

# LCC COMMUNITY TRUST

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

#### **Objectives and activities**

The mission and purpose of our organisation is to add value to people of all ages and backgrounds, through meeting peoples' needs in a practical and holistic way and by creating opportunities for encouragement, mentoring, personal growth and skills development.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

#### **Achievements and performance**

##### **LISBURN FOODBANK**

Lisburn Foodbank continues to run 4 mornings per week offering crisis intervention for those in food poverty and has successfully partnered with 89 agencies who refer clients in for food support.

We have seen 47 churches, 8 schools, 4 local supermarkets and countless local businesses and private donations come in to support the work. Throughout the pandemic we were able to continue support going for the Foodbank through our online giving platform which now hosts a variety of both monthly donations and one off gifts. Since February 2023 we have seen a rising uptake in demand due o the cost of living crisis.

##### **LISBURN CITY CHURCH**

Church has been going well with attendance up by 20% since 2021-22. We have an array of members from all backgrounds, nationalities and demographics.

Events have been extremely well attended, with people of all ages and demographics finding a place to belong, ask questions, volunteer, share their gifts and talents with others and find Pastoral care if needed.

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##### KICKSTART SOCIAL SUPERMARKET

Kickstart SSM has been officially open to the public since January 2018 and has now supported a total of 416 households in its first 5 years (79 in 22/23).

The project has grown massively coming out of the pandemic and is now funded through a cocktail of funders including; DfC, LCCC, NIHE & some smaller funders who contribute towards food costs. We partner with Carnbrooke meats, Evan's Farmshop and Fareshare to purchase additional food stocks to give variety to clients. The project then partners in with our More Than Food initiative to offer workshops to clients matched with them in their personal development plan. This project supports those in long term food poverty to move into a place of stability. Coming out of lockdown we had a change of staff who are now all in post and settled. This allowed us an opportunity to look at how we operate and ensure our service remains user led and we are meeting the needs of our members.

We still have a weekly membership of 60 households with the average member attending the weekly shop for 6 months. We are consistently assessing need and are flexible in our approach to support to ensure we are not signing people off who have to return for help within a few weeks. This has led to us offering the option of 'magic bags' through the To Good To Go app for members signing off or for those who only need a little support but not the full wraparound.

##### CHILDREN & YOUTH

Holiday Meals Club runs each summer creating an opportunity for kids to make friends, play games and receive a hot meal. We were able to recruit a new family worker through our Engage All Age funding with TNL. She started in time for the Summer Scheme in 2022 which had a total of 86 kids attend 6 sessions of summer scheme. We had 20 volunteers supporting this project.

In September 2022, we were able to start a mixture of additional projects for families including Tiny Tots, Afterschools & Youngins which allowed us to focus on each of those ages groups and then we had our monthly family night where we bring all ages together.

##### MORE THAN FOOD

More Than Food oversees our workshop delivery including Craft, Budgeting, Cookery, ESOL and Tiny Tots. MTF also oversees our volunteer opportunities which has seen volunteers help in a range of ways from one off collection days, regular Foodbank support, workshop delivery and hospitality. During 2022/23, we were able to get a lot of our groups back up and running. ESOL & craft were ran every Thursday and our Wellbeing projects were up and running again.

We also had a new and diverse range of volunteers supporting the various projects as many previous volunteers had to shield and many more new volunteers were on furlough. In 2022/23 we had 135 volunteers who gave 6,212 hours of work to support the organization.

##### WELLBEING @ LCCCT

Our Wellbeing work has continued to grow with 7 WRAP courses being run up to March 2023 which included our first outreach at a partner charity. On top of this we have developed a suite of wellbeing work which includes our 'Taste & Be' workshops, Assertiveness workshops and Goal Setting Class where 512 sessions of support were held.

In November 2022 we were able to bring on an additional wellbeing worker to help with the delivery & development of this work in particular to offer it to more foodbank clients.

##### NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2022-2023

- Total fed in Foodbank - 3,915 people
- Total support by SSM – 81 households / 229 people / 514 1:1 appointments
- Total children who attended HMC – 86 children
- Total Wellbeing sessions – 512
- Total workshops completed – 44 sessions and at least 164 people
- Total volunteers – 135 volunteers totalling 6,212 hours
- Total amount of food distributed by LCCT - 86,846kg

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#### Financial review

The results are set out in detail on pages 11 to 25. The charity returned net incoming resources for the year of £320,349 (2022 - £172,764) leaving unrestricted funds of £247,533 (2022 - £189,326) of which £116,712 (2022 - £83,034) has been designated by the Board at the year end and restricted funds of £565,989 (2022 - £303,847).

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

#### Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland and a registered charity for taxation purposes.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mrs M Agnew

Mr B C Agnew MBE

Mr S J Agnew

Mr R Browne

Mr R E Jennings

Ms S S O Smyth

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

#### Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees, who are also the directors of LCC Community Trust for the purpose 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).

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 charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- 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; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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

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#### **Auditor**

In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that GMcG Lisburn be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put at a General Meeting.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies' exemption.

#### **Disclosure of information to auditor**

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

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

Mrs M Agnew  
**Trustee**

20 October 2023