

MID ULSTER COMMUNITY SERVICES LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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

Structure, governance and management

Mid Ulster Community Services T/A Out & About Community Transport "Out and About" was first established in 1999 as a Company Limited by Guarantee No. NI 36635 governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association under Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 on 26th July 1999.

Directors

The directors who held office during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were as follows:

F Wood

C Brennan

S Davey

(Deceased 25 May 2023)

E Johnson

M McErlean

K McGlone

B Oliphant

H Suiter

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Objectives and activities

In ensuring that the activities of Out and About provide a public benefit, all out activities are related to one or more of the following charitable objects:

1. To provide relief to the inhabitants of Northern Ireland so that people who are disadvantaged because of age, mental or physical disability, sickness, poverty, financial hardship or rural isolation have access to affordable transport provided by the local community where there is a lack of conventional public or private transport or where such transport is unsuited to the particular needs of the above beneficiaries by:

a) providing and maintaining non-profit community transport services; and

b) assisting other community organisations engaged in looking after the needs of beneficiaries such as those listed above can also benefit by accessing the services and vehicles controlled by Mid Ulster Community Services.

Achievements and performance

During the reporting period the organisation carried out its operations under the following categories:

1. Dial a Lift (DAL)
2. Out of Area Transport
3. Group Hire
4. Training

Financial Review

The company meets its day to day running costs via a revenue grant from the Department of Infrastructure. This grant is normally made for a 12 month period and guarantees funding for that period. As a result of the ongoing political instability in Northern Ireland and lack of a functioning Assembly, the company have only received a letter of offer from the Department for funding to 31 July 2023. There has been no offer of funding from the Department regarding the rest of the next financial year. This creates a material uncertainty over the ability of the company to continue as a going concern.

The Trustees are in constant contact with the Department and have no reason to believe that funding will not be achieved. In the interim the Trustees have started a process of cost reductions to ensure that the company can continue as a going concern.

The directors will conduct annual reviews of the appropriate level of unrestricted reserves. The purpose of this reserve is to provide stability for the charity to ensure that it is able to honour existing contractual obligations, to upgrade existing capital equipment, to cover unforeseen events beyond the company's control and to enable it to continue its operations in the unlikely event of a significant fluctuation in expenditure or income. The board has an ongoing programme of capital replacement due to high maintenance and running costs.

The committee aim to build reserves to at least 3 months of annual expenditure, to meet financial commitments. This may be achieved by increasing earned income or reducing expenditure. The present level of reserves available to the charity is £271,932 and this is considered satisfactory.

Auditor

David Lyttle + Co Ltd were appointed as auditor to the company and in accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006, a resolution proposing that they be re-appointed will be put at a General Meeting.

Statement of disclosure to auditor

So far as each person who was a director at the date of approving this report is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware. Additionally, the directors individually have taken all the necessary steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of all relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

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On behalf of the board


E. Johnson
Director

27 June 2023