Consolidated balance sheet

As at 31 March 2023

	Note	2023		2022	
		£000	£000	£000	£000
Fixed assets					
Intangible Assets	11	17		26	
Tangible fixed assets	12	149,337		151,986	
Negative goodwill	10	(6,368)		(6,573)	
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			142,986		145,439
Current assets					
Stocks	14	233		216	
Debtors (including debtors due after one year of £32,490,000 (2022: £32,490,000))	15	35,166		34,356	
Cash at bank and in hand	16	6,013		2,968	
Cash at bank and in hand – third party ticket monies	16	9,036		5,000	
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Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	50,448 (34,016)		42,540 (29,922)	
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Net current assets			16,432		12,618
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Total assets less current liabilities			159,418		158,057
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	18		(126,440)		(127,727)
Provisions for liabilities	19		(115)		-
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Net assets			32,863		30,330
			<hr/>		<hr/>
Fund balances					
Unrestricted reserves					
Designated reserve	4		377		505
General reserve	4		1,640		(2,517)
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Net unrestricted funds			2,017		(2,012)
Restricted funds	5		30,846		32,342
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Total funds			32,863		30,330
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The accompanying notes form part of the financial statements.

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 26 July 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

D Grey MBE
Chairman

Charity Registration Number 700520 / Company registration number: 2164600

Company balance sheet

As at 31 March 2023

	Note	2023		2022	
		£000	£000	£000	£000
Fixed assets					
Investments	13	-		-	
Intangible assets	11	17		26	
Tangible fixed assets	12	124,597		125,282	
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			124,614		125,308
Current assets					
Stock	14	-		-	
Debtors (including debtors due after one year of £32,490,000 (2022 - £32,490,000))	15	36,454		33,376	
Cash at bank and in hand	16	3,000		1,474	
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Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	39,454 (25,389)		34,850 (23,499)	
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Net current assets			14,065		11,351
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Total assets less current liabilities			138,679		136,659
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	18		(126,440)		(127,727)
Provision for liabilities	19		(115)		-
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Net assets			12,124		8,932
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Fund balances					
Unrestricted reserves					
Designated reserve	4		377		505
General reserve	4		707		(2,747)
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Net unrestricted funds			1,084		(2,242)
Restricted funds	5		11,040		11,174
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Total funds			12,124		8,932
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Consolidated cash flow statement

For year ended 31 March 2023

	<i>Note</i>	2023 £000	2022 £000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net incoming resources before other recognised gains or losses		2,533	14,475
<i>Adjustments for:</i>			
Depreciation and amortisation	10/11/12	4,498	3,603
Interest receivable and similar income		(103)	(9)
Interest payable and similar charges		2,047	3,338
Pension receipts in excess of cash contributions		-	(12,600)
Tax		-	(396)
Profit on disposal		(5)	(539)
Provision for dilapidations		115	-
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		9,085	7,872
(Increase)/decrease in trade and other debtors	15	(845)	1,252
Increase in stocks	14	(17)	(93)
Increase in trade and other creditors	17	3,099	414
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		11,322	9,445
Tax received		35	43
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Net cash from operating activities		11,357	9,488
Cash flows from investing activities			
Acquisition of tangible fixed assets	12	(2,045)	(3,619)
Proceeds from disposal of tangible fixed assets		5	1,009
Interest received		103	9
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Net cash from investing activities		(1,937)	(2,601)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from new loan		16,559	15,910
Interest paid		(2,043)	(2,991)
Repayment of borrowings		(16,791)	(15,721)
Payment of finance lease liabilities		(64)	(264)
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Net cash from financing activities		(2,339)	(3,066)
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Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		7,081	3,821
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward		7,968	4,147
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Cash and cash equivalents carried forward		15,049	7,968
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The accompanying notes form part of the financial statements.

Consolidated analysis of net debt

For year ended 31 March 2023

	At 1 April 2022 £000	Cashflows £000	New finance leases £000	Non-cash movements £000	At 31 March 2023 £000
Cash at bank and in hand	7,968	7,081	-	-	15,049
Bank loans	(491)	232	-	-	(259)
Other loans	(3,513)	-	-	-	(3,513)
Finance Leases	(314)	304	(240)	-	(250)
Bond	(34,159)	16,559	-	(4)	(17,604)
Sheffield City Council	(106,258)	(16,559)	-	-	(122,817)
	<u>(136,767)</u>	<u>7,617</u>	<u>(240)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(129,394)</u>

Notes to the financial statements

1 Accounting policies

Sheffield City Trust (the “charity”) is a company limited by guarantee, is a registered charity (registration number 700520) and is incorporated and domiciled in the UK. The charity is a public benefit entity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 “The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland” (*Charities SORP FRS 102*), the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006. The presentation currency of these financial statements is sterling. The current years financial statements are for the year from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 (*2022: 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022*).

The parent company is included in the consolidated financial statements; and is considered to be a qualifying entity under FRS 102 paragraphs 1.8 to 1.12. The following exemptions available under FRS 102 in respect of certain disclosures for the parent company financial statements have been applied:

- No separate parent company cash flow statement with related notes is included; and
- Key management personnel compensation has not been included a second time.

The accounting policies set out below have, unless otherwise stated, been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements.

Judgements made by the directors, in the application of these accounting policies that have significant effect on the financial statements and estimates with a significant risk of material adjustment in the next year are discussed in note 24.

Going concern

During the year ended 31 March 2023, Sheffield City Trust had net incoming resources before tax of £2,498,000, an increase in cash of £7,081,000 to £15,049,000 and Group net assets of £32,863,000 as at 31 March 2023.

Current Trading

Sheffield City Council provides legally binding support to Sheffield City Trust as follows:

‘Shortfall Funding Agreement’ Sheffield City Council will continue to provide additional funding support in respect of three legacy venues (Utilita Arena Sheffield, Hillsborough Leisure Centre and Ponds Forge International Sports Centre) in line with the ‘Shortfall Funding Agreement’ held between both parties, including a guarantee for the amounts due under the bonds. The ‘Shortfall Funding Agreement’ is a legally binding commitment to 31 March 2024.

Additionally, Sheffield City Trust entered into a legally binding Funding Agreement with Sheffield City Council on 31 March 2022 to provide the funds and cashflow support necessary to run the trust through to 31 August 2024. On 10 July 2023 a Deed of Extension to this funding agreement extended the necessary support to run the trust through to at least 31 December 2024.

Sheffield City Council has indicated its intention to continue to make available such funds as are needed by the charity for the period of at least 12 months from the date of signing of the financial statements and in fact to at least 31 December 2024. As with any charity placing reliance on a partner for financial support, the Trustees acknowledge that there can be no certainty that this support will continue although, at the date of approval of these financial statements, they have no reason to believe that it will not do so. Management have prepared a business plan to cover the period to 31 December 2024 which sets out planned income and expenditure across all venues and is broken down by type of income and expense.

The management team is committed to achieving the plan and have robust action plans in place to enable them to do this. The management team continues to meet on a monthly basis to review performance against the budget and, where there are shortfalls, looks at actions to address these, including the reduction of costs where necessary. Performance year to date is ahead of the plan.

The plan includes trading assumptions which are reliant on further capital investment in venues, which is only achievable with assistance from Sheffield City Council. The additional capital investment is required to support the plan, but because of the legal arrangements regarding the bond and related assets and the funding agreement entered into on 31 March 2022, together with the Deed of Extension to this agreement, it is not necessary for the group to continue as a going concern.

The operating environment presents a number of challenges which could contribute to the group failing to achieve its operational cash flow forecasts. These risks and uncertainties include but are not limited to, the continued impact of the current economic climate, achieving forecast levels of fitness members, achieving forecast footfall in venues and achieving continuing control over the level of underlying cost base. As such, the reliance on the intended legally binding assistance from Sheffield City Council is even more important.

Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

1 Accounting policies *(continued)*

Going concern *(continued)*

The trustees have considered all of these factors and have had discussions with representatives from Sheffield City Council. Sheffield City Council is guarantor of the bond and entered into the new Funding Agreement (31 March 2022), extended by Deed of Extension on 10 July 2023, to emphasise its commitment to the future of Sheffield City Trust. The trustees also consider that the provisions of the funding agreement provide for significant liabilities beyond 2024 and that the group remains sustainable beyond this date.

Operations Post 2024

On 17 November 2021, Sheffield City Council began a Leisure and Entertainment Facility and Services Review. The review included an intention to put out to competitive tender the management of the major sporting facilities, leisure facilities and entertainment venues currently managed by the Trust.

As part of this approved leisure strategy, Sheffield City Council decided to run the tender as three separate public procurement processes: leisure facilities including golf sites, Utilita Arena Sheffield and Sheffield City Hall. The first two processes were initiated on 28 June 2023. The third, Sheffield City Hall, is due to begin in the Autumn of 2023.

The Trust has already communicated to Sheffield City Council that it does not intend to bid to operate the facilities from the potential hand back date in 2024. The Trustees have however agreed to continue to operate the facilities beyond the expected end of the original arrangements, supported by the Deed of Extension, signed on 10 July 2023 in order to enable Sheffield City Council the time to identify and contract with a new operator(s) or determine what other arrangements might be appropriate in the medium term. Other arrangements could involve the Trust continuing to directly manage one or more of the venues.

It is expected that the outcome of the procurement processes will be known in the Autumn of 2024 and if a successful bidder(s) identified, for handover to be by 31 December 2024. It is however the view of Trustees that it is too early in the overall tender process for them to have any certainty about its outcome. Taken as a whole, the tender itself is a complex, multi-faceted process which is subject to negotiations with interested bidders and is further complicated by extremely difficult market conditions including high inflation, significant volatility in the energy market, high construction and material costs which increases repair and renewal cost and risk on large and aging public buildings and a difficult employment market. All these factors lead to a high level of uncertainty regarding the appetite of the market to bid for the three contracts and, where final bids are received, whether the cost, risk and reward profile meets Sheffield City Council's expectations. As such, there is significant uncertainty over whether the tender will result in the Trust no longer managing all of the venues.

The Trustees' intention is to deliver services in line with the charitable objects of Sheffield City Trust for the benefit of its beneficiaries and to continue to do this save to the extent that Sheffield City Council, the charity's main lessor and funding partner ceases to provide the funding required to support the relevant activity. The Trustees are considering whether the Trust might continue to deliver its charitable objects if and when another operator becomes Sheffield City Council's principal contractor for the facilities now operated by the Trust. It may be that some services delivered within communities, away from the venues, might continue through the Trust, either as principal or as agent for the Council or a new venue operator. The Trustees remain fully committed to supporting the health and wellbeing of the people of Sheffield in any way they can.

Conclusion

In light of the above, Trustees consider the Charity to be a going concern but with a material uncertainty as to the future of operations beyond December 2024. This conclusion is based upon both the intent of Trustees to continue to operate the Charity for as long as they are able to deliver its charitable objects, willing to adapt the provision to suit its circumstances, and the significant uncertainty over how the market will respond to Sheffield City Council's tender process.

As a result of the legal arrangements with Sheffield City Council, the trustees are confident that the group will have sufficient funds to continue to meet its liabilities as they fall due for at least 12 months from the date of approval of the financial statements and through to at least December 2024.

The Trustees have considered the impact on the financial statements should they not consider the Trust to be a going concern once the outcome of the tender process is known. They believe that on ceasing to operate, the business would be transferred as a going concern and as such do not therefore believe that any additional provisions for liabilities, impairment of assets or re-classification of any non-current assets or liabilities to current ones would be necessary.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

2 Accounting policies (continued)

Operating Segments

The Trustees believe that the Group comprises a single reporting segment, that being the provision of facilities to enable the public to participate in recreational activities, which promotes the health and well being of the people of Sheffield and surrounding areas.

Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the charity and its subsidiary undertakings made up to 31 March 2023. The consolidated statement of financial activities consolidates the results of the charitable activities of the group on a line by line basis.

Investments

In the charity's financial statements, investments in subsidiary undertakings are stated at cost less provision for permanent diminution in value.

Fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided to write off the cost or valuation less the estimated residual value of tangible fixed assets by equal instalments over their estimated useful economic lives as follows:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment	- 5% to 100% per annum
Leasehold buildings (other than venues)	- life of lease

No depreciation is provided on freehold or leasehold land.

Tangible fixed assets relating to the original capitalisation of the leased venues – Ponds Forge International Sports Centre, Utilita Arena Sheffield and Hillsborough Leisure Centre – are depreciated over their remaining useful economic life (until 2024) on a straight line basis to their residual value. The residual value of the tangible fixed assets reflects the value at which the assets will be realised upon the settling of the bond liabilities of the charity.

Capital grants receivable and restricted funds

In accordance with the requirements of the Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The financial reporting standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Ireland" (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) capital grants are recognised as restricted funds in the accounting period in which they are received. Depreciation charged over the period imposed by the grant agreement associated with the restricted fund, is included within restricted funds. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Revenue grants and unrestricted funds

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Revenue grants are recognised in the period in which the relevant expenditure is incurred and in line with any conditions specific to the grant. Where performance criteria are met, the grant is released.

Leases

Assets acquired under finance leases are capitalised and the outstanding future lease obligations are shown in creditors. Operating lease rentals are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Pension costs

The group operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group in an independently administered fund. The amount charged to the profit and loss account represents the contributions payable to the scheme in respect of the accounting period.

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Pension costs (continued)

In the year, the group contributed to a pension scheme operated by South Yorkshire Pension Authority providing benefits based on final pensionable pay. On 31 March 2022, the historic assets and liabilities of the South Yorkshire Pension Scheme were subsumed by the Sheffield City Council South Yorkshire Pension Scheme and the group has been discharged of its net pension liability. Further details regarding the schemes are disclosed in note 22.

Goodwill

Goodwill arising on acquisition is released over the period of use of the non-monetary assets to which it relates. Negative goodwill arising on acquisition is released to the statement of financial activities in the periods in which the fair values of non-monetary assets purchased on the same acquisition are recovered, whether through depreciation or sale.

Tax

Sheffield City Trust is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2012 and therefore meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from tax in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 Corporation Tax Act 2013 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Sheffield International Venues Limited is the trading subsidiary of the Trust. The company has a policy of making gift aid payments equivalent to at least its taxable profit subject to sufficient distributable reserves being available. Therefore, it does not expect to incur any tax charges and deferred tax accounting is not considered to be necessary.

Incoming resources from charitable activities

Incoming resources from charitable activities represents the amounts (excluding value added tax) derived from the rental of sites in Sheffield developed as recreational facilities together with other income derived from those sites, including payment by the community for use of the recreational facilities. All income from these activities arises from activities in the United Kingdom.

Interest receivable and payable

Interest receivable or payable is recognised in the statement of financial activities on an accruals basis.

Resources expended and allocation of charitable expenditure

Resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis and are classified by the trustees as expenditure on raising funds or expenditure on charitable activity, depending on the nature of the expenditure incurred. Where resources expended are apportioned this is done on the basis of the use of the resources.

Financial instruments

The company has chosen to adopt Sections 11 and 12 of FRS102 in respect of financial instruments.

Financial assets

Basic financial assets, including trade and other receivables and cash and bank balances are initially recognised at transaction price, 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.

Such assets are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Financial assets are derecognised when (a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or (b) substantially all the risks and rewards of the ownership of the asset are transferred to another party, or (c) control of the asset has been transferred to another party without imposing additional restrictions.

Financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other payables, bank loans and loans from fellow group companies, 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 receipts discounted at a market rate of interest.

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade payables are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the liability is extinguished, that is when the contractual obligation is discharged, cancelled or expires.

Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

2 Results of subsidiary organisations

During the year the charity had five wholly owned subsidiaries which are incorporated in the UK. Sheffield International Venues Limited manages sporting and recreational facilities as agent for Sheffield City Trust in respect of the community income and expenditure, and as principal in respect of ancillary commercial income and expenditure for Sheffield City Trust. 7 Hills Leisure Trust has not traded in the year and the objects of the charity in the year were to allow the orderly wind up of the charity following the cessation of trade. 7 Hills Commercial Limited is a non-trading entity. On 29 March 2023, both 7 Hills Leisure Trust and 7 Hills commercial entered into Members Voluntary Liquidation.

Phoenix Sports Limited provides full ownership and operation of the English Institute of Sport - Sheffield. The charity indirectly owns SIV Enterprises Limited, through Sheffield International Venues Limited. SIV Enterprises Limited did not trade during the year and entered into Members Voluntary Liquidation on 29 March 2023.

A summary of the trading activities of Sheffield City Trust's subsidiaries are shown below.

Sheffield International Venues Limited

	2023 £000	2022 £000
Turnover	18,818	11,762
Other operating income	846	2,325
Raw materials and consumables	(2,612)	(1,486)
Staff costs	(5,051)	(3,527)
Depreciation	(1,354)	(1,208)
Other operating charges	(9,869)	(9,299)
Operating profit/(loss)	778	(1,433)
Net interest payable	(14)	(2)
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation	764	(1,435)
Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities	-	395
Profit/(loss) retained in the subsidiary	764	(1,040)

The directors reviewed the funding arrangements for Sheffield International Venues Limited and its budgets for the coming year and believe that due to the significant increase in energy costs, it will not make a positive contribution to the financial affairs of the charity in 2023/24. The directors will keep this position under close review and take appropriate action to mitigate against future losses.

	2023 £000	2022 £000
The assets and liabilities of the subsidiary were:		
Tangible fixed assets	2,290	3,392
Current assets	13,511	8,716
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(14,343)	(10,805)
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	(694)	(1,303)
Net assets	764	-
Statement of other comprehensive income		
	2023 £000	2022 £000
Profit/(loss) for the financial period	764	(1,040)
Total comprehensive income/(expense) for the financial year	764	(1,040)

Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

3 Results of subsidiary organisations *(continued)*

7 Hills Leisure Trust

	Unrestricted funds - General 2023 £000	Total funds 2023 £000	Total funds 2022 £000
Resources expended			
Expenditure on charitable activities	-	-	(414)
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Total resources expended	-	-	(414)
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Net outgoing resources before other recognised gains and losses	-	-	(414)
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Net movements in the year	-	-	(414)
Fund balances at 1 April 2022	-	-	414
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Fund balances carried forward	-	-	-
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The directors reviewed the funding arrangements for 7 Hills Leisure Trust and its budgets and believed that it would better deliver against its charitable objects by transferring its operations into its parent charity, Sheffield City Trust. Following the transfer of all venues, the focus of the charity has been to allow the orderly wind up of the charity and on 29 March 2023 the charity entered Members Voluntary Liquidation. As part of a streamlined group structure, it will drive further efficiencies and ultimately improve the resources available to deliver the charitable objects of both charities.

	2023 £000	2022 £000
The assets and liabilities of the subsidiary were:		
Current assets	1	1
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(1)	(1)
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Net assets	-	-
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Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

2 Results of subsidiary organisations *(continued)*

Phoenix Sports Limited

	2023 £000	2022 £000
Income		
Lottery grant released	433	433
Yorkshire Forward grant released	14	14
Lifecycle fund	424	53
Grant income	71	71
Other income	92	91
	1,034	662
Expenditure		
Building Maintenance	(372)	-
Depreciation	(658)	(658)
	4	4
Operating profit	4	4
	4	4
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	4	4
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	35	-
	39	4
Profit retained in the subsidiary	39	4

The directors reviewed the funding arrangements for Phoenix Sports Limited and its budgets for the coming year and believe that it will continue to make a small positive contribution to the financial affairs of the charity.

	2023 £000	2022 £000
The assets and liabilities of the subsidiary were:		
Tangible fixed assets	16,083	16,741
Current assets	2,366	2,611
Deferred income: amounts falling due within one year	(571)	(571)
Deferred income: amounts falling due after more than one year	(17,940)	(18,882)
	(62)	(101)
Net liabilities	(62)	(101)

Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

2 Results of subsidiary organisations *(continued)*

SIV Enterprises Limited

	2023	2022
	£000	£000
Other operating income	-	65
Staff costs	-	241
Other operating charges	-	(67)
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Operating profit	-	239
Other income	-	1,502
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Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	-	1,741
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	-	-
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Profit retained in the subsidiary	-	1,741
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The company has not traded during the year and on 29 March 2023 entered into Members Voluntary Liquidation.

The net assets of the company at 31 March 2023 were £nil (2022:£nil).

Statement of other comprehensive income

	2023	2022
	£000	£000
Profit for the financial year	-	1,741
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Total comprehensive income for the financial year	-	1,741
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Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

3 Resources expended

<i>Unrestricted funds</i>	Group		Company	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	£000	£000	£000	£000
<i>Expenditure on raising funds</i>				
Ground rent	15	40	-	-
Other finance costs – including pension	-	1	-	-
Overheads including staff costs, depreciation and finance lease interest	20,403	13,182	-	-
	<u>20,418</u>	<u>13,223</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities - General</i>				
Ground rent	115	115	115	115
Interest on loans	137	92	137	92
Interest payable on bonds	1,885	2,873	1,885	2,873
Other finance costs – including pension	-	342	-	342
Overheads including staff costs, depreciation and finance lease interest	12,744	13,021	14,805	13,273
	<u>14,881</u>	<u>16,443</u>	<u>16,942</u>	<u>16,695</u>
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities - Pension</i>				
Pension scheme settlement	-	(12,957)	-	(12,957)
	<u>-</u>	<u>(12,957)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(12,957)</u>
Total unrestricted resources expended	<u><u>35,299</u></u>	<u><u>16,709</u></u>	<u><u>16,942</u></u>	<u><u>3,738</u></u>
<i>Restricted funds</i>				
<i>Expenditure on raising funds</i>				
Overheads	656	440	-	-
Depreciation	1,032	1,184	-	-
	<u>1,688</u>	<u>1,624</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i>				
Overheads	649	38	649	38
Depreciation	1,412	627	1,412	627
	<u>2,061</u>	<u>665</u>	<u>2,061</u>	<u>665</u>
Total restricted resources expended	<u><u>3,749</u></u>	<u><u>2,289</u></u>	<u><u>2,061</u></u>	<u><u>665</u></u>

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

4 Unrestricted funds

The breakdown of the unrestricted funds between designated and general funds is as follows:

Group	At 31 March 2021 £000	Income £000	Utilised £000	Movement in pension deficit £000	At 31 March 2022 year £000	Income £000	Utilised £000	Transfer between reserves £000	At 31 March 2023 year £000
Group									
Designated funds									
Direct support of other charitable activities in Sheffield	505	95	(109)	-	491	100	(214)	-	377
Health fund	7	-	(2)	-	5	-	(5)	-	-
Other designated reserves	-	78	(69)	-	9	-	-	(9)	-
General funds									
Retained (deficit)/surplus	(3,087)	28,961	(28,391)	-	(2,517)	39,202	(35,045)	-	1,640
Pension reserve	(15,935)	-	12,258	3,677	-	-	-	-	-
	(18,510)	29,134	(16,313)	3,677	(2,012)	39,302	(35,264)	(9)	2,017
Company									
Designated funds									
Direct support of other charitable activities in Sheffield	505	95	(109)	-	491	100	(214)	-	377
Health fund	7	-	(2)	-	5	-	(5)	-	-
Other designated reserves	-	78	(69)	-	9	-	-	(9)	-
General funds									
Retained (deficit)/surplus	(3,137)	16,206	(15,816)	-	(2,747)	20,177	(16,723)	-	707
Pension reserve	(15,935)	-	12,258	3,677	-	-	-	-	-
	(18,560)	16,379	(3,738)	3,677	(2,242)	20,277	(16,942)	(9)	1,084

The fund to support the other charitable activities of the charity provides grants to other groups where those groups are considered the most appropriate way of furthering the charity's objects within the specific target communities.

The health fund was established to fund children's education and nutrition programmes.

Included within unrestricted funds is grant income of £nil (2022: £100,000) received in the year in respect of the governments Coronavirus Job Retention scheme.

5 Restricted funds

Group	At 31 March 2021 £000	Incoming Resources £000	Utilised £000	At 31 March 2022 £000	Incoming Resources £000	Utilised £000	Transfer between reserves £000	At 31 March 2023 £000
Group								
iceSheffield capital grant	5,945	-	(185)	5,760	-	(185)	-	5,575
Sheffield City Hall renovation grant	3,177	-	(92)	3,085	-	(92)	-	2,993
EISS grant	18,664	-	(500)	18,164	-	(871)	-	17,293
NCSEM at Concord Sports Centre	319	-	(80)	239	-	(80)	-	159
Essential maintenance grant	1,381	3,943	(1,388)	3,936	2,124	(2,389)	-	3,671
EISS Sport hall grant	1,182	-	(39)	1,143	-	(39)	-	1,104
Other grants	20	-	(5)	15	120	(93)	9	51
	30,688	3,943	(2,289)	32,342	2,244	(3,749)	9	30,846
Company								
iceSheffield capital grant	5,945	-	(185)	5,760	-	(185)	-	5,575
Sheffield City Hall renovation grant	3,177	-	(92)	3,085	-	(92)	-	2,993
NCSEM at Concord Sports Centre	319	-	(80)	239	-	(80)	-	159
Essential maintenance grant	444	1,909	(305)	2,048	1,798	(1,612)	-	2,234
EISS Sports hall grant	45	-	(3)	42	-	(3)	-	39
Other grants	-	-	-	-	120	(89)	9	40
	9,930	1,909	(665)	11,174	1,918	(2,061)	9	11,040

Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

5 Restricted funds *(continued)*

The restricted funds of £5,575,000 in respect of iceSheffield represent funding received from Sport England to aid the charity in building the national ice centre in the Lower Don Valley. This project was completed in 2003 and the fund is being amortised as the asset is depreciated.

The restricted funds of £2,993,000 in respect of the Sheffield City Hall renovation project represent funding received from the European Single Regeneration Budget to fund the cost of professional fees during the design phase of the project, and from European Objective 1 funding to fund the building phase. The project was completed in 2005 and the fund is being amortised as the asset is depreciated.

The restricted funds of £17,293,000 in respect of EISS represents funds received from Sport England and Yorkshire Forward to aid Phoenix Sports Limited in building the EISS and a further amount received from Sport England to provide a lifecycle fund to meet the maintenance cost of the up-keep of EISS. The project to build the EISS was completed in 2003 and the funds received for that purpose are being amortised as the asset is depreciated.

The restricted funds of £159,000 relate to Olympic Legacy funding received from Public Health England on behalf of the Department of Health (DOH). The charity is part of a consortium of organisations in Sheffield that is promoting and researching the positive benefit of physical activity on health. These funds have been used to generate a positive benefit for the NHS by renovating and equipping Concord Sports Centre for use by the public for medical facilities within a building also used for physical activity. The project was completed in 2015 and the funds received for that purpose are being amortised as the asset is depreciated.

The restricted fund of £3,671,000 in respect of essential maintenance represents funds received from Sheffield City Council to aid essential maintenance work on the various properties, which are owned by Sheffield City Council and operated by the charity. The funds are being amortised either as the assets are depreciated or the cost of repairs incurred.

The restricted funds of £1,104,000 in respect of the EISS Sports Hall represents funds received from Sheffield City Council to build a sports hall at the English Institute of Sport – Sheffield for the use of a local school. Funds are being amortised as the assets are depreciated.

Included within other grants is £5,000 in respect of the Sheffield City Council East LAC fund grant to be used to deliver Saturday activities to young people, £2,000, £2,500 and £1,200 Sheffield City Council East LAC fund grants for projects that promote children and young people's health and wellbeing, £19,500 Sheffield City Council youth grant fund to deliver sessions based on the national youth work curriculum and ward pots to provide activities for young people in 5 Sheffield wards, four of £500 and one of £945.

The useful economic life of all assets mentioned within restricted funds is in line with the duration of the respective leases pertaining to the buildings for which that work was funded.

By their nature restricted funds can only be used for the purpose they were intended and not to fund general or unrestricted activity.

6 Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before taxation are stated after charging

	Group		Company	
	2023 £000	2022 £000	2023 £000	2022 £000
Auditor's remuneration - Audit of these financial statements	99	101	47	40
Depreciation of owned assets	4,511	3,575	2,294	1,505
Depreciation of assets held under finance leases	183	224	183	224
Hire of assets under operating leases - other assets	170	129	170	129
Amortisation of negative goodwill	(205)	(205)	-	-
Impairment of trade receivables	27	-	1	-
Inventory recognised as an expense	2,028	1,149	-	-
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7 Remuneration of trustees

No emoluments were paid to any of the trustees during the year (2022: *£nil*).

No expenses were reimbursed to any trustees in respect of any expenditure made on behalf of the charity (2022: *£nil*).

Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

8 Staff numbers and costs

The average number of persons employed by the group (including directors) during the year analysed by category, was as follows:

	Group		Company	
	2023 Number	2022 Number	2023 Number	2022 Number
Leisure	394	304	394	304
Operations and maintenance	159	125	159	125
Administration	131	121	131	121
Catering	281	157	281	157
	965	707	965	707
	965	707	965	707

Staff numbers and costs include all contracted and casual staff regardless of hours worked. The number of permanent full time roles increased during the year as did the number of casual employees.

The aggregate payroll cost of the employees employed by the group during the year was as follows:

	Group		Company	
	2023 £000	2022 £000	2023 £000	2022 £000
Wages and salaries	12,200	9,814	12,200	9,814
Social security costs	846	652	846	660
Other pension costs	643	(12,300)	643	(12,000)
Redundancy costs	27	12	27	1
	13,716	(1,822)	13,716	(1,525)
	13,716	(1,822)	13,716	(1,525)

Where required, companies within the group procure HR services from Sheffield City Trust as required to support the operations of the venues and a management fee is charged for these services. The staff numbers and costs of all contracted staff employed by Sheffield City Trust irrespective of which group company they provide services to are included in the company numbers above.

In the year ended 31 March 2022, the group pension costs include a pension credit of £257,000 in respect of the Derbyshire Pension Scheme and a settlement credit of £12,957,000 following the admission of all employees in the South Yorkshire pensions scheme into the Sheffield City Council scheme.

The number of employees in the group whose emoluments amounted to over £60,000 in the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
£60,001 - £70,000	-	4
£70,001 - £80,000	3	1
£80,001 - £90,000	2	-
£110,001 - £120,000	1	1
	6	6
	6	6

The group made contributions of £56,000 (2022: £58,000) to defined benefit schemes in respect of these employees.

Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

9 Tax

Analysis of charge in year

	2023 £000	Group	2022 £000
Current tax			
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	(35)		-
Total current tax charge for the year	<u>(35)</u>		<u>-</u>
Deferred tax			
Origination and reversal of timing differences	-		(396)
Total tax credit for the year	<u>(35)</u>		<u>(396)</u>

Factors affecting the tax charge for the current year

The current tax charge for the period is lower (2022: lower) than the standard rate of corporation tax in the United Kingdom, which, for the period ended 31 March 2023, was 19% (2022: 19%). The differences are explained below:

	2023 £000		2022 £000
Net incoming resources before tax	2,498		14,079
Current tax at 19% (2022: 19%)	475		2,675
Non deductible and non taxable items	(455)		(3,032)
Adjustments relating to prior periods	(35)		(396)
Losses utilised	(247)		-
Depreciation in excess of capital allowances	227		199
Tax losses	-		158
Total tax credit for the year	<u>(35)</u>		<u>(396)</u>

The release of deferred tax in the prior year relates to Sheffield International Venues Limited, Sheffield City Trust's trading subsidiary.

Sheffield International Venues Limited has historically recognised deferred tax movements however given its tax strategy of making a gift aid payment to its charitable parent, Sheffield City Trust, of any taxable profits and the level of historical tax losses, it now considers this accounting to no longer be required.

Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

10 Negative goodwill

	£000
<i>Cost</i>	
At beginning and end of year	(8,741)
<i>Impairment losses/amortisation</i>	
At beginning of year	2,168
Charge for year	205
At end of year	2,373
<i>Carrying amount</i>	
At end of year	(6,368)
At beginning of year	(6,573)

As part of the transaction to take full ownership and direct operation of the EISS, the trust acquired Phoenix Sports Limited for £1 on 31 March 2011.

Phoenix Sports Limited is the company which owns the 150 year lease relating to EISS.

At the date of the acquisition the net assets acquired had a book value of £nil, being the net book value of the English Institute of Sport – Sheffield building of £20m less the amounts provided by the English Sports Council to fund the construction of the building, £20m, shown as deferred income. In accordance with UK GAAP requirements regarding acquisition accounting, the fair value of the EISS building was determined at the date of acquisition as £29m. As this amount exceeded the deemed consideration paid, £20m, negative goodwill of £9m was recognised.

This goodwill is being amortised over 50 years in line with the useful economic life of the English Institute of Sport – Sheffield building and the historic grant funding which financed its construction.

11 Intangible assets - software Group

	Total £000
<i>Cost</i>	
At beginning of year	47
At end of year	47
<i>Amortisation</i>	
At beginning of year	21
Charge for year	9
At end of year	30
<i>Closing net book amount</i>	
At end of year	17
At beginning of year	26

Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

11 Intangible assets – software *(continued)*

Company

	Total £000
Cost	
At beginning of year	45
At end of year	45
Amortisation	
At beginning of year	19
Charge for year	9
At end of year	28
Closing net book amount	
At end of year	17
At beginning of year	26

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold land and buildings £000	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £000	Assets under construction £000	Total £000
Cost				
At beginning of year	173,740	27,079	342	201,161
Additions	-	304	1,741	2,045
Disposals	-	(57)	-	(57)
Transfers	-	1,408	(1,408)	-
At end of year	173,740	28,734	675	203,149
Depreciation				
At beginning of year	31,296	17,879	-	49,175
Charge for year	1,140	3,554	-	4,694
Disposals	-	(57)	-	(57)
At end of year	32,436	21,376	-	53,812
Net book value				
At end of year	141,304	7,358	675	149,337
At beginning of year	142,444	9,200	342	151,986

Within leasehold land and buildings there are assets with a book value of £108,000,000 (2022: £108,000,000) which are not being depreciated. The value of these assets will be realised in full upon exercise of the break clause contained within the related lease.

Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

12 Tangible fixed assets *(continued)*

Company	Leasehold land and buildings £000	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £000	Assets Under Construction £000	Total £000
Cost				
At beginning of year	141,439	10,322	319	152,080
Additions	-	279	1,766	2,045
Disposals	-	(5)	-	(5)
Transfers	-	1,155	(1,155)	-
Group Transfers	-	-	(253)	(253)
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At end of year	141,439	11,751	677	153,867
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Depreciation				
At beginning of year	20,986	5,812	-	26,798
Charge for year	449	2,028	-	2,477
Disposals	-	(5)	-	(5)
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At end of year	21,435	7,835	-	29,270
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Net book value				
At end of year	120,004	3,916	677	124,597
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At beginning of year	120,453	4,510	319	125,282
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Within leasehold land and buildings there are assets with a book value of £108,000,000 (2022: £108,000,000) which are not being depreciated. The value of these assets will be realised in full upon exercise of the break clause contained within the related lease.

The following are included in the total net book value of tangible fixed assets in respect of assets held under finance leases.

	Group	Company
	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £000	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £000
2023		
Net book value	355	355
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Depreciation	183	183
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2022		
Net book value	806	806
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Depreciation	224	224
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Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

13 Investments - Company

**Investment in
subsidiary
£000**

Net book value at beginning and end of year

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On 31 March 2015 the charity forgave, by way of a capital contribution, monies owed by its subsidiary Sheffield International Venues Limited. This capital contribution gave rise to the capitalisation of the historic inter-company debtor of £7,578,000. The investment is reviewed for impairment annually, by considering the net present value of future cash flows of Sheffield International Venues Limited over a period to March 2024. The investment was fully impaired in 2019. This is reassessed annually, and the previous impairment is still deemed appropriate.

On 1 April 2019, all staff of Sheffield International Venues Limited were transferred under the provisions of TUPE to Sheffield City Trust. At the same time, the assets and liabilities of the South Yorkshire Pension Authority scheme were also transferred and as a result of this, Sheffield City Trust took on the historic pension liability by way of a capital contribution. The investment was fully impaired in 2020. This is reassessed annually, and the previous impairment is still deemed appropriate.

The charity holds investments of £100 relating to shares held in subsidiaries.

The entities in which the charity holds beneficial interests are as follows:

	Principal activity	Country of registration	Percentage of ordinary shares held
<i>Subsidiary undertakings</i>			
Sheffield International Venues Limited	Management of sporting and entertainment facilities and provision of catering and conferencing services	England and Wales	100
7 Hills Leisure Trust	Management of sporting and recreational facilities	England and Wales	-*
7 Hills Commercial Limited	Provision of catering services	England and Wales	100**
Phoenix Sports Limited	Operation and strategic direction of English Institute of Sport- Sheffield (EISS)	England and Wales	-*
SIV Enterprises Limited	Management of sporting and recreational facilities, a catering facility and the provision of consultancy services	England and Wales	100***

Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

13 Investments - Company *(continued)*

In the opinion of the directors the investments in and amounts due from the charity's subsidiary undertakings are worth at least the amounts at which they are stated in the balance sheet.

*In respect of Phoenix Sports Limited and 7 Hills Leisure Trust, whilst their corporate structures are limited by guarantee they are treated as investments by the group on the basis of control.

**7 Hills Commercial is held indirectly by 7 Hills Leisure Trust

***SIV Enterprises is held indirectly by Sheffield International Venues Limited

On 29 March 2023, 7 Hills Leisure Trust, 7 Hills Commercial Limited and SIV Enterprises Limited entered into Members Voluntary Liquidations. The registered office for these entities is 4th Floor Fountain Precinct, Leopold Street, Sheffield, S1 2JA.

The registered office for Sheffield International Venues Limited and Phoenix Sports Limited is English Institute of Sport – Sheffield, Coleridge Road, Sheffield S9 5DA.

14 Stocks

	Group		Company	
	2023 £000	2022 £000	2023 £000	2022 £000
Goods for resale	233	216	-	-
	<u>233</u>	<u>216</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

15 Debtors

	Group		Company	
	2023 £000	2022 £000	2023 £000	2022 £000
Trade debtors	883	434	566	251
Other debtors	957	497	3	-
Prepayments and accrued income	33,326	33,390	33,155	33,125
Amounts owed by group undertakings	-	-	2,730	-
Corporation tax	-	35	-	-
	<u>35,166</u>	<u>34,356</u>	<u>36,454</u>	<u>33,376</u>

Prepayments and accrued income includes £32,490,000 (2022: £32,490,000) of grant income due from Sheffield City Council following the disposal of Don Valley Stadium and the restructuring of the finance leasing arrangements. This debtor is expected to be received at the date at which the bonds are settled in 2024 under the funding arrangements referred to in note 18.

The carrying value of trade receivables is considered a reasonable approximation of fair value.

Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

16 Cash at bank and in hand

	Group		Company	
	2023 £000	2022 £000	2023 £000	2022 £000
Cash at bank and in hand	6,013	2,968	3,000	1,474
Third party ticket monies	9,036	5,000	-	-
	<u>15,049</u>	<u>7,968</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>1,474</u>

Third party ticket monies represent amounts held on behalf of third party event promoters for tickets sold, that will be paid to the promotor when the event has taken place.

17 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Group		Company	
	2023 £000	2022 £000	2023 £000	2022 £000
Bank loans (see note 18)	200	232	200	232
Obligations under finance leases (see note 18)	199	217	199	217
Bonds	17,604	16,559	17,604	16,559
Trade creditors	1,809	1,335	1,791	1,313
Other creditors including taxation and social security	11,293	9,238	1,251	798
Accruals and deferred income	2,911	2,341	2,199	1,920
Amounts owed to group undertakings	-	-	2,145	2,460
	<u>34,016</u>	<u>29,922</u>	<u>25,389</u>	<u>23,499</u>

Included within other creditors are amounts due to third party event promoters of £9,094,000 (2022: £7,303,000).

Amounts owed to group undertakings are interest free and repayable on demand.

The carrying amount of trade and other payables approximates to their fair value.

18 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Group		Company	
	2023 £000	2022 £000	2023 £000	2022 £000
Bank loans	59	259	59	259
Other loans	3,513	3,513	3,513	3,513
Obligations under finance leases	51	97	51	97
Bonds	-	17,600	-	17,600
Sheffield City Council	122,817	106,258	122,817	106,258
	<u>126,440</u>	<u>127,727</u>	<u>126,440</u>	<u>127,727</u>

The group has four bank loans to fund the purchase of fixed assets at a rate of 4.5%, 3.87%, 3.87% and 4.9% with an outstanding balance of £120,000, £19,000, £37,000 and £83,000 respectively, at the year end.

During 2014 the charity took a five year loan of £3,500,000 from Sheffield City Council for the refurbishment of the Utilita Arena Sheffield at an interest rate, per annum, of 2.0% above the Bank of England's base rate and during 2015 the charity took a five year loan of £1,750,000 from Sheffield City Council for the refurbishment of Ponds Forge International Sports Centre at an interest rate, per annum, of 2.0% above the Bank of England's base rate. These loans were consolidated into a combined loan of £1,575,000 in January 2019 over five years at a rate of 2% above the Bank of England's base rate, with a balance at 31 March 2023 of £1,313,000.

Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

18 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year *(continued)*

In 2020, the charity received a five-year loan of £1,000,000 from Sheffield City Council to assist with cashflow at an interest rate of 2%, above the Bank of England's base rate and during 2021 the charity received a further 4 year loan of £1,200,000 from Sheffield City Council to assist with cashflow at an interest rate of 2% above the Bank of England's base rate. No capital repayments are now required on these loans from Sheffield City Council until August 2024.

Under the terms of the funding agreement between the charity and Sheffield City Council, the council makes payments bi-annually sufficient in value to enable the charity to meet its bond repayment obligations. These receipts are repayable to Sheffield City Council in 2024. We consider the fair value of the bond to be £17,608,000 which represents the amounts due to bond holders within one year to fully settle the liability excluding related issue costs. In 2022, the fair value was considered to be £38,236,000 which reflected the unit value of the bond multiplied by the last market traded value.

The maturity of the bank and other loans is due as follows:

	Group		Company	
	2023 £000	2022 £000	2023 £000	2022 £000
Within one year	200	232	200	232
In the second to fifth years	3,572	3,772	3,572	3,772
	<u>3,772</u>	<u>4,004</u>	<u>3,772</u>	<u>4,004</u>

On 1 March 2000 the company issued £140,425,000 of bonds at an issue premium of 0.719%.

The bonds attract interest payments of 6.25% paid bi-annually. The bonds are repayable at dates between 2014 and 2024. They are guaranteed by Sheffield City Council.

The bonds are stated net of unamortised issue costs of £873,000 and gross of the unamortised issue premium of £795,000.

	Group		Company	
	2023 £000	2022 £000	2023 £000	2022 £000
The maturities of the bonds are as follows:				
Within one year	17,604	16,559	17,604	16,559
In the second to fifth years	-	17,600	-	17,600
	<u>17,604</u>	<u>34,159</u>	<u>17,604</u>	<u>34,159</u>

The maturities of obligations under the leases are as follows:

	Group		Company	
	2023 £000	2022 £000	2023 £000	2022 £000
Within one year	199	217	199	217
In the second to fifth years	51	97	51	97
	<u>250</u>	<u>314</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>314</u>

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19 Provisions for liabilities

Dilapidation provision – group and company

A provision of £115,000 has been included for the cost of repair work required to one of the group's leased properties, in accordance with the terms of the lease, that is due to come to an end on 17 September 2023.

Deferred tax

	Accelerated tax depreciation £000	Other timing differences £000	2023 Total £000	2022 Total £000
At 1 April 2021	396	(847)	(451)	137
Movement in year	(259)	(314)	(573)	(588)
At 31 March 2022 & 1 April 2022	137	(1,161)	(1,024)	(451)
Movement in year	(105)	822	717	(573)
At 31 March 2023	32	(339)	(307)	(1,024)
Recognised	-	-	-	-
Unrecognised	32	(339)	(307)	(1,024)
	32	(339)	(307)	(1,024)

The deferred tax asset has not been recognised on the grounds that there is insufficient evidence that the asset will be recovered.

20 Analysis of group net assets between funds

	2023			2022		
	Unrestricted (designated and general) £000	Restricted £000	Total £000	Unrestricted (designated and general) £000	Restricted £000	Total £000
Tangible fixed assets	118,491	30,846	149,337	119,644	32,342	151,986
Intangible Assets	17	-	17	26	-	26
Net current assets	16,432	-	16,432	12,618	-	12,618
Liabilities falling due after more than one year	(126,440)	-	(126,440)	(127,727)	-	(127,727)
Provision for liabilities and charges	(115)	-	(115)	-	-	-
Negative goodwill	(6,368)	-	(6,368)	(6,573)	-	(6,573)
Net assets as at 31 March 2023	2,017	30,846	32,863	(2,012)	32,342	30,330

Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

21 Commitments

Annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	Group		Company	
	2023 £000	2022 £000	2023 £000	2022 £000
Operating leases which expire:				
Within one year	119	173	119	173
In the second to fifth years inclusive	272	326	272	326
More than five years	428	493	428	493
	<u>819</u>	<u>992</u>	<u>819</u>	<u>992</u>

At 31 March 2023, the group had commitments to purchase fixed assets amounting to £244,000. This expenditure will be funded by either the essential maintenance grant from Sheffield City Council or the EISS lifecycle fund held by Phoenix Sports Limited.

22 Pension scheme

Defined contribution pension scheme – Group

The group operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the period represents contributions payable by the group to the scheme and amounted to £360,000 (2022: £210,000).

Contributions amounting to £39,000 (2022: £35,000) were payable to the scheme and are included in creditors.

Defined benefit pension scheme - Group

The group contributed to a defined benefit pension scheme operated by South Yorkshire Pension Authority. On 31 March 2022, the historic assets and liabilities of the groups South Yorkshire Pension Scheme were subsumed into the Sheffield City Council South Yorkshire Pension scheme. The group was discharged of its net liability on this date. The net liability discharged, included in settlements in the prior year, was £12,957,000. The Trust has no liability to the plan for other entities' obligations.

The information disclosed below is in respect of the whole of the plans for which the group is either the sponsoring employer or has been allocated a share of cost under an agreed group policy throughout the periods shown.

Movements in present value of defined benefit obligation

	2023 Total £000	2022 Total £000
At beginning of year	-	64,505
Current service cost	-	791
Interest cost	-	1,365
Contributions by members	-	133
Benefits paid	-	(248)
Settlements	-	(66,546)
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At end of year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

22 Pension scheme *(continued)*

Movements in fair value of plan assets

	2023 £000	2022 £000
At beginning of year	-	48,570
Expected return on plan assets	-	1,023
Actuarial gains	-	3,677
Contributions by employer	-	434
Contributions by members	-	133
Benefits paid	-	(248)
Settlements	-	(53,589)
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At end of year	-	-
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Expense recognised in the statement of financial activities

	2023 £000	2022 £000
Current service cost	-	791
Liabilities extinguished on settlement	-	(66,546)
Assets distributed on settlement	-	53,589
Interest on defined benefit pension plan obligation	-	1,365
Expected return on defined benefit pension plan assets	-	(1,023)
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Total	-	(11,824)
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The expense is recognised in the following line items in the statement of financial activities:

	2023 £000	2022 £000
Staff costs	-	(12,166)
Other finance (income)/costs	-	342
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Total	-	(11,824)
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The total amount recognised in the statement of financial activities in respect of actuarial gains is £nil (2022: £3,677,000 gain).

Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

22 Pension scheme *(continued)*

The fair value of the plan assets and the return on those assets were as follows:

	2023 £000	2022 £000
Equities	-	-
Government debt	-	-
Corporate bonds	-	-
Property	-	-
Other	-	-
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Total	-	-
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Actual return on plan assets	-	4,700
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The expected rates of return on plan assets are determined by reference to the historical returns, without adjustment, of the portfolio as a whole and not on the sum of the returns on individual asset categories.

Principal actuarial assumptions (expressed as weighted averages) at the period end were as follows:

South Yorkshire pension scheme	2023 %	2022 %
Discount rate	-	2.7
Expected rate of return on plan assets	-	2.7
Rate of increase in salaries	-	4.2
Rate of inflation	-	3.7
Rate of increase in pensions	-	3.2

History of plans

The history of the plans for the current and prior periods is as follows:

Balance sheet

South Yorkshire pension scheme	2023 £000	2022 £000	2021 £000	2020 £000	2019 £000	2018 £000
Present value of scheme liabilities	-	-	(64,464)	(53,737)	(56,576)	(51,700)
Fair value of scheme assets	-	-	48,570	40,688	43,435	41,748
Present value of unfunded defined benefit obligations	-	-	(41)	(40)	(54)	(55)
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Deficit	-	-	(15,935)	(13,089)	(13,195)	(10,007)
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Experience adjustments

	2023 %	2022 %	2021 %	2020 %	2019 %	2018 %
Experience losses/(gains) on scheme liabilities as a percentage of scheme liabilities	-	-	14.1	(8.4)	6.1	(7.1)
Experience gains/(losses) on scheme assets as a percentage of scheme assets	-	-	14.2	(8.7)	3.0	1.5
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Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

22 Pension schemes *(continued)*

The group expects to contribute at a rate of 17.5% in respect of active members to its defined benefit plan in the next financial year, the assets and liabilities of which have been subsumed within the Sheffield City Council South Yorkshire Pension Authority scheme.

Defined contribution pension scheme - Company

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the period represents contributions payable by the charity to the scheme and amounted to £360,000 (2022: £210,000). Contributions amounting to £39,000 (2022: £35,000) were payable to the scheme and are included in creditors.

Defined benefit pension scheme - Company

The charity contributed to a defined benefit pension scheme operated by South Yorkshire Pension Authority. On 31 March 2022, the historic assets and liabilities of the groups South Yorkshire Pension Scheme were subsumed into the Sheffield City Council South Yorkshire Pension scheme. The group was discharged of its net liability on this date. The charity has no liability to the plan for other entities obligations.

The information disclosed below is in respect of the whole of the plans for which the company is either the sponsoring employer or has been allocated a share of cost under an agreed group policy throughout the periods shown.

Movements in present value of defined benefit obligation

	2023	2022
	£000	£000
At beginning of year	-	64,505
Current service cost	-	791
Interest cost	-	1,365
Contributions by members	-	133
Benefits paid	-	(248)
Settlements	-	(66,546)
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At end of year	-	-
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Movements in fair value of plan assets

	2023	2022
	£000	£000
At beginning of year	-	48,570
Expected return on plan assets	-	1,023
Actuarial gains	-	3,677
Contributions by employer	-	434
Contributions by members	-	133
Benefits paid	-	(248)
Settlements	-	(53,589)
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At end of year	-	-
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Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

22 Pension schemes *(continued)*

Expense recognised in the statement of financial activities

	2023 £000	2022 £000
Current service cost	-	791
Liabilities extinguished on settlement	-	(66,546)
Assets distributed on settlement	-	53,589
Interest on defined benefit pension plan obligation	-	1,365
Expected return on defined benefit pension plan assets	-	(1,023)
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Total	-	(11,824)
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The expense is recognised in the following line items in the statement of financial activities:

	2023 £000	2022 £000
Staff costs	-	(12,166)
Other finance income	-	342
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Total	-	(11,824)
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The total company amount recognised in the statement of financial activities in respect of actuarial gain is £nil (2022: £3,677,000 gain).

The fair value of the plan assets and the return on those assets were as follows:

	2023 Fair value £000	2022 Fair value £000
Equities	-	-
Government debt	-	-
Corporate bonds	-	-
Property	-	-
Other	-	-
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Total	-	-
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Actual return on plan assets	-	4,700
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The expected rates of return on plan assets are determined by reference to the historical returns, without adjustment, of the portfolio as a whole and not on the sum of the returns on individual asset categories.

Nature of benefits

On retirement, individuals that were members of the defined benefit pension scheme prior to April 2008 receive a cash lump sum on retirement, which they can elect to increase to a maximum of 25% of their pensionable pay and will receive the remainder of their pension in equal instalments over the remainder of their life, with 50% of their annual pension then being paid to their spouse. Members of the scheme joining after April 2008, do not automatically receive a lump sum on retirement, but can elect to receive up to 25% of their pensionable pay, and will receive the remainder of their pension in equal instalments over the remainder of their life, with 50% of their annual pension then being paid to their spouse.

Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

22 Pension schemes *(continued)*

Other entities responsibilities for governance of the plan

The LGPS is a funded, statutory, public sector pension scheme administered, managed and funded at a local level. Sheffield City Trust is an admission body for the purpose of the LGPS and the scheme in which it participates further to admission agreements entered into with the relevant Administering Authority.

The Administering Authority governs each regional LGPS with the support from the Local Pension Board and the Scheme Advisory Board. Nonetheless, it is the Administering Authority who has the primary responsibility for the management and administration of its LGPS fund.

Under relevant legislation and policy the underlying investment fund of each Administering Authority is consolidated into a larger regional fund under a single investment body. The funds administered by the South Yorkshire Pension Authority are consolidated into the Border to Coasts fund.

The Local Pension Board assists the Administering Authority to secure compliance with the LGPS regulatory framework and generally to ensure the efficient and effective governance and administration of the LGPS. The Scheme Advisory Board is a single Board existing at national level with responsibility for providing advice to the Secretary of State on the desirability of making future changes to the LGPS. The Board also provides advice to the Administering Authority and Local Pension Board in relation to administration and management of the LGPS and its funds.

In addition to the above, the Pensions Regulator is responsible for setting standards of governance and administration in public service pension schemes and has extended regulatory oversight of such schemes.

23 Directors and key management

Remuneration amounting to £489,000 (2022: £468,000) was paid to directors and other key management during the year. In addition, the charity made contributions of £56,000 (2022: £58,000) to defined benefit schemes in respect of the directors and other key management.

24 Accounting estimates and judgements

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees have had to make the following judgements:

Determine whether there are indicators of impairment of the charity's non-current assets. The investments were fully impaired in the previous years and there is no indication in the current financial year that would result in a reversal of this impairment.

Going Concern. As disclosed in note 1, the financial viability of the Trust is dependent on both continued support from the council (working capital and venue investment) and to achieving the trading assumptions in the business plan to December 2024. The operating environment presents a number of challenges which could contribute to the Trust failing to achieve its operational cash flow forecasts. The plan is monitored closely by the Trustees.

Other key sources of estimation uncertainty are:

Tangible fixed assets are depreciated over their useful lives taking into account residual values, where appropriate. The actual lives of the assets and residual values are assessed annually and may vary depending on a number of factors. In re-assessing asset lives, factors such as technological innovation, product life cycles and maintenance programmes are taken into account. Residual value assessments consider issues such as future market conditions, the remaining life of the asset and projected disposal values.

Defined benefit pension liabilities are calculated using assumptions and estimates over key metrics and drivers of change. The charity relies upon an expert third party, an actuary, to calculate the impact of these assumptions upon any pension liability. Management assesses the adequacy of assumptions used on an annual basis. Sensitivity analysis, together with assumptions used, have been included in note 22.

25 Post balance sheet events

After the year end, the charity gave notice in respect of its operation and management of Westfield Sports Centre. As such, the operation and management of this venue will pass to another operator from January 2024.