

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Under review of the Colin Neighbourhood Action Plans priorities were identified and agreed, they are:

Health

Early Intervention

Education

Physical Developments/Improvements/Major Capital Projects

Community Development: Arts/Culture

Community Safety

Environment

Youth (Inclusion)

Men

Older residents

Children & Families

It should be noted that Colin Neighbourhood Partnership and Subgroups have all signed up to and abide by the Neighbourhood Renewal Code of Practice and Guiding Principles and subsequent Subgroup Terms of Reference.

DfC support has been and remains key to the success of the Colin Neighbourhood Partnership. DfC funding has demonstrated confidence in our organisation's ability to deliver against objectives and in our governance. This has helped in securing funds from other sources to support a range of social, economic and capital projects in the Colin Area. Other funders of CNP include:

Belfast City Council

CLEAR Project

NIHE

Education Authority

Public Health Agency

S.E.H.S.C.T.

The Executive Office - Urban Villages Initiative

SEUPB

Building the Community Pharmacy Partnership

National Lottery Community Fund

Glenwood Business Centre

Ulster University

Community Foundation

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Colin Neighbourhood Partnership continues to provide an annual calendar of events for all in the community, provide training in capacity building, provide opportunities for volunteering, improve community relations, family support, provide support for local community and voluntary groups, and provide projects and activities that promote healthy eating and physical activity in our major shared space resource at Colin Allotments Site. It is also important to note that CNP very often have to react to address issues that emerge, for example the establishment of a drug and alcohol and suicide prevention task groups which brings all Statutory, Voluntary and Community organizations together to focus on the issue and address immediate and emerging need to ensure those that need support are offered it as a matter of urgency. This approach helps to address a sense of fear and panic in the local area when such occurrences take place.

All of this enables us to sustain the real sense of community spirit and pride in this area.

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership sees community renewal as an action that helps people to develop their own ability and help build resilience to address problems and their needs. We try to achieve this in many ways by offering programmes, activities and training for parents of young children, parents of adolescents, children, young people, men, women, and older residents to help improve the quality of life for all our residents.

This is an opportunity to establish strong communities and gives a voice to communities to decide the best use of assets, it strengthens the capacity of people to become active citizens and provides opportunities for community, statutory and other sectors to work in collaboration to develop social, economic, environmental, and other themes to ensure better positive outcomes.

Significant activities

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership aims to reduce social and economic inequalities which characterise this area. It does so by making a long-term commitment to communities to work in partnership with them to identify and prioritise needs and co-ordinate interventions designed to address the underlying causes of poverty. Colin Neighbourhood Partnership is an established representative body of local community interests together with appropriate Government Departments, public sector agencies, private sector interest and local elected representatives.

The partnership established in 2004 has active participation from community representatives, public sector organisations, political representatives, voluntary organisations and the private sector that have interest in the area's development. The organisation promotes a holistic approach to addressing economic and social inequality closing the gap between neighbourhood renewal areas and those that are not included in neighbourhood renewal. CNP board meets on a bi-monthly basis, holds an annual AGM and produces annual audited accounts.

Administration and other services are provided through a Partnership Manager, Finance and Office Manager, and a Development Network consisting of; Good Morning Colin Manager, Early Intervention Manager, Allotment Manager, Development Officers with specific remits i.e. Arts & Culture, Community Safety, Men, Youth, Capacity Building and Volunteering, Early Intervention Services, and a Marketing Officer.

The Partnership comprises 16 members which include representatives from local communities, voluntary organisations, elected representatives, private sector and local statutory organisations. The Partnership has a number of sub groups and task groups engaging approx. 200 individuals in task specific remits. The sub groups and task groups assist in the identification, development and where appropriate; the delivery of projects which aim to address Neighbourhood Renewal's four strategic objectives of: Community Renewal, Social Renewal, Economic Renewal and Physical Renewal. Each sub group has developed its own action plan working in partnership with all the relevant organisations: DfC, SEHSCT, E.A., CCMS, PSNI, PCSP, BCC, NIHE, TEO, DfC, CYPSPB, PHA, Urban Villages as well as all local community and voluntary organisations.

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Public benefit

In line with its stated aims and objectives, as noted above, the trustees are confident that the charity is undertaking activities which provide public benefit to those who avail of its services.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Because of the cost-of-living crisis many more people are facing the highest rates of household bills ever. Soaring energy bills, cost of food, petrol and everyday needs. We found ourselves under immense pressure to support many more families and individuals because of the current crisis. In the run-up to Christmas and the New Year period, CNP were able to provide support to over 350 families by providing Christmas gifts for children with the support of "Cash for Kids", and vouchers for gas, electricity, and food from Belfast City Council.

We also delivered through Good Morning Colin, over 170 food hampers to older residents with the help of ASDA, staff, and patients in Ward 14 at Lagan Valley Hospital who provided food hampers for those living alone. We received very kind donations from Glenwood Enterprises, Hi-Performance Training, who raised over £1200, and REAL-LIFE Gym, who donated many gifts for children, as well as toys and other items from local individual residents. Support from Urban Villages enabled us to purchase a stock of food items to continue supporting families throughout the year, referrals were received from statutory, community and voluntary agencies, as well as individuals.

Thankfully we managed to support all those that were referred.

Colin Town Centre Masterplan

Another major element of the Masterplan came to fruition on 24th November 2022 with the official opening of Páirc Nua Chollan.

The park, a £5.6million project, was more than a year behind schedule because the work commenced just before Covid, Brexit also had an impact of the development.

Children from the local primary schools joined elected representatives, government officials and community workers for the ribbon cutting ceremony which included performances by the children alongside parkour demonstrations.

Another feature of the park includes a nature-focused education zone, a cycle pump track and much more, as well as the 13 metre "Leap of Faith" sculpture at the entrance.

Good Morning Colin

It was great to get back to normality in respect of volunteers being able to return to the Call Centre at Cloona House and holding many of our events and activities that the clients very much missed during Covid lockdowns.

While the number of those needing this service increased due to Covid, the numbers requiring support didn't decrease after restrictions were lifted. We continue to provide support to around 400+ clients.

We therefore were able to hold our annual calendar of events, i.e., Valentines Ball, St. Patrick's celebrations, May Ball, many trips and outings through the summer months, celebration of World Mental Health Day and of course the major Christmas Dinner.

The service continued to support the Carers group on a weekly basis offering many activities throughout the year and a weekend at Corrymeela Retreat, Ballycastle and a June day out at the beautiful surroundings of Mary Catherines Cottage, Newry for both Carers and Clients.

Due to the cost-of-living crisis, GMC established a "Warm Space" Initiative, to support our older residents who are struggling or desperately worried about the cost of heating their homes and cooking hot meals. The Warm Space programme commenced in September 2022 through to March 2023. Each Wednesday (38 weeks) 30 - 35 older residents attended Cloona House to receive a hot meal and watch a film show. It also provided clients with an opportunity to connect with others they hadn't seen for a while and alleviate the burden of needing to heat their homes for a few hours per week.

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Men's Shed - This service grows from strength, this group of men are extremely keen to remain active by getting out about, learning new skills, becoming involved in physical activities, i.e., fishing, swimming (some learning for the first time), football, ebikes, etc. as well as taking care of their mental health and well-being by attending information and support programmes.

They are also keen to support many other communities, e.g., they used their skills to build toolboxes to be sent to carpenters in the Artisan Vocational Training Centre in Njombe a region of Tanzania, to help develop their skills. The focus of the project is to provide the necessary resources and skills for Artisans and groups to improve their income generation capacity and to meet the challenges that they face in running small enterprises.

Members of the Shed are also involved in many volunteering activities in the Colin area, they support all CNP's large community events, are involved in many community environmental projects as well as building bug hotels for use by local primary school children.

Allotments

The site became alive again during this period as many organisations that used the site before Covid were delighted to get back to using this tranquil site for many of their users. Colin Sure Start makes use of this site to hold many family events, i.e., Teddy Bears Picnics, BBQs, Fun Days and much more. Youth services also continue to use the site for healthy eating and nutritional cooking sessions, encouraging young people to learn to cook but also promoting healthy diets.

Many other groups use the site for cookery sessions, i.e., Carers Group, GMC volunteers, Victims and Survivors, Men's Shed members, CNP staff and many of the allotment holders. The site is also used by many corporate organisations, i.e., Virgin Media, O2 and others to allow their employees time to volunteer for local communities.

L'Arche - an organisation supporting people with and without learning disabilities, promotes the well-being of each member, regardless of their faith, or religious traditions. Around 230 participants from L'Arche use this site throughout the year.

Youth Inclusion - Again, it was great to get back to providing face to face services for young people with various disabilities. Re-established our Youth Inclusion evening programme for 30 young people 3 times per week at Cloona House.

A Colin Autism advice and support group was established, this is a group of around 25 parents who meet 3 times per week, 2 morning sessions and 1 evening session each week at CNP's community hub facilitated by our Youth Inclusion Worker. These parents are a lobbying group hoping to secure additional support for all parents with children suffering from Autism, AD/HD, and other worrying conditions. They also advise others of the availability of benefits and other support available. With the help of our Inclusion worker, they organize various activities throughout the year, especially day trips during summer months and mid-term breaks to provide respite for families.

Capacity Building/Volunteering

There is increasing demand for capacity building training in this area, especially after the Covid crisis. Over 200 individuals participated in various training programmes, some of which were one-off sessions and others for a period of 4 - 6 weeks.

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Training relevant to the individuals included, 6-week Sign Language, Scam Awareness, Everyday First Aid, 6 week Living with Pain, managing Arthritis etc., New expectant mums took part in Holistic Mums holistic wellbeing programme over 8 weeks, this is a great sign in that new mums are not just crying out for information about their children's development, but are also interested in their own health and wellbeing.

Other training, focused on mental health and well-being, included Mindfulness, ASIST, Mood Matters, and lots more.

Cross Community Activities.

South-West Belfast Cross Community Area Network Place Shaping Vision

The Cross Community Area Network (CCAN) Project, funded by SEUPB's Peace IV Initiative, was developed in collaboration with the Verbal, Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE) and Belfast City Council. Six CCAN areas were identified in Greater Belfast to bring together communities from interface areas through the application of a tailored programme designed to foster good relations within and between CRN and PUL communities, increase community dialogue and increase opportunities for sharing across and between neighbouring communities. Colin and Suffolk were chosen for this project. Both communities worked through this for a period of 12 months involving approx. 14 individuals. The final report, "a place shaping plan" for each area was published around July/August 2023. This provided us with a great opportunity to connect better with the Suffolk, Blacks Road communities, which resulted in residents from these areas attending a number of a large community events, as well as supporting each other's community due to the cost-of-living crisis.

Community Safety and Environmental activities.

CNP Community Safety subgroup includes participation from representatives of PSNI, Colin Safer Neighbourhoods, BCC Police & Community Safety Partnership, Housing Providers, Dunlewey, ASCERT and representatives from our Youth Strategy Project as well as other community representatives.

The Schools Road Safety Initiative campaign targeted P5s,6s, and 7s in local schools, with 480 children involved. TransLink's Community Safety Bus visited several of the schools and CNP'S Community Safety Officer was invited along to speak to the children about the importance of Road Safety, high viz vest and arm bands were provided to children who walk to and from school.

Home safety packs were given to 65 Good Morning Colin clients, packs included door alarms and window locks.

In May CNP facilitated a visit with Ideell Arena Group from Stockholm, their visit organised by CO3 Chief Officers included a presentation from CNP around the general work of the partnership. A focus was on community safety which highlighted the major improvements in our local community, i.e., reduction in crime rates, anti-social rates etc., One of PSNI's Chief Inspectors and a local Inspector attended this presentation, they highlighted the positive results and benefits of working alongside the community and the positive impact locally.

Continue to work with community representatives in the Dunmurry area to help monitor Loyal Order Parades which potentially could result in community tensions throughout the marching season. Thankfully all went off peacefully as in previous years.

Again, working with PSNI, BCC, NIHE, PCSP, Conservation Volunteers and Safer Neighbourhoods Project, we managed to ensure there were no bonfires in the Colin area during the internment commemoration dates. Work on this commenced in May keeping a close lookout for young people gathering wood etc. and making sure it is cleared asap. Thankfully for the first year there were no bonfires in the area in August 2022, a big thanks to all our partners.

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Many Environmental Projects were addressed and developed throughout this period involving Capacity Building and Community Safety Officers, but mainly a large group of volunteers, known as the Colin Wildlife Group, out and about several times per week throughout the year, in snow, ice, rain and of course occasionally sunshine.

Just to mention some of this work.

Old Colin Wood - Family Bat Night at Colin Allotments - Community Environment & Recycling Awareness Day - Graffiti Blitzes

Hundreds of volunteers freely give up their time throughout the year, involved in all the above environmental projects, also with the Youth Inclusion Project, Good Morning Colin, Community Safety Initiatives, and our large community events. A massive BIG THANK YOU TO THEM ALL.

Events Programmes.

We were delighted that we could hold our large free community events throughout the year without having social distancing rules dictating numbers etc. This resulted in a major increase in numbers attending these events, it was clear that people were crying out for such activities after being locked down for so long a period. Events included.

Creativity Month - March, Easter programme, Graffiti Blitzes, Summer festival, Camp Night at Allotments, Halloween at Cloona including spooky haunted house and the major Winter Wonderland event at Páirc Nua Chollan, where around 7,000 people attended. Also, a free family Fun Virtual Winter Wonderland experience at Colin Town square.

Crescendo

The Crescendo Project works with Colin Neighbourhood Partnership, Shankill Children's Zone, and the Centre for Evidence and Social Innovation at Queen's University to deliver musicianship and instrumental workshops to almost 900 children across four Belfast schools - Good Shepherd, Malvern, Holy Evangelists', and Wheatfield - all of which lie within areas of marked social deprivation.

The project aims to provide pupils with access to high-quality music education throughout their primary school careers.

An end of year performance in June involving all 4 primary schools along with the Ulster Orchestra included interactive music play was an opportunity for the young people to showcase their emerging musical talents to their families and the local Colin community.

Children from Holy Evangelists and Good Shepherd showcased their talents locally by performing live with the Ulster Orchestra in the Colin Town Square. It's great to see such enthusiasm in their performances and the number of the parents and grandparents who attended and loved being part of the audience.

This is an amazing opportunity for our young people. Not only are they developing their musical skills but also their well-being and self-confidence.

Colin Heritage Project

We formally launched the Colin Heritage Project in May 2022, the project developed with the support of Dr Eamon Phoenix showcasing this area of west Belfast as a microcosm of Irish History. Sadly, Dr Eamon Phoenix passed away in November 2022, this was devastating news as Eamon enriched the lives of us here in Colin by educating us about the history of our area. We miss him desperately, but we will continue to do our very best to build on the legacy that he helped us build.

Known as Colin Heritage Project, the programme includes a tourist trail that looks back on the history of the Colin area, which includes Twinbrook and Poleglass. Several visitor trails, a series of videos, website and new historical research into the rich history and associations of the area all feature.

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Street signage has been installed representing key historical figures and places, including pre-Christian settlements on the slopes of Colin Mountain, to the Norman conquest, Plantation of Ulster, Penal Times, the 1798 Rebellion, the Troubles and the rise and fall of DeLorean - all these stories are being told together for the first time.

Check out our Colin Heritage website and learn about the unique history of Colin www.colinheritage.com

Early Intervention

Continued to successfully deliver one-to-one counselling across Colin's six primary schools. Over the 2022-23 financial year we provided a total of 617 counselling sessions to children, along with 169 support sessions to their parents and 384 sessions to their teachers. Additional in-year funding from Urban Villages enabled us to increase the number of children receiving intensive counselling support from 54 to 66. Of children commencing counselling support in clinical stress, 91% were within the normal range for stress at the end of counselling; 79% showed improved prosocial behaviours; 85% had improved social skills; and 94% of parents reported that family communication had improved. Over the summer period we put the delivery contract for this service out to tender, in line with our procurement policy: once again, Barnardo's Time 4 Me service was the successful bidder.

The Speech & Language Therapy Service continued to support large numbers of P1 and P2 children across the Colin primary school sector, with the complexity of support issues continuing to increase, following school closures during the Covid lockdown period. In total, the S&L Therapist worked with 168 children over the financial year. There were 71 new referrals over this period, 66 children reached the end of their therapy and were discharged, and 102 children continued their therapy support into the final term of the school year.

This year was challenging in terms of staff capacity for the Colin Early Parenting Programme, with a vacant Early intervention Support Worker post only being filled in August, and then becoming vacant again in January 2023. Nonetheless, the programme's Health Visitor worked with 26 mothers and babies on the core support programme, while the Early intervention Support Workers carried out 261 home visits with 51 parents. This involves sessions dealing with feeding, weaning, smoke free homes, car environments, and a 6-week baby massage program for 22 parents and their child.

By the end of the 2022-23-year, persistence looked as though it might pay off in respect of our continuing Changing Lives planning process. Throughout the year, our partnership with Archways in Dublin, and Dundalk Institute of Technology, continued to meet regularly under the umbrella of All-Island Fund support, and we attended and presented at a two-day AIF conference in Dundalk in October 2022. Through an ongoing series of discussions with the Department of Health, we began to broaden our plans for a revived Changing Lives Initiative from a specifically ADHD focus to a wider notion of developing an Early Help neurodevelopmental support pathway that would also encompass ASD and other behavioural conditions. The main obstacle, in the current climate of political and economic stalemate, seemed to be the absence of a funding mechanism we could pitch for - until towards the end of the year a concept note was submitted to the 4.1 health theme of the EU Peace Plus programme. By the end of the financial year under review, because of positive feedback we received from SEUPB, we had begun detailed partnership planning discussions with a cross-border statutory consortium and were confidently looking to submit a joint funding proposal for €10m once the application window opened in autumn 2023. If successful, this proposal would envisage Colin Early Intervention being the delivery body for this initiative right across the Belfast, South-Eastern and Northern health trust areas.

Colin Town Centre Masterplan

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The Dept. for Communities and Urban Villages, through The Executive Office, is continuing to invest in and support the development of the Town Centre Masterplan, through several other projects including the new park in Colin.

The business case being carried out by the Dept. for Communities and Urban Villages for the development of the major Community Hub is ongoing, the hub will house several organisations operating under one roof.

Still lobbying to secure funding for the Colin Active Travel project.

The Dept. of Education issued a call out towards the end of 2022 for several new build schools. We submitted an application to be placed on the list but were unsuccessful this time for a new Post Primary School in this area.

Given the delay in securing support from DoH and SEHSCT to replace the current health centre, we have requested that funding should be secured to improve the exterior of the current building as well as additional street lighting, signage, landscaping etc.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The company had net incoming resources for the year of £37,397 (2022: net outgoing resources of £58,062), which reflected the increase in trading activities during the year. Unrestricted funds decreased by £2,092, while restricted funds increased by £39,489.

Principal funding sources

Department for Communities
Belfast City Council
Public Health Agency
SEHSCT
Education Authority
TEO - Urban Villages
SEUPB

Reserves policy

In line with similar organisations, it would appear prudent for Colin Neighbourhood Partnership to set aside reserves up to a level of approximately six months of unrestricted expenditure on charitable activities.

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STRATEGIC PLAN FOR COLIN NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP 2023 - 2024

CNP is a story of progress for both the neighbourhood as a whole and for the many individuals who have benefitted from the work of CNP. It is also a story that describes the collective experience of the neighbourhood, that provides a firm platform from which to launch a vision for the next ten years and action plans for the next five years.

It is a statement of intent that defines and describes how many outstanding and new challenges might need to be addressed. The successes and experiences of the last eighteen years provide us with a sound foundation for moving forward. The success of Colin over the last twenty years and most recently in dealing with the consequences of the Covid pandemic, shows that working together we can deal with even the most difficult challenges.

Constructing a Review Document for a Consultation Process Leading to a Strategic Plan for Colin Neighbourhood Partnership (CNP).

The outcomes expected can be summarised as follows:

- I. Connections/relationships between the partnership and community are strengthened.
- II. The Community has enhanced participation in planning decisions affecting them.
- III. The Partnership has Improved connections/relationships with statutory agencies and funders.
- IV. The Partnership can advocate for better planning and improved service provision for Colin.
- V. The Partnership has enhanced capacity to generate resources and ensure sustainability.
- VI. Transferable model for community consultation and planning developed and documented.

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership will continue to work in partnership alongside Dept. for Communities, Dept. of Health, Dept. of Education, and Dept. for Infrastructure, South Eastern Health Trust, C.C.M.S., B.C.C. and Urban Villages (TEO) to help deliver on the Colin Town Centre Project and the Programme for Government.

CNP and its partner organisations will continue to work collaboratively to deliver quality services across the Colin area and to work together to further develop areas of partnership to increase and improve services for all the residents of Colin.

Visit us at <http://www.newcolin.com> for further details on the activities and programmes at CNP supported through Neighbourhood Renewal and others.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Appointment of Trustees:

The Trustees of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the Management Committee. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the members of the Management Committee are elected to serve for a period from one Annual General meeting to the next.

Trustee Induction and Training:

New trustees are invited to an induction meeting to familiarise themselves with the charity and the context within which it operates. These are facilitated by Development Staff and Management Committee, they cover:

- The obligations of the Board of Trustees.
- The content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association.
- The Committee and decision making processes.
- Current financial position.
- Future plans and objectives.

Potential Trustees are encouraged to attend a series of business committee meetings as a trial period to familiarise themselves with the work before committing themselves to the role, if this is agreed as appropriate. Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate training events in-house and external, where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

Organisational structure

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership has been registered with the Charities Commission since March 2014. CNP board members consist of representatives from DfC, SEHSCT, E.A., CCMS, NIHE, Political and Community representatives as well as representatives from each of our sub groups.

CNP established an audit committee to support the Board in its responsibilities for issues of risk, control and governance by reviewing the comprehensiveness of assurances being provided in meeting the Board's assurance needs as a collective 'Accounting Officer' and also reviewing the reliability and integrity of these assurances. The Committee is an advisory body and has no executive powers.

Dept. for Communities and TEO, have allocated a "Robust" status in relation to the "Organisation's" Financial Systems and Controls Rating"

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Colin Neighbourhood Partnership for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Lynn Drake & Co Ltd, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 15 November 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



B J Moane - Trustee