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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: NIC100305

Trustees' Report and Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 November 2017 for Compassion City Belfast (A Company Limited by Guarantee)

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Compassion City Belfast

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for the Year Ended 30 November 2017

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Reference and Administrative Details for the Year Ended 30 November 2017

TRUSTEES	William Shaw (Director) Jean Paul Lederach (Director) Carolyn Anne Blair (Director) (resigned 28/3/2018) Francis Liddy (Director) Mary McManus (Director)
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REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER	NI621381 (Northern Ireland)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	NIC100305
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Trustees' Report
for the Year Ended 30 November 2017

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 30 November 2017. 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 2015).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Public benefit

The public benefits that flow from Compassion Belfast's charitable purposes are

(i) improved health and sense of well-being among the public;
(ii) a heightened empathy among the public with the suffering of all human beings leading to greater tolerance in society, reduced aggression, strengthened social cohesion and the elimination of injustice; (iii) fairer and more humane treatment of all people.

We will demonstrate these benefits by;

1. Belfast City Council passing a motion to adopt a Charter for Compassion for Belfast
2. The number of public conversation events about Compassion in Belfast
3. Number of participants at events
4. Feedback from participants attending events
5. Annual Report.

The beneficiaries are the general public living in Belfast. We do not foresee any harm arising out of these activities nor do we see any private benefit to the Trustees.

Trustees' Report
for the Year Ended 30 November 2017

FINANCIAL REVIEW
REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Symposium: Compassion a Universal Value

In May 2017, we collaborated with Queens University to host a symposium entitled, "Compassion a Universal Value", in the Glass House at Stormont. The keynote speaker at the event was the notable religious academic, Karen Armstrong. Karen Armstrong's prize winning TED talk gave rise to the creation of the Charter for Compassion. Other speakers included Professor John Brewer, Professor Stephen Williams of QUB and Ryushin Paul Haller former Abbot of San Francisco Zen Centre. Following the presentations there were round table discussions and Q and A on various aspects of compassion. In total 70 people attended the event.

Garden of Compassion - Poetry Picnic

We continued to meet on a monthly basis with the Crescent Community exploring ways of developing the park. These meetings included Belfast City Council representatives. In 16/17, we were successful in an application for a grant to hold a Poetry Picnic in the garden. Our aims were to educate the local community on the advantages of poetry, increase good relations with community groups, local businesses and faith based organisations, increases usage of Lower Crescent green space. Through promotion on social media, 300 people attended the event. Many families brought children to avail of the entertainment available. The work continues and the initiative continues to grow.

Mountcharles Mindfulness Group - the emotional heart of compassion

CCB Mindfulness weekly group continued to flourish and weekly discussions are encouraged at looking at ways of expressing compassion. The group takes inspiration from the work of the Charter. The group met weekly throughout the year and was attended by an average of 15 people per week. Due to the high numbers of people attending this group on a weekly basis it has been a great vehicle to promote the practise of compassion in daily life.

Links with the Global Charter for Compassion and Compassionate Cities Movement

We hosted Marilyn Turkovich, Charter for Compassion Director, on a visit to Belfast from the United States. She was in town to promote and support the work of the Charter including the Compassion City Movement. We had a fruitful meeting with Marilyn who was able to make many suggestions regarding promoting compassion and linking up with other Compassionate City Initiatives.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The company had net incoming resources for the year of £169, (2016: Nil), which reflected the completion of a number of projects during the year. Unrestricted funds increased by £40, while restricted funds also increased by £129.

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

Risk management

The principles of good governance are embedded within all aspects of Compassion City Belfasts operations with management and staff being keenly aware of the Boards responsibility of ensuring that the organisation protects itself from financial exposure and reputational damage, A close working relationship is maintained between the Board and management to ensure that operationally staff are aware of the standards required of them by the Board and the Board are always in a position to provide guidance and support to management in the discharge of their duties. This two way relationship is the key feature of Compassion City Belfast governance arrangements and is a key strength in the company.

A conscientious approach to ensuring that contractual project requirements are achieved has been maintained at all times both in the accounting period being reported on and since Compassion City Belfast establishment. Very tight financial controls on expenditure and all financial commitments are maintained at all times and project staff have been trained and have become experienced in budgetary controls.In both these areas ie Project delivery and financial controls management all staff have established close working relationships with funding organisations to ensure all mandatory standards are consistently achieved. Board representatives also actively engage with funding bodies.

The Board, management and staff are fully aware that the nature of the work in which Compassion City Belfast is involved can bring with it a high level of scrutiny to ensure that all activities are fully compliant with funding requirements and,therefore, beyond reproach.The Board of Compassion City Belfast is, therefore, greatly reassured of the company's compliance with the highest of standards of governance on the basis that all monitoring and evaluation of project delivery demonstrates achievement of all funders objectives and that funders' audits and vouching of financial expenditure and the statutory audit confirm compliance with both probity and regularity in the use of monies received.

COMMENCEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

The charity was incorporated on 12 November 2013 and was dormant up to 30 November 2016. The charity commenced to receive income and incur expenditure during the year ended 30 November 2017.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 6 September 2018 and signed on its behalf by:

Mary McManus - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Compassion City Belfast

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 30 November 2017, which are set out on pages seven to twelve.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner
As the charity's trustees (and also the directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independant examination, it is my responsibility to:

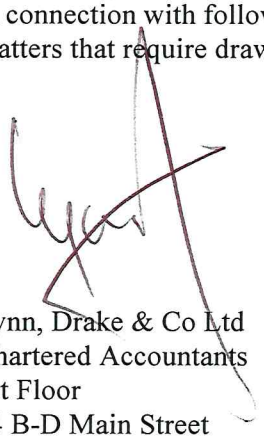
- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report
I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the 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
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement
I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



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6 September 2018

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 30 November 2017

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	30.11.17 Total funds £	30.11.16 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	40	-	40	-
Charitable activities	3				
Charitable Income		-	1,040	1,040	-
Total		40	1,040	1,080	-
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	4				
Charitable Expenditure		-	900	900	-
Governance		-	11	11	-
Total		-	911	911	-
NET INCOME		40	129	169	-
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		40	129	169	-

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Statement of Financial Position
At 30 November 2017

	Notes	30.11.17 £	30.11.16 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank		169	-
NET CURRENT ASSETS		169	-
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		169	-
NET ASSETS		169	-
FUNDS	9		
Unrestricted funds		40	-
Restricted funds		129	-
TOTAL FUNDS		169	-

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Statement of Financial Position - continued
At 30 November 2017

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30 November 2017.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30 November 2017 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

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

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

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 6 September 2018 and were signed on its behalf by:

Francis Liddy -Trustee

Mary McManus -Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 November 2017

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	30.11.17	30.11.16
	£	£
Donations	40	-

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

		30.11.17	30.11.16
	Activity	£	£
Grants	Charitable Income	1,040	-

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES - continued

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	30.11.17	30.11.16
	£	£
Belfast City Council	1,040	-

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct costs	Support costs (See note 5)	Totals
	£	£	£
Charitable Expenditure	900	-	900
Governance	-	11	11
	900	11	911

5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs
	£
Governance	11

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 November 2017 nor for the year ended 30 November 2016.

Trustees' expenses
There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 November 2017 nor for the year ended 30 November 2016.

7. STAFF COSTS

There were no employees for the year ended 30 November 2017.

8. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	30.11.17 Total funds	30.11.16 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Current assets	40	129	169	-

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/12/16 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30/11/17 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	-	40	40
Restricted funds			
Belfast City Council	-	129	129
TOTAL FUNDS	-	169	169

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	40	-	40
Restricted funds			
Belfast City Council	1,040	(911)	129
TOTAL FUNDS	1,080	(911)	169

10. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

A contingent liability exists to repay grants received should certain conditions not be fulfilled by the charity.

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 30 November 2017.

12. WINDING UP

Every member of the Company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Company, in the event of the same being wound up while it is a member, or within one year after it ceases to be a member, for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Company contracted before it ceases to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributor's among themselves, such amount as may be required not exceeding one pound.

13. SHARE CAPITAL

The Company is Limited by Guarantee and has no Share Capital

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 30 November 2017

	30.11.17 £	30.11.16 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	40	-
Charitable activities		
Grants	1,040	-
Total incoming resources	1,080	-
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Programme Costs	900	-
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Bank Charges	11	-
Total resources expended	911	-
Net income	169	-