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Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of the charitable company on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023

I report on the financial statements of the charitable company on pages 14 to 30 for the year ended 31 December 2023 which have been prepared in accordance with the Charities (Northern Ireland) Act 2008, as amended (the Act) and with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, (effective 1st January 2016) as modified by FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in February 2016), published by the Charity Commission in Northern Ireland (CCNI), effective January 2015 (The SORP), under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 19.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner

As described on page 10, you, the charitable company's Trustees, who are also the Directors of the Company for the purposes of Company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities (Northern Ireland) Act 2008, as amended and all other applicable law and with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice and for being satisfied that the financial statements give a true and fair view.

The Trustees consider that the audit requirement of 65(2) of The Charities (Northern Ireland) Act 2008, as amended (The Act) does not apply, and that there is no requirement in the memorandum and articles of the charity for the conducting of an audit, and that the accounts do not require an audit in accordance with Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. As a consequence, the Trustees have elected that the financial statements be subject to independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under any legal provision, or otherwise, and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:-

- a) examine the accounts under Section 65(3) of the Act;
- b) follow the procedures in the Directions to Independent Examiners made by the Charity Commission in Northern Ireland and;
- c) state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement and scope of work undertaken

I conducted my examination in accordance with the Directions to Independent Examiners made by the Charity Commission in Northern Ireland, setting out the duties of an Independent Examiner in relation to the conducting of an Independent Examination. An Independent Examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charitable company and of the accounting systems employed by the charitable company and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you, as Trustees, concerning such matters. The purpose of the examination is to establish as far as possible that there have been no breaches of charity legislation and that the financial statements comply with the SORP, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and information supplied by the Trustees in the course of the examination is not subjected to audit tests or enquiries, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements, and in particular, I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view of the affairs of the charity, and my report is limited to the matters set out in the statement below.

I planned and performed my examination so as to satisfy myself that the objectives of the Independent Examination are achieved and before finalising the report I obtained written assurances from the Trustees of all material matters.

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Independent Examiner's Statement, Report and Opinion

Subject to the limitations upon the scope of my work as detailed above, in connection with my examination, I can confirm that :-

The accounts of this charitable company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006;

This is a report in respect of an examination carried out under 65(3) of the Act and in accordance with Directions to Independent Examiners made by the Charity Commission in Northern Ireland which may be applicable;

and that no matter has come to my attention in connection with my examination which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements :-

to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 386 of the Companies Act 2006 and Section 63 of The Charities (Northern Ireland) Act 2008, as amended;

to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and The Charities (Northern Ireland) Act 2008, as amended and;

have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles set out in the FRS102 Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities (effective January 2016)

have not been met or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in my report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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This report was signed on 2 October 2024