DUDLEY COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE DIRECTORS' AND TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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COMPANY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Directors and Trustees Mr. M.V. Abrahams (resigned

06/01/24)

(during the year ended 31 March 2024 and to date)

Mrs. S.A. Huband

Mr. J.T. Keys (resigned 19/10/23)

Mr. D.R. Liddington Mrs. A.J. Sayer Miss K.L.Fielder

Miss J.M Bradley (appointed

19/10/23)

Acting Chairman Mrs. M. E. J. Turner

Vice Chairman To be appointed

Secretary/Chief Officer Mr. A. J. Gray

Treasurer Mr. G.M. Jones

Company Number 1998105

Charity Number 517766

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Brierley Hill West Midlands DY5 3EE

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Mr. G.M. Jones Mrs. A. Khalid Mrs. M. E. J. Turner

Mrs. S. Bassett (resigned 19/10/23) Mrs. J. Coleman (resigned 19/10/23)

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees, who are also directors of the charitable company for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their annual report with the financial statements of the charitable company and group for the year ended 31 March 2024. 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 (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

The legal and administrative information set out on page 2 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities (FRS102).

Objectives and activities

The charity's object and its principal activity continues to be that of promoting any charitable purpose for the benefit of the community within the Metropolitan Borough of Dudley and, in particular, the advancement of education, the furtherance of health and the relief of poverty, distress and sickness, to promote and organise co-operation in the achievement of such purposes and, to that end, to bring together in Council representatives of the statutory and voluntary organisations engaged in the furtherance of such purposes within the area of benefit.

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

The charity's aims are to assist the voluntary sector within the Metropolitan Borough of Dudley.

Working in partnership with others continues to be a cornerstone of the company's work.

During the year the company played a major role in the following initiatives, to name but a few:

- Integrated Plus
- High Intensity User Project
- Health Watch
- Carers
- · Health and Wellbeing Board
- Health and Social Care Partnership
- Integrated Care Board
- BIG Local East Coseley
- Dudley Borough Vision Forging a Future for All Executive
- Big Lottery Fund Emergent Cultures
- Combined Partnership LLP
- Dudley Young Health Champions
- School For Climate Justice

The company maintained its representative role in the strategic engagement arena, supporting such bodies as Dudley Integrated Health and Care Partnership, Safe and Sound Partnership, Integrated Care Partnership and Children's Partnership.

Relationships with local voluntary and community organisations were maintained and strengthened through the continued facilitation of several local networks. Significant work supporting Poverty summits and networks . The charity monitors its success by use of polls and surveys. In addition, specific reports are prepared for the funders on several projects.

Supported a Community Activator to inspire people to lead more active lifestyles.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE (CONTINUED)

Further developed placed based working across the 5 townships.

Further developed and facilitated Dudley Refugee and Asylum Seeker network.

Facilitated Mental Health forum for the borough.

Supported the implementation of the Dudley placed based partnership and it's engagement with the VCS and strengthened relationships with the Integrated Care System (ICS) for the Black Country.

Facilitated work on health inequalities, including grant giving and monitoring.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The company is grateful as always for the continued support of Dudley MBC, NHS Black Country ICB and Big Lottery Fund.

The continuing restriction of public sector finances makes it important for the charity to continue its efforts to diversify income streams.

All of our restricted fund projects are, of course, reliant on continuing grant income, as are our activities relating to Integrated Plus and High Intensity User projects. Our core activities are partly grant funded topped up by other income we are able to attract and utilisation of reserves held if considered appropriate.

The company acknowledges the continuing funding from Big Lottery Fund for its East Coseley and Emergent Cultures projects together with funding from Arts Council England and Joseph Rowntree Foundation. Details of both are included in note 25.

Grants Payable

The company does not make grants from its unrestricted funds. It does, however, administer various funds on behalf of statutory partners as and when requested. Such funds are treated as restricted in the accounts and a description of their purpose is stated in note 25 to the accounts. The company will promote such funds through its networks and facilitate panels to scrutinise and assess applications. Grants are all paid to organisations within the voluntary sector and not to individuals (with the exception of Personal Health Budget and Household Support Grant allocations).

Reserves policy

The charitable group's funds at 31st March 2024 were as listed below.

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Restricted funds detailed in note 23	447,485
Designated funds detailed in note 24	290,033
General funds invested in fixed assets	58,271
General funds in current assets – free reserves	529,981
Total funds	1,325,770

The trustees have established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not designated for the next 12 months or invested in fixed assets, should be maintained at 6 months of the resources expended on core services. This level has been chosen as quarterly grants do not cover core costs and this will give an adequate buffer whilst any necessary reorganisation is implemented. On this basis the required level of free reserves at 31 March 2024 was £315,000 and the actual level of free reserves was £529,981.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Investments

Under the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the charity has the power to make any investment which the trustees see fit.

Plans for Future Periods

The charity plans to continue its activities outlined above subject to adequate funding being secured. The trustees are constantly aware of the need to support any voluntary organisation within the Borough and in so doing make full use of the company's expertise and utilisation of its financial assets to that end. DCVS remains firmly committed to its members and also to its continuing involvement in the ever-increasing strategic agenda.

Discussions are continuing in respect of possible further transfers/management of assets to further diversify potential income streams.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee and governed under its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The liability of the members is limited to a sum not exceeding £1 in the event of the company being wound up.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

All directors of the company are also trustees of the charity and there are no other trustees. All of the trustees serving during the year are listed on page 2. Elections to the Executive Committee take place at each AGM when one third retire but are eligible for re-election. The Board has power to appoint directors or trustees if it considers it necessary so to do. Potential trustees are nominated by and from within the membership.

Trustee Induction and Training

Trustees are already familiar with the work of the charity having come from within the voluntary sector. All new trustees attend an induction session facilitated by the Chairman and Chief Officer, covering the obligations of trustees, key documents relating to the operation of the charity, funding and future plans and objectives.

Trustees insurance

The charity provides third party indemnity provision for the trustees.

Organisational Structure

The charity is organised so that the 10 directors/trustees, who include 3 honorary officers, meet regularly to manage its affairs and formulate the policy of the charity and its subsidiary companies. The Chief Officer/Company Secretary manages the day to day administration of the charity assisted by their staff. CVS is grateful, also, to a number of volunteers who assist in various capacities. In addition, each Board member is assigned to either the Finance and General Purpose or Staffing Sub-Committee. These committees also meet quarterly and report to the next Board meeting.

The company holds three annual 'Away Days' for (1) trustees, (2) staff and (3) trustees and staff combined.

Statement of Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance,

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Arrangements for setting key management and personnel remuneration

The Staffing Sub-Committee is charged with setting remuneration of key management personnel, referring to published pay scales and job roles, comparisons amongst the CVS network and any other advice or guidance they feel necessary.

Risk Management

The trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to mitigate those risks. Internally, there are nominated senior staff responsible for Health and Safety compliance, qualified first aiders, regular staff meetings and a staff led I.T. sub-group. Formal policies e.g. Data Protection, Lone Working, Financial Procedures, and General Data Protection Regulation are regularly reviewed and updated, where necessary.

As explained in the financial review the continuance of certain projects depends on the availability of continuing grant income. If grants for core activities ceased there is sufficient buffer to enable the charity to continue whilst the trustees consider how to restructure.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Dudley Council for Voluntary Service 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).

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 the group and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company and group for the 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 (FRS102);
- 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and group 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 charitable company and group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the group's auditor is 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 auditor is aware of that information.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Auditors

A resolution proposing that BK Plus Audit Limited be reappointed as group auditors of the company will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

Death of the chairman

The Board regret to report the death of its chairman, Michael V. Abrahams on 6th January 2024. Mike held the post of chairman since October 2002, having served on the Board since 1989 and his presence will be greatly missed by his fellow directors.

The Board wish to formally record their appreciation and admiration of his untiring efforts over so many years through his leadership and dedication.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

By order of the Board
Mrs. M. E. J. Turner Acting Chairman

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS AND TRUSTEES OF DUDLEY COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Dudley Council for Voluntary Service (the 'parent charitable company') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Group Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating the group income and expenditure account), the Group and the Company Balance Sheet, the Group and the Company Cash Flow statement and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and parent charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024, and of the group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group and parent charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the report of the trustees, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS AND TRUSTEES OF DUDLEY COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE (CONTINUED)

Other information (continued)

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the report of the trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the report of the trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the group and parent charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the report of the trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate and sufficient accounting records have not been kept by the parent charitable company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent charitable company's financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit: or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies' regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the report of the trustees, and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 7, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS AND TRUSTEES OF DUDLEY COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE (CONTINUED)

Responsibilities of trustees (continued)

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the group's and parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the group or the parent charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed auditor under the Companies Act 2006 and section 151 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with those Acts.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The specific procedures for this engagement and the extent to which these are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud are detailed below:

- : enquiry of management as to any knowledge of actual, suspected or alleged fraud
- : enquiry of management as to any actual or potential litigation
- : enquiry of management of any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations
- : performing audit work over the risk of management override of controls
- : evaluating significant transactions outside the normal course of trade

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Auditors.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS AND TRUSTEES OF DUDLEY COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE (CONTINUED)

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members and its trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body and the charitable company's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Christopher Hession C.A (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of BK Plus Audit Limited Azzurri House Walsall Road Aldridge Walsall West Midlands WS9 0RB

Statutory Auditor

BK Plus Audit Limited is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

GROUP STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING A GROUP INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	Notes	£	£	£	£
INCOME					
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	4	37,500	-	37,500	37,500
Charitable activities	5	790,616	1,127,227	1,917,843	2,017,687
Other trading activities	6	630,097	-	630,097	568,631
Other income	7	31,090	-	31,090	43,724
Investment income	8	23,867	-	23,867	5,555
Total incoming resources		1,513,170	1,127,227	2,640,397	2,673,097
EXPENDITURE					
Charitable activities	9	946,829	1,343,840	2,290,669	2,482,394
Other trading activities	10	601,990	-	601,990	479,562
Total resources expended		1,548,819	1,343,840	2,892,659	2,961,956
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE TAXATION		(35,649)	(216,613)	(252,262)	(288,859)
Taxation	12	(2,373)	-	(2,373)	3,936
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) AFTER TAXATION		(38,022)	(216,613)	(254,635)	(284,923)
Transfers between funds	23	6,750	(6,750)	-	-
Net movement in funds		(31,272)	(223,363)	(254,635)	(284,923)
Total funds brought forward	23	909,557	670,848	1,580,405	1,865,328
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	23	878,285	447,485	1,325,770	1,580,405

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities included all gains and losses recognised during the year.

GROUP BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	16	58,271	53,000	111,271	142,925
		58,271	53,000	111,271	142,925
Cumment aggets		30,271	33,000	111,2/1	142,923
Current assets Stock	18	12,068		12,068	9,641
Debtors	18 19	822,434	71,238	893,672	
Cash at bank and in hand	19	323,368	379,225	702,593	149,261 1,606,459
Cash at bank and in hand		323,308	319,223	702,393	1,000,439
		1,157,870	450,463	1,608,333	1,765,361
Creditors: amounts falling due					
within one year	20	335,483	55,978	391,461	327,881
Net current assets		822,387	394,485	1,216,872	1,437,480
Provision for deferred taxation	21	2,373	-	2,373	-
Net assets		878,285	447,485	1,325,770	1,580,405
Funds					
Unrestricted funds:					
General	23	588,252	_	588,252	604,524
Designated	23&24	·	-	290,033	305,033
Restricted funds	23	-	447,485	447,485	670,848
	-				
		878,285	447,485	1,325,770	1,580,405

The trustees have prepared group accounts in accordance with section 398 of the Companies Act 2006 and section 138 of the Charities Act 2011. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies and constitute the annual accounts required by the Companies Act 2006 and are for circulation to members of the company.

The notes on pages 16 to 36 form part of these financial statements.

Company registration number 1998105.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 3 October 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

Mrs M.E.J. Turner G. M. Jones
Director/Trustee Director/Trustee

COMPANY BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	16	48,781	53,000	101,781	132,378
Investments	17	200	-	200	200
		48,981	53,000	101,981	132,578
Current assets					
Debtors	19	769,021	71,238	840,259	177,440
Cash at bank and in hand		138,856	379,225	518,081	1,390,575
		907,877	450,463	1,358,340	1,568,015
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	20	86,122	55,978	142,100	133,397
Net current assets		821,755	394,485	1,216,240	1,434,618
Net assets		870,736	447,485	1,318,221	1,567,196
Funds Unrestricted funds					
General	23	580,703	-	580,703	591,315
Designated	23&24		-	290,033	305,033
Restricted funds	23	-	447,485	447,485	670,848
		870,736	447,485	1,318,221	1,567,196
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Mrs M.E.J. Turner	G. M. Jones
Director/Trustee	Director/Trustee

GROUP CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 Group £	2024 Company £	2023 Group £	2023 Company
Cash flows from operating activities:	Hotes	≈	~	∞	~
Cash generated/(absorbed) from operations	1	188,943	(166,326)	371,280	289,504
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		188,943	(166,326)	371,280	289,504
Cash flows from investing activities Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(8,755)	-	(4,784)	(2,292)
Sale of tangible fixed assets Interest received		19,995 23,837	19,995 23,837	5,555	5,555
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		35,077	43,832	771	3,263
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting					
period Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the		(153,866)	(122,494)	372,051	292,767
reporting period		1,606,459	1,390,575	1,234,408	1,097,808
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	-	1,452,593	1,268,081	1,606,459	1,390,575

NOTES TO THE GROUP CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Cash generated/(absorbed) from operations

2 Out generation (and see) 12 out of out of out	2024 Group £	2024 Company £	2023 Group £	2023 Company £
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as				
per the statement of financial activities)	(226,923)	(248,975)	(308,032)	(284,407)
Adjustments for:				
Depreciation charges	20,414	10,602	19,914	12,224
Interest received	(23,837)	(23,837)	(5,555)	(5,555)
Movement in deferred tax	_	-	(3,936)	-
Decrease/ (Increase) in stocks	(2,427)	-	803	-
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	(51,432)	87,181	740,053	663,693
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors	95,262	8,703	(71,967)	(96,451)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	188,943	(166,326)	371,280	289,504

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Statutory Information

Dudley Council for Voluntary Service is a private company, limited by guarantee without share capital, registered in England and Wales.

The presentation currency of the accounts is the Pound Sterling (£), rounded to the nearest pound.

2 **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 2019), 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. The company meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. All accounting policies have been consistently applied to all years with the exception of a prior period adjustment going through which is detailed in note 29.

Group financial statements

The financial statements consolidate the results of the charity and its wholly owned subsidiaries on a line by line basis. A separate statement of financial activities and income and expenditure account for the charity has not been presented because the Charity has taken advantage of the exemption afforded by section 408 of the Companies Act 2006.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

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.

Where the terms of a grant or service level agreement state that the charity is not entitled to the income until the project commences the income received for projects which have not commenced is deferred and carried forward in creditors in a Deferred Income Account.

Individual projects receiving grants of less than £20,000 are aggregated in the Small Grants restricted fund for the purposes of these accounts but are separately recorded within the accounting records.

Donated facilities are included in the accounts at a notional figure where the trustees are able to estimate the value of the facilities received.

Other income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

Interest receivable is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Trading income is accounted for on the accruals basis.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

2. Accounting policies (continued)

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 costs 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.

Expenses are allocated to projects or core services as they are incurred.

Where expenses are incurred which relate to more than one of the charity's activities these are allocated between projects and core services on the following bases:

Staff costs Percentage of time spent on each activity

Premises costs Number of rooms occupied

Other expenses Percentage usage

Expenses allocated to projects are divided between the individual projects on the basis of the size of the project as measured by the amount of grant income.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets other than freehold land are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Buildings	4% p.a.	straight line basis
Leasehold property improvements	over the term of the lease	
Fixtures and fittings	25% and $33\frac{1}{3}\%$ p.a.	straight line basis
Office equipment	25% p.a.	straight line basis
Computer equipment	33½ % p.a.	straight line basis

Expenditure of less than £1,000 per item is not capitalised but is written off in the year in which it is incurred.

Capital grants

Specific grants in connection with capital expenditure are credited to a restricted fund if the asset purchased is subject to restrictions as to its use. A designated fixed asset fund has been created for other fixed assets funded by grants. Depreciation on fixed assets funded by grants is charged against the corresponding restricted or designated fund.

Stock

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost on a first in first out basis and net realisable value. Provision is made for damaged, obsolete and slow-moving stock where appropriate.

Investments

Investments in subsidiaries are measured at cost less impairment. Current asset investments are short term highly liquid investments and are held at fair value. These include cash on deposit and cash equivalents with a maturity of less than one year.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

Debtors and creditors receivable/payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

Financial instruments

The charity and group only have the financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualifies as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are recognised at transition value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities, but has limited exemption on its trading activities. The subsidiary companies are liable to corporation tax on their trading activities.

Deferred tax

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date.

Timing differences arise from the inclusion of income and expenses in tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in financial statements. Deferred tax is measured using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the year end and that are expected to apply to the reversal of the timing difference.

Unrelieved tax losses and other deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits.

Fund accounting

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

Designated funds are funds that the trustees have designated for a specific purpose.

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.

Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

3	Summary	financial	performance	of the	charity alone:

Summary financial performance of t		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total restated
	Note	£	£	2024 £	2023 £
INCOME		∞	∞	~	∞
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	4	37,500	_	37,500	37,500
Charitable activities	5	790,616	1,127,227	1,917,843	2,017,687
Gift aid receipts from trading subsidiaries		43,270	-	43,270	99,544
Other trading activities		64,488	-	64,488	51,706
Other income	7	251,713	-	251,713	232,860
Investment income	8	23,867	-	23,867	5,555
Total incoming resources	23	1,211,454	1,127,227	2,338,681	2,444,852
EXPENDITURE					
Charitable activities	9	946,829	1,343,840	2,290,669	2,482,394
Other trading activities		296,987	-	296,987	246,865
Total resources expended	23	1,243,816	1,343,840	2,587,656	2,729,259
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(32,362)	(216,613)	(248,975)	(284,407)
Transfers between funds		6,750	(6,750)	-	-
Net movement in funds		(25,612)	(223,363)	(248,975)	(284,407)
Total funds brought forward	23	896,348	670,848	1,567,196	1,851,603
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		870,736	447,485	1,318,221	1,567,196
Income from donations and legacies		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
		2024 £	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £
Donated facilities		37,500	-	37,500	37,500
		37,500		37,500	37,500

Donated facilities represent notional rent for the charity's offices. These are provided rent free by Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council (DMBC).

A corresponding notional rent expense is included in charitable expenditure.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

5	Income from charitable activities Group and Company	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
		2024	2024	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£
	Core Services	790,616	-	790,616	818,382
	Goods and Services	-	-	-	2,595
	Children's' Officer	-	193,200	193,200	211,440
	Small Grants	-	29,809	29,809	53,385
	Carers' Co-Coordinator	-	43,666	43,666	42,896
	East Coseley	-	109,495	109,495	242,739
	Healthwatch Dudley	-	218,360	218,360	211,880
	Emergent Cultures	-	245,231	245,231	121,360
	Covid -19	-	-	-	18
	Winter Warmth	-	60,000	60,000	100,000
	Holiday Activity	-	30,544	30,544	64,890
	Workforce Capacity	-	-	-	-
	Covid CYA 12-18	-	-	-	-
	Dudley Partnership Board Dev Supp VCS	-	125,000	125,000	8,000
	VCS Health Inequalities	-	19,835	19,835	-
	Community Connector	-	40,102	40,102	40,102
	Migrant Community Support	-	-	-	50,000
	Action on Poverty	-	-	-	50,000
	Peer to Peer Support		11,985	11,985	
		790,616	1,127,227	1,917,843	2,017,687
6	Income from other trading activities - Group	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
		2024	2024	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£
	Office rentals and room hires	166,375	-	166,375	200,451
	Catering and refreshments	329,523	-	329,523	248,961
	Sales of tickets and services	134,199	-	134.199	119,219
		630,097		630,097	568,631

Rental and room hire income is generated from the DY1 building and Brierley Hill Civic Hall, properties leased from Dudley MBC under the asset transfer regulations. All other trading income has been generated from Brierley Hill Civic Hall.

7	Other income Group	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
		2024 £	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £
	Other income	31,090	-	31,090	43,724

7	Other income Company Other income	Unrestricted funds 2024 £ 251,713	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £ 251,713	Total restated 2023 £ 232,860
	Other income includes wages and salaries re	charged to the trad	ing subsidiary.		
8	Interest receivable Company	Unrestricted funds 2024	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
	Bank and other interest	£ 23,867	-	23,867	5,555
9	Expenditure on Charitable activities	Unrestricted funds 2024	Restricted funds 2024	Total 2024	Total 2023
	Human resources Operational costs Grants paid	£ 716,028 71,290 13,331 800,649	£ 496,393 352,802 381,499 1,230,694	£ 1,212,421 424,092 394,830 2,031,343	£ 1,252,235 490,661 443,967 2,186,863
	Support costs Premises costs Professional costs General costs Depreciation Governance costs (note 11)	£ 36,492 43,276 31,085 2,695 32,632	£ 56,305 15,176 35,764 5,901 - 113,146	£ 92,797 58,452 66,849 8,596 32,632	£ 110,768 96,517 47,358 12,224 28,664
	Charitable activities	946,829	1,343,840	2,290,669	2,482,394

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

10 Expenditure on other trading activities

All unrestricted	Office rentals and room hire £	Catering and refreshments £	Sales of tickets and commission £	Total 2024 £	2023 £
Purchases	-	189,394	-	189,394	153,965
Human resources	-	218,394	-	218,394	189,136
Operational costs	5,283	-	20,865	26,148	32,706
Premises costs	62,770	-	68,232	131,002	62,902
Professional costs	1,380	-	7,487	8,867	11,123
General costs	9,161	-	9,212	18,373	22,039
Depreciation	-	-	9,812	9,812	7,691
	78,594	407,788	115,608	601,990	479,562

11	Governance costs	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
Core	Core services	2024 £	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £
	Staff costs	13,671	-	13,671	12,300
	Printing, stationery & advertising	606	-	606	624
	Accountancy and audit fees	18,355	-	18,355	15,740
		32,632	-	32,632	28,664

12	Taxation Analysis of the tax charge	2024 £	2023 £
	The tax charge on the net income for the year was as follows.	.	~
	Corporation tax	(2.272)	2.026
	Deferred tax credit /(charge)	(2,373)	3,936
		(2,373)	<u>3,936</u>

13 Trustees' remuneration and benefits

No travel expenses were reimbursed during the year (2023 - £Nil).

Mr. G.M. Jones, treasurer, received £30,072 (2023 - £31,120) for accountancy and administration services provided. This is in accordance with an agreement with the Charity Commission dated 24 April 2007. The amount owed to G.M. Jones at 31 March 2024 was £5,577 (2023 - £9,755).

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14 Employees and staff costs

				Restated
The total emoluments (including monetary and non-monetary benefits-in-kind) of employees during the year were:	2024 Group £	2024 Company £	2023 Group £	2023 Company £
Emoluments Employers' National Insurance contributions Pension contributions Healthcare	1,258,430 118,259 66,311 1,486	1,258,430 118,259 66,311 1,486	1,263,848 122,834 65,316 1,673	1,263,848 122,834 65,316 1,673
	1,444,486	1,444,486	1,453,671	1,453,671
The average number of employees during the year was:	2024 Group	2024 Company	2023 Group	2023 Company
Charitable activities	29	29	29	29
Management and administration	2	2	2	2
Trading activities	25	25	27	
	56	56	58	31
Full time equivalents				
Charitable activities	29	29	28	29
Management and administration	2	2	2	2
Trading activities	14	14	12	
,	45	45	42	31
	2024 Group £	2024 Company £	2023 Group £	2023 Company £
Total benefits received by key management personnel	172,959	172,959	162,505	118,505
Number of employees receiving benefits in excess of £60,000 Emoluments £60,000-£70,000	2024 Group 1	2024 Company	2023 Group	2023 Company
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Staff costs includes employees recharged to the trading company. The comparative has been restated to reflect the recharge.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

15	COMPARATIVES FOR THE GROUP STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	Unrestricted funds 2023	Restricted funds 2023	Total 2023
		£	£	£
	INCOME Income and endowments from:			
	Donations and legacies	37,500	-	37,500
	Charitable activities	820,977	1,196,710	2,017,687
	Other trading activities	568,631	-	568,631
	Other income	43,724	-	43,724
	Investment income	5,555	-	5,555
	Total incoming resources	1,476,387	1,196,710	2,673,097
	EXPENDITURE			
	Charitable activities	984,445	1,497,949	2,482,394
	Other trading activities	479,562	-	479,562
	Total resources expended	1,464,007	1,497,949	2,961,956
	NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE TAXATION	12,380	(301,239)	(288,859)
	Taxation	3,936	-	3,936
	NET INCOME /(EXPENDITURE) AFTER TAXATION	16,316	(301,239)	(284,923)
	Transfers between funds	110,082	(110,082)	-
	Net movement in funds	126,398	(411,321)	(284,923)
	TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD Net (outgoing)/ incoming resources for the year			
	Funds brought forward as at 1 April 2022	783,159	1,082,169	1,865,328
	Funds carried forward as at 31 March 2023	909,557	670,848	1,580,405

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16	Tangible fixed assets	Freehold land and buildings	Leasehold property improve- ments	Fixtures and fittings	Office equipment	Computer equipment	Totals
	Group	£	£	£	£	£	£
	Cost						
	At 1 April 2023	44,163	150,342	62,466	2,563	45,278	304,813
	Additions	-	-	8,755	-	-	8,755
	Disposals	(44,163)	-	-	-	-	(44,163)
	At 31 March 2024		150,342	71,221	2,263	45,278	269,405
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	Depreciation At 1 April 2023	24,168	43,628	51,919	2,563	39,608	161,889
	Charge for the year	24,106	6,162	9,811	2,303	4,440	20,414
	Disposals	(24,168)	-	-	-	-	(24,168)
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	At 31 March 2024		49,790	61,730		44,048	158,134
	Net Book Values						
	At 31 March 2024		100,552	9,491		1,230	111,271
	At 31 March 2023	19,995	106,714	10,547		5,668	142,924
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		Freehold land and buildings	Leasehold property improve-	Fixtures and fittings	Office equipment	Computer equipment	Totals
	Company	land and buildings	property improve- ments	and fittings	equipment	equipment	
	Company Cost	land and	property improve-			-	Totals
	Company Cost At 1 April 2023	land and buildings	property improve- ments	and fittings	equipment	equipment	
	Cost At 1 April 2023 Additions	land and buildings £ 44,163	property improve- ments £	and fittings ${\bf \pounds}$	equipment £	equipment £	£ 262,966
	Cost At 1 April 2023	land and buildings	property improve- ments £	and fittings ${\bf \pounds}$	equipment £	equipment £	£
	Cost At 1 April 2023 Additions	land and buildings £ 44,163	property improve- ments £	and fittings ${\bf \pounds}$	equipment £	equipment £	£ 262,966
	Cost At 1 April 2023 Additions Disposals At 31 March 2024	land and buildings £ 44,163	property improvements £	£ 20,620	£ 2,563	£ 45,278 -	£ 262,966 - (44,163)
	Cost At 1 April 2023 Additions Disposals At 31 March 2024 Depreciation	£ 44,163 (44,163)	property improvements £ 150,342	£ 20,620 - 20,620	£ 2,563 - 2,563	£ 45,278 - 45,278	£ 262,966 (44,163) 218,803
	Cost At 1 April 2023 Additions Disposals At 31 March 2024 Depreciation At 1 April 2023	land and buildings £ 44,163	property improvements £ 150,342	£ 20,620	£ 2,563	£ 45,278 - 45,278 39,608	£ 262,966 (44,163) 218,803
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	Cost At 1 April 2023 Additions Disposals At 31 March 2024 Depreciation At 1 April 2023 Charge for the year Disposals	1and and buildings £ 44,163 (44,163)	property improvements £ 150,342	### 20,620	£ 2,563 - 2,563	equipment £ 45,278 - 45,278 39,608 4,440 -	£ 262,966 (44,163) 218,803 130,589 10,602 (24,168)
	Cost At 1 April 2023 Additions Disposals At 31 March 2024 Depreciation At 1 April 2023 Charge for the year	1and and buildings £ 44,163 (44,163)	property improvements £ 150,342	£ 20,620 - 20,620	£ 2,563 - 2,563	£ 45,278 - 45,278 39,608	£ 262,966 (44,163) 218,803 130,589 10,602
	Cost At 1 April 2023 Additions Disposals At 31 March 2024 Depreciation At 1 April 2023 Charge for the year Disposals	1and and buildings £ 44,163 (44,163)	property improvements £ 150,342	### 20,620	£ 2,563 - 2,563	equipment £ 45,278 - 45,278 39,608 4,440 -	£ 262,966 (44,163) 218,803 130,589 10,602 (24,168)
	Cost At 1 April 2023 Additions Disposals At 31 March 2024 Depreciation At 1 April 2023 Charge for the year Disposals At 31 March 2024	1and and buildings £ 44,163 (44,163)	property improvements £ 150,342	### 20,620	£ 2,563 - 2,563	equipment £ 45,278 - 45,278 39,608 4,440 -	£ 262,966 (44,163) 218,803 130,589 10,602 (24,168)
	Cost At 1 April 2023 Additions Disposals At 31 March 2024 Depreciation At 1 April 2023 Charge for the year Disposals At 31 March 2024 Net Book Values	1and and buildings £ 44,163 (44,163)	property improvements £ 150,342	### 20,620	£ 2,563 - 2,563	\$\\ \frac{4}{45,278} \\ \frac{45,278}{45,278} \\ \frac{39,608}{4,440} \\ \frac{44.048}{4} \\ \frac{44.048}{4} \end{array}	£ 262,966 (44,163) 218,803 130,589 10,602 (24,168) 117,023

The land and buildings shown above includes land at an estimated original cost of £Nil (2023 - 20,000). All fixed assets held are in furtherance of the charity's objects.

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17 Fixed asset investments (Company)

Shares in group undertakings:		2024 £	2023 £
Dudley CVS Enterprises Limited Psiams Systems Limited	(Company number 09482845) (Company number 10000491)	100 100	100 100
	<u> </u>	200	200

Both of the companies are wholly owned trading subsidiary companies, incorporated in the UK (England and Wales). The registered office for both companies is 7 Albion Street, Brierley Hill, West Midlands, DY5 3EE. The activities of these companies are included in the consolidated financial statements.

A summary of the subsidiaries' trading results is set out below.

		Dudley CVS Enterprises Limited 2024 £	Dudley CVS Enterprises Limited 2023 £	Psiams Systems Limited 2024 £	Psiams Systems Limited 2023
	Total Income	565,609	516,925	_	_
	Total Expenditure	566,666	517,441	_	_
	Profit/(Loss) for the year	(1,057)	(516)	-	-
	Net assets/(liabilities)	12,252	13,309	(91,816)	(91,816)
18	Stocks	2024 Group	2024 Company	2023 Group	2023 Company
		£	£	£	£
	Bar stocks	12,068	-	9,641	-
		12,068		9,641	
19	Debtors: amounts falling due within one	2024	2024	2023	2023
	year	Group	Company	Group	Company
	Trade debtors	£ 24,829	£ 4,354	£ 22,179	£ 11,844
	Grants receivable	71,238	71,238	880	880
	Prepayments and accrued income	45,375	12,688	51,317	26,602
	Other debtors	752,230	751,979	74,885	74,634
	Amounts owed by group companies	-	-	- 1,005	63,480
		893,672	840,259	149,261	177,440
20	Creditors: amounts falling due within	2024	2024	2023	2023
	one year	Group	Company	Group	Company
		£	£	£	£
	Trade creditors	74,924	36,947	69,203	40,104
	Amounts owed to group companies	244.061	15,841	107.116	40.704
	Accruals and deferred income	244,861	42,033	197,116	40,794
	Social security and other taxes Other creditors	42,758 28,918	29,361 17,918	45,353 16,209	38,471 14,028
		391,461	142,100	327,881	133,397
		391,401	142,100	321,001	133,397

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21	Provisions for liabilities	2024 Group £	2024 Company £	2023 Group £	2023 Company £
	Deferred tax Capital allowances in excess of				
	depreciation	2,373	-	-	-
		2,373	-	-	

22 Financial commitments

Operating leases - Group and company

Total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Not later than one year	61,180	60,500
Later than one and not later than five years	242,000	243,028
Later than five years – land and buildings	900,055	960,555
	1,203,235	1,264,083

The lease payments for land and buildings, £1,202,555 (2023 - £1,263,055), will only be paid if agreed outcomes are not met.

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23	Movement in funds	Balance at 1	Net movement in	Transfers between	Balance at 31
	Group	April 2023	funds £	funds £	March 2024
	Unrestricted funds				
	General fund	604,524	(23,022)	6,750	588,252
	Designated funds (note 24)	305,033	(15,000)	-	290,033
	,	909,557	(38,022)	6,750	878,285
	Restricted funds				
	Peer to Peer Support	_	_	_	-
	Children's officer	146,267	(59,630)	-	86,637
	Carer's co-ordinator	-	(9,022)	9,022	-
	Small Grants	34,556	14,001	,	48,557
	Big Local - East Coseley	67,419	(65,000)	-	2,419
	Healthwatch Dudley	53,716	20,599	(53,716)	20,599
	Refurbishment fund	56,000	(3,000)	-	53,000
	Emergent Cultures	30,219	36,225	-	66,444
	Covid -19	-	-	-	-
	Winter Warmth	31,930	(32,550)	620	-
	Holiday Activity	9,645	1,244	(10,889)	-
	Workforce Capacity	-	-	-	-
	Covid CYA 12-18	36,668	-	-	36,668
	Dudley Partnership Board Dev Supp VCS	73,867	15,750	-	89,617
	VCS Health Inequalities	9,287	(8,000)	(1,287)	-
	Community Connector	18,373	9,136	-	27,509
	Migrant Community Support	50,000	(83,965)	50,000	16,035
	Action on Poverty	50,000	(49,500)	(500)	-
	IT Replacement	2,901	(2,901)		<u>-</u>
		670,848	(216,613)	(6,750)	447,485
	Total Funds	1,580,405	(254,635)		1,325,770

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23 Movements in funds (continued)

Net movements in funds included in the above are as follows:

Group

Group	Incoming resources	Resources expended £	Gains and losses	Movement in funds
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	1,396,967	(1,419,989)	-	(23,022)
Designated funds (note 24)	116,203	(131,203)		(15,000)
	1,513,170	(1,551,192)		(38,022)
Restricted funds				
Peer to Peer Support	11,985	(11,985)	-	-
Children's officer	193,200	(252,830)	-	(59,630)
Carer's co-ordinator	43,666	(52,688)	-	(9,022)
Small Grants	29,809	(15,808)	-	14,001
Big Local -East Coseley	109,495	(174,495)	-	(65,000)
Healthwatch Dudley	218,360	(197,761)	-	20,599
Refurbishment fund	-	(3,000)	-	(3,000)
Emergent Cultures	245,231	(209,006)	-	36,225
Covid 19	-	-	-	-
Winter Warmth	60,000	(92,550)	-	(32,550)
Holiday Activity	30,544	(29,300)	-	1,244
Workforce Capacity	-	-	-	-
Covid CYA 12-18	-	-	-	-
Dudley Partnership Board Dev Supp VCS	125,000	(109,250)	-	15,750
VCS Health Inequalities	19,835	(27,835)	-	(8,000)
Community Connector	40,102	(30,966)	-	9,136
Migrant Community Support	-	(83,965)	-	(83,965)
Action on Poverty	-	(49,500)	-	(49,500)
IT Replacement		(2,901)		(2,901)
	1,127,227	(1,343,840)		(216,613)
Total funds	2,640,397	(2,895,032)		(254,635)

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23	Movement in funds (continued)		Net	Transfers	
		Balance at 1	movement in	between	Balance at 31
	Company	April 2023	funds	funds	March 2024
		£	£	£	£
	Unrestricted funds				
	General fund	591,315	(17,362)	6,750	580,703
	Designated funds (note 24)	305,033	(15,000)	_	290,033
		896,348	(32,362)	6,750	870,736
	Restricted funds				
	Peer to Peer Support	-	-	-	-
	Children's officer	146,267	(59,630)	-	86,637
	Carer's co-ordinator	-	(9,022)	9,022	-
	Small Grants	34,556	14,001	-	48,557
	Big Local - East Coseley	67,419	(65,000)	-	2,419
	Healthwatch Dudley	53,716	20,599	(53,716)	20,599
	Refurbishment fund	56,000	(3,000)	-	53,000
	Emergent Cultures	30,219	36,225	-	66,444
	Covid - 19	-	-	-	-
	Winter Warmth	31,930	(32,550)	620	-
	Holiday Activity	9,645	1,244	(10,889)	-
	Workforce Capacity	-	-	-	-
	Covid CYA 12-18	36,668	-	-	36,668
	Dudley Partnership Board Dev Supp VCS	73,867	15,750	-	89,617
	VCS Health Inequalities	9,287	(8,000)	(1,287)	-
	Community Connector	18,373	9,136	-	27,509
	Migrant Community Support	50,000	(83,965)	50,000	16,035
	Action on Poverty	50,000	(49,500)	(500)	-
	IT Replacement	2,901	(2,901)		
		670,848	(216,613)	(6,750)	447,485
	Total funds	1,567,196	(248,975)		1,318,221

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23 Movements in funds (continued)

Net movements	in	funds	included	in	the above	are as	follows:
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Net movements in runds included in the above			a	3.5
Company	Incoming	Resources	Gains and	Movement in
	resources	expended	losses	funds
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	1,095,251	(1,112,613)	-	(17,362)
Designated funds (note 24)	116,203	(131,203)		(15,000)
	1,211,454	(1,243,816)		(32,362)
Restricted funds				
Peer to Peer Support	11,985	(11,985)	-	-
Children's officer	193,200	(252,830)	-	(59,630)
Carer's co-ordinator	43,666	(52,688)	-	(9,022)
Small Grants	29,809	(15,808)	-	14,001
Big Local - East Coseley	109,495	(174,495)	-	(65,000)
Healthwatch Dudley	218,360	(197,761)	-	20,599
Refurbishment fund	-	(3,000)	-	(3,000)
Emergent Cultures	245,231	(209,006)	-	36,225
Covid -19	-	_	-	-
Winter Warmth	60,000	(92,550)	-	(32,550)
Holiday Activity	30,544	(29,300)	-	1,244
Workforce Capacity	-	_	-	-
Covid CYA 12-18	-	_	-	-
Dudley Partnership Board Dev Supp VCS	125,000	(109,250)	-	15,750
VCS Health Inequalities	19,835	(27,835)	-	(8,000)
Community Connector	40,102	(30,966)	-	9,136
Migrant Community Support	_	(83,965)	-	(83,965)
Action on Poverty	-	(49,500)	-	(49,500)
IT Replacement	-	(2,901)	-	(2,901)
•	1,127,227	(1,343,840)	_	(216,613)
Total funds	2,338,681	(2,587,656)	-	(248,975)

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24	24 Designated funds		Designated/ (released)		
		Balance at 1 April 2023	during the year	Expenditure incurred £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
	The trustees undertake an annual review of their future plans and designate amounts out of unrestricted funds accordingly. The position at 31 March 2024 is:				
	Income				
	Staff Costs	200,000	131,203	(81,203)	250,000
	Information Technology	5,000	5,000	-	10,000
	Grants	80,033	-	(50,000)	30,033
	Capital				
	Garage	20,000	(20,000)	-	-
		305,033	116,203	(131,203)	290,033

25 Funds of the charity

Description of restricted funds

These are the specific projects that the charity has been requested to operate. Unless otherwise stated these projects are funded by specific grants from Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council (DMBC).

Children's officer

Facilitates effective networking across the voluntary sector child care agencies promoting the development of services and consulting parents and children on the Borough Children's Services Plan.

Small grants

This comprises individual grants of less than £20,000 from all sources.

Big Local – East Coseley

Supported through Big Local and administered by Local Trust for the Big Lottery Fund to promote the £1 million coming to East Coseley and gather community visions for the area from as wide a range of individuals, groups and organisations as possible. This is being done through production of an area newsletter, regular Forum meetings, community activities, engagement and outreach and a small community grants programme.

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25 Funds of the charity (continued)

Carers' Co-Ordinator

Funded by NHS Black Country ICB, this project is to promote partnership working in the acute hospital setting, linking the voluntary sector with statutory partners, to achieve recognition, assessment, intervention and support for carers.

Healthwatch Dudley

Funded by Dudley MBC, and set out under The Health And Social Care Act 2012, the aim of local Healthwatch will be to give citizens and communities a stronger voice to influence and challenge how health and social care services are provided within their locality.

Refurbishment Fund

A grant from Dudley MBC to assist in the major refurbishment work of the former Day Care Centre in Stafford Street, Dudley and the Brierley Hill Civic Hall, following asset transfers to Dudley CVS.

Emergent Cultures

Funded by Big Lottery Fund, a three year project to continue the Company's pilot of the Co-Lab Dudley project. Seeking to be a catalyst and support system for the people of Dudley to develop opportunities to collaborate with each other, making, sharing and learning together thus enabling them to be better connected and lead healthier and happier lives.

Covid-19

A grant received from Dudley MBC for costs relating to the Borough's Covid-19 pandemic response, topped up by a further grant this year to administer Covid-19 welfare grants to individuals in need.

Household Support Grants

A grant from Dudley MBC to facilitate the provision of direct assistance to support families with children, struggling with the costs of food, energy and water bills and other associated costs.

Holiday Activity

A grant from Dudley MBC to facilitate the provision of healthy food and enriching activities to disadvantaged children over the school holidays.

Workforce Capacity

A grant from Dudley MBC to VCS organisations for expenditure to alleviate the effects of the Covd-19 pandemic e.g. equipment for staff for home working, etc.

IT Replacement

A grant from the Workforce Capacity fund used for equipment for staff working at home.

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25 Funds of the charity (continued)

Covid CTYA 12-18

A grant from Dudley MBC to facilitate Covid engagement activity with children and young adults 12-18 years.

Dudley Partnership Board Development Support VCS

A grant for developmental work of the establishment and roll out of the Dudley Health and Care Partnership Board.

VCS Health Inequalities

Funding held to commission local projects related to Health Inequalities initiatives.

Community Connector

Funded from Black Country Together CIC, this project is to inspire people to lead more active lifestyles using a variety of outreach activities to engage with people in the local community.

Migrant Community Support

Funding from Dudley MBC to support the voluntary sector to enhance support for refugees, asylum seekers and migrants. Support will include safe spaces for migrants to meet, peer support and access to guidance and support and wellbeing activities.

Action on Poverty

Funding from Dudley MBC to distribute in grants for the voluntary sector to deliver mitigating poverty projects.

Unrestricted funds - income

Core services

This is the general fund of the charity mainly funded by DMBC and Dudley NHS Black Country ICB and used to provide capacity building to voluntary and charitable groups throughout the Borough. The Service Level Agreement also includes the Volunteer Bureau and Community Care projects as well as Integrated Services, being a designated fund, as part of Dudley CVS core activities.

Transfers are made from this fund to make good any shortfall in funding for the specific projects of the charity.

Unrestricted funds - designated

Staff Costs

This fund is a provision for two posts which the Board has decided to fund directly from reserves and a proposed annual designation to enable certain externally funded projects to continue.

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25 Funds of the charity (continued)

Information Technology

This fund is in respect of anticipated costs to update the company's website.

Grants

Funds from Dudley CCG with the purpose of enabling active participation and representation of the voluntary and community sector in integrated care services in Dudley borough and Development of and Support to Patient Participation Groups.

Peer to Peer

Funded by DMBC, to oversee peer to peer support in relation to the Family Hubs/Start for Life, First 1001 days and Early Years agenda. A large proportion of the budget is being distributed across the voluntary sector as a grant programme to enable the sector to deliver peer support provision.

Unrestricted funds – capital

Garage

This fund represents the garage previously purchased with a grant from DMBC.

26 Limited liability

The company is a registered charity and has been granted the power to dispense with the word "Limited" from its name.

The liability of the members is limited by guarantee to a sum not exceeding £1 in the event of the company being wound up.

27 Related Party Disclosures

The charity has two wholly owned trading subsidiaries which are incorporated in the UK (England and Wales). The activities of these companies are included in the consolidated financial statements. The charity has taken advantage of the exemptions under FRS 102 not to disclose related party transactions with its subsidiaries.

Dudley CVS Enterprises Limited (Company number 09482845) operates events, promotional activities and bar and catering at Brierley Hill Civic Hall.

Psiams Systems Limited (Company number 10000491) provides information technology services.

The registered office for both companies is 7 Albion Street, Brierley Hill, West Midlands, DY5 3EE.

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28 Post balance sheet events

Since the year end Dudley Council for Voluntary Service has received a council grant in the region of £100,000 to carry out refurbishment works on the Brierley Hill Civic Hall. These works are currently ongoing.

29 Prior year adjustment

	2023 £
Adjustments to prior year	
Other income	
Other trading activities	189,136
Net income impact	(189,136)
Analysis of the effect up on equity	
Profit and loss reserves	
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In the prior year expenditure a management charge was incorrectly offset against wages, this has been grossed up in the prior year reclassifying the management recharge of £189,136 to other income, wages and social security costs have subsequently increased by £189,136 in the prior year