

Company Registration No 1998105 (England & Wales)
Charity No 517766

**DUDLEY COUNCIL FOR
VOLUNTARY SERVICE
DIRECTORS' AND TRUSTEES' REPORT
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

DUDLEY COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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COMPANY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Directors and Trustees

(during the year ended 31
March 2025 and to date)

Mrs. S.A. Huband
Miss A.E Adams
Mr. D.R. Lidington
Mrs. A.J. Sayer
Miss K.L.Felder
Miss J.M Bradley

Mr. G.M. Jones
Mrs. A. Khalid
Mrs. M. E. J. Turner
Mrs J.H. Clarke MBE
Mrs. K. Jones (appointed 24/10/24)
Mr B.T. Cole (appointed 01/02/25)

Chairman	Mrs. M. E. J. Turner
Vice Chairman	Mrs. K. Jones
Secretary/Chief Officer	Mr. A. J. Gray
Treasurer	Mr. G.M. Jones
Company Number	1998105
Charity Number	517766
Registered Office	7 Albion Street Brierley Hill West Midlands DY5 3EE
Auditors	BK Plus Audit Limited Azzurri House Walsall Road Aldridge Walsall West Midlands WS9 0RB
Bankers	National Westminster Bank Plc Unit 55A Merry Hill Centre Brierley Hill West Midlands DY5 1SY
Solicitors	Higgs and Sons 3 Waterfront Business Park Brierley Hill West Midlands DY5 1LX

DUDLEY COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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 2025. 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
- 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 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.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE (CONTINUED)

Further developed placed based working across the 5 townships.

Facilitated Dudley Refugee and Asylum Seeker network and distributed £155k.

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.

Advocated for the sector during local authority cuts programme.

Distributed £100k Household Support Fund.

Administered Winter Mitigation payments.

Successfully attained the Local Infrastructure Quality Assurance (LIQA) mark.

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. Our core funding from Dudley MBC will be cut by 50% for 2025/26. Trustees have therefore designated from reserves for future salary costs whilst other sources are explored.

The company acknowledges the continuing funding from Big Lottery Fund for its Emergent Cultures projects together with funding from Joseph Rowntree Foundation amongst others. 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 31 March 2025 were as listed below.

	£
Restricted funds detailed in note 23	521,846
Designated funds detailed in note 24	415,000
General funds invested in fixed assets	55,982
General funds in current assets – free reserves	483,172
Total funds	1,476,000

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 re-organisation is implemented. On this basis the required level of free reserves at 31 March 2025 was £315,000 and the actual level of free reserves was £483,172.

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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 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. DCVS 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,

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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 DCVS 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.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Independent 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.

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

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Mrs. M. E. J. Turner Chairman

DUDLEY COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE

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 2025 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 2025, 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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

Andrew Williams FCCA (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.

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GROUP STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING A GROUP INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
INCOME					
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	4	37,500	-	37,500	37,500
Charitable activities	5	981,984	1,561,835	2,543,819	1,917,843
Other trading activities	6	686,797	-	686,797	630,097
Other income	7	81,465	-	81,465	31,090
Investment income	8	39,432	-	39,432	23,867
Total incoming resources		<u>1,827,178</u>	<u>1,561,835</u>	<u>3,389,013</u>	<u>2,640,397</u>
EXPENDITURE					
Charitable activities	9	1,067,558	1,465,576	2,533,134	2,290,669
Other trading activities	10	706,979	-	706,979	601,990
Total resources expended		<u>1,774,537</u>	<u>1,465,576</u>	<u>3,240,113</u>	<u>2,892,659</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE TAXATION		52,641	96,259	148,900	(252,262)
Taxation	12	1,330	-	1,330	(2,373)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) AFTER TAXATION		53,971	96,259	150,230	(254,635)
Transfers between funds	23	21,898	(21,898)	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>75,869</u>	<u>74,361</u>	<u>150,230</u>	<u>(254,635)</u>
Total funds brought forward	23	878,285	447,485	1,325,770	1,580,405
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	23	<u>954,154</u>	<u>521,846</u>	<u>1,476,000</u>	<u>1,325,770</u>

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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

The notes on pages 16 to 33 form part of these financial statements.

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GROUP BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	16	55,982	191,345	247,327	111,271
		<u>55,982</u>	<u>191,345</u>	<u>247,327</u>	<u>111,271</u>
Current assets					
Stock	18	11,265	-	11,265	12,068
Debtors	19	797,477	29,229	826,706	893,672
Cash at bank and in hand		533,751	305,967	839,718	702,593
		<u>1,342,493</u>	<u>335,196</u>	<u>1,677,689</u>	<u>1,608,333</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	20	<u>443,278</u>	<u>4,695</u>	<u>447,973</u>	<u>391,461</u>
Net current assets		899,215	330,501	1,229,716	1,216,872
Provision for deferred taxation	21	1,043	-	1,043	2,373
		<u>954,154</u>	<u>521,846</u>	<u>1,476,000</u>	<u>1,325,770</u>
Net assets					
Funds					
Unrestricted funds:					
General	23	539,154	-	539,154	588,252
Designated	23&24	415,000	-	415,000	290,033
Restricted funds	23	-	521,846	521,846	447,485
		<u>954,154</u>	<u>521,846</u>	<u>1,476,000</u>	<u>1,325,770</u>

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 33 form part of these financial statements.

Company registration number 1998105.

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

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Mrs M.E.J. Turner
Director/Trustee

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G. M. Jones
Director/Trustee

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COMPANY BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	16	52,054	191,345	243,399	101,781
Investments	17	200	-	200	200
		<u>52,254</u>	<u>191,345</u>	<u>243,599</u>	<u>101,981</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	19	1,012,662	29,229	1,041,891	840,259
Cash at bank and in hand		84,641	305,967	390,608	518,081
		<u>1,097,303</u>	<u>335,196</u>	<u>1,432,499</u>	<u>1,358,340</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	20	198,720	4,695	203,415	142,100
Net current assets		<u>898,583</u>	<u>330,501</u>	<u>1,229,084</u>	<u>1,216,240</u>
Net assets		<u>950,837</u>	<u>521,846</u>	<u>1,472,683</u>	<u>1,318,221</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted funds					
General	23	535,837	-	535,837	580,703
Designated	23&24	415,000	-	415,000	290,033
Restricted funds	23	-	521,846	521,846	447,485
		<u>950,837</u>	<u>521,846</u>	<u>1,472,683</u>	<u>1,318,221</u>

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DUDLEY COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE

GROUP CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 Group £	2025 Company £	2024 Group £	2024 Company £
Cash flows from operating activities:					
Cash generated/(absorbed) from operations	1	255,952	(5,902)	(188,943)	(166,326)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		<u>255,952</u>	<u>(5,902)</u>	<u>(188,943)</u>	<u>(166,326)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(158,259)	(158,259)	(8,755)	-
Sale of tangible fixed assets		-	-	19,995	19,995
Interest received		39,432	36,688	23,837	23,837
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		<u>(118,827)</u>	<u>(121,571)</u>	<u>35,077</u>	<u>43,832</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		137,125	(127,473)	(153,866)	(122,494)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		702,593	518,081	1,606,459	1,390,575
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u>839,718</u>	<u>390,608</u>	<u>1,452,593</u>	<u>1,268,081</u>

NOTES TO THE GROUP CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 20254

Cash generated/(absorbed) from operations

	2025 Group £	2025 Company £	2024 Group £	2024 Company £
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	150,230	154,462	(226,923)	(248,975)
Adjustments for:				
Depreciation charges	22,203	16,641	20,414	10,602
Interest received	(39,432)	(36,688)	(23,837)	(23,837)
Movement in deferred tax	(1,330)	-	-	-
Decrease/ (Increase) in stocks	803	-	(2,427)	-
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	66,966	(201,632)	(51,432)	87,181
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors	56,512	61,315	95,262	8,703
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>255,952</u>	<u>(5,902)</u>	<u>(188,943)</u>	<u>(166,326)</u>

DUDLEY COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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.

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 trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and therefore consider that it is appropriate for the financial statements to be prepared on the going concern basis.

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.

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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:

Leasehold property improvements	over the term of the lease	
Fixtures and fittings	25% and 33⅓ % p.a.	straight line basis
Office equipment	25% p.a.	straight line basis
Computer equipment	33⅓ % 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.

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3 Summary financial performance of the charity alone:

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
INCOME					
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	4	37,500	-	37,500	37,500
Charitable activities	5	981,984	1,561,835	2,543,819	1,917,843
Gift aid receipts from trading subsidiaries		42,847	-	42,847	43,270
Other trading activities		57,475	-	57,475	64,488
Other income	7	208,076	-	208,076	251,713
Investment income	8	36,688	-	36,688	23,867
Total incoming resources	23	<u>1,364,570</u>	<u>1,561,835</u>	<u>2,926,405</u>	<u>2,338,681</u>
EXPENDITURE					
Charitable activities	9	1,067,558	1,465,576	2,533,134	2,290,669
Other trading activities		238,809	-	238,809	296,987
Total resources expended	23	<u>1,306,367</u>	<u>1,465,576</u>	<u>2,771,943</u>	<u>2,587,656</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		58,203	96,259	154,462	(248,975)
Transfers between funds		21,898	(21,898)	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>80,101</u>	<u>74,361</u>	<u>154,462</u>	<u>(248,975)</u>
Total funds brought forward	23	870,736	447,485	1,318,221	1,567,196
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>950,837</u>	<u>521,846</u>	<u>1,472,683</u>	<u>1,318,221</u>

4	Income from donations and legacies	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
	Donated facilities	37,500	-	37,500	37,500
		<u>37,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,500</u>	<u>37,500</u>

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

A corresponding notional rent expense is included in charitable expenditure.

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5	Income from charitable activities Group and Company	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		funds 2025 £	funds 2025 £	2025 £	2024 £
	Core Services	1,131,984	-	1,131,984	790,616
	Goods and Services	-	-	-	-
	Children's' Officer	-	123,205	123,205	193,200
	Small Grants	-	107,110	107,110	29,809
	Carers' Co-Coordinator	-	43,928	43,928	43,666
	East Coseley	-	16,018	16,018	109,495
	Healthwatch Dudley	-	222,505	222,505	218,360
	Emergent Cultures	-	276,054	276,054	245,231
	Covid -19	-	-	-	-
	Winter Warmth	-	200,000	200,000	60,000
	Holiday Activity	-	-	-	30,544
	Refurbishment Fund	-	150,000	150,000	-
	Covid CYA 12-18	-	-	-	-
	Dudley Partnership Board Dev Supp VCS	-	-	-	125,000
	VCS Health Inequalities	-	-	-	19,835
	Community Connector	-	-	-	40,102
	Migrant Community Support	-	160,000	160,000	-
	Action on Poverty	-	-	-	-
	Peer to Peer Support	-	263,015	263,015	11,985
		<u>1,131,984</u>	<u>1,561,835</u>	<u>2,693,819</u>	<u>1,917,843</u>
6	Income from other trading activities - Group	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		funds 2025 £	funds 2025 £	2025 £	2024 £
	Office rentals and room hires	165,984	-	165,984	166,375
	Catering and refreshments	367,595	-	367,595	329,523
	Sales of tickets and services	153,218	-	153,218	134,199
		<u>686,797</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>686,797</u>	<u>630,097</u>

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.

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7	Other income Group	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
	Other income	81,465	-	81,465	31,090

	Other income Company	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
	Other income	208,076	-	208,076	251,713

Other income includes wages and salaries recharged to the trading subsidiary.

8	Interest receivable Company	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
	Bank and other interest	36,688	-	36,688	23,867

Group	Bank and other interest	39,422	-	39,422	23,867
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9	Expenditure on Charitable activities Company	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
	Human resources	786,837	416,142	1,202,979	1,212,421
	Operational costs	85,646	256,568	342,214	424,092
	Grants paid	68,914	621,450	690,364	394,830
		941,397	1,294,160	2,235,557	2,031,343

Support costs	£	£	£	£
Premises costs	63,460	19,867	83,327	92,797
Professional costs	57,779	900	58,679	58,452
General costs	50,132	53,557	103,689	66,849
Depreciation	16,641	-	16,641	8,596
Governance costs (note 11)	35,241	-	35,241	32,632
	223,253	74,324	297,577	259,326

Charitable activities	1,164,650	1,368,484	2,533,134	2,290,669
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10 Expenditure on other trading activities

All unrestricted	Office rentals and room hire £	Catering and refreshments £	Sales of tickets and commission £	Total 2025 £	2024 £
Purchases	-	208,148	-	208,148	189,394
Human resources	-	248,265	-	248,265	218,394
Operational costs	3,781	-	36,010	39,791	26,148
Premises costs	66,333	-	104,611	170,944	131,002
Professional costs	-	-	8,009	8,009	8,867
General costs	9,917	-	16,343	26,260	18,373
Depreciation	-	-	5,562	5,562	9,812
	<u>80,031</u>	<u>456,413</u>	<u>170,535</u>	<u>706,979</u>	<u>601,990</u>

11 Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Core services				
Staff costs	14,497	-	14,497	13,671
Printing, stationery & advertising	3,862	-	3,862	606
Accountancy and audit fees	16,882	-	16,882	18,355
	<u>35,241</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,241</u>	<u>32,632</u>

12 Taxation

Analysis of the tax charge

The tax charge on the net income for the year was as follows.

	2025 £	2024 £
Deferred tax credit /(charge)	<u>1,330</u>	<u>(2,373)</u>
	<u>1,330</u>	<u>(2,373)</u>

13 Trustees' remuneration and benefits

No travel expenses were reimbursed during the year (2024 - £Nil).

Mr. G.M. Jones, treasurer, received £33,396 (2024 - £30,072) 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 2025 was £7,223 (2024 - £5,577).

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14 Employees and staff costs

The total emoluments (including monetary and non-monetary benefits-in-kind) of employees during the year were:

	2025 Group £	2025 Company £	2024 Group £	2024 Company £
Emoluments	1,131,835	1,046,051	1,258,430	1,258,430
Employers' National Insurance contributions	108,061	107,988	118,259	118,259
Pension contributions	64,964	61,333	66,311	66,311
Healthcare	2,104	2,104	1,486	1,486
	<u>1,306,964</u>	<u>1,217,476</u>	<u>1,444,486</u>	<u>1,444,486</u>

The average number of employees during the year was:

	2025 Group	2025 Company	2024 Group	2024 Company
Charitable activities	29	29	29	29
Management and administration	2	2	2	2
Trading activities	<u>25</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>
	<u>56</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>56</u>

Full time equivalents

Charitable activities	29	29	29	29
Management and administration	2	2	2	2
Trading activities	<u>14</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>
	<u>45</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>45</u>

	2025 Group £	2025 Company £	2024 Group £	2024 Company £
Total benefits received by key management personnel	<u>187,528</u>	<u>187,528</u>	<u>172,959</u>	<u>172,959</u>

Number of employees receiving benefits in excess of £60,000

	2025 Group	2025 Company	2024 Group	2024 Company
Emoluments £60,000-£70,000	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

Staff costs includes employees recharged to the trading company.

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15	COMPARATIVES FOR THE GROUP STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
	INCOME			
	Income and endowments from:			
	Donations and legacies	37,500	-	37,500
	Charitable activities	790,616	1,127,227	1,917,843
	Other trading activities	630,097	-	630,097
	Other income	31,090	-	31,090
	Investment income	23,867	-	23,867
	Total incoming resources	<u>1,513,170</u>	<u>1,127,227</u>	<u>2,640,397</u>
	EXPENDITURE			
	Charitable activities	946,829	1,343,840	2,290,669
	Other trading activities	601,990	-	601,990
	Total resources expended	<u>1,548,819</u>	<u>1,343,840</u>	<u>2,892,659</u>
	NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE TAXATION	(35,649)	(216,613)	(252,262)
	Taxation	(2,373)	-	(2,373)
	NET INCOME /(EXPENDITURE) AFTER TAXATION	<u>(38,022)</u>	<u>(216,613)</u>	<u>(254,635)</u>
	Transfers between funds	6,750	(6,750)	-
	Net movement in funds	<u>(31,272)</u>	<u>(223,363)</u>	<u>(254,635)</u>
	TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD			
	Net (outgoing)/ incoming resources for the year			
	Funds brought forward as at 1 April 2023	909,557	670,848	1,580,405
	Funds carried forward as at 31 March 2024	<u>878,285</u>	<u>447,485</u>	<u>1,325,770</u>

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16	Tangible fixed assets	Leasehold property improvements	Fixtures and fittings	Office equipment	Computer equipment	Totals
Group	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cost						
At 1 April 2024	150,342	71,223	2,563	45,278	269,406	
Additions	154,761	-	-	3,498	158,259	
Disposals	-	-	-	(21,947)	(21,947)	
At 31 March 2025	<u>305,103</u>	<u>71,223</u>	<u>2,563</u>	<u>26,829</u>	<u>405,718</u>	
Depreciation						
At 1 April 2024	49,791	61,733	2,563	44,048	158,135	
Charge for the year	14,817	5,562	-	1,823	22,203	
Disposals	-	-	-	(21,947)	(21,947)	
At 31 March 2025	<u>64,608</u>	<u>67,295</u>	<u>2,563</u>	<u>23,924</u>	<u>158,391</u>	
Net Book Values						
At 31 March 2025	<u>240,495</u>	<u>3,927</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,905</u>	<u>247,327</u>	
At 31 March 2024	<u>100,551</u>	<u>9,490</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,230</u>	<u>111,271</u>	
Company	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cost						
At 1 April 2024	150,342	20,620	2,563	45,278	218,803	
Additions	154,761	-	-	3,498	158,259	
Disposals	-	-	-	(21,947)	(21,947)	
At 31 March 2025	<u>305,103</u>	<u>20,620</u>	<u>2,563</u>	<u>26,829</u>	<u>355,115</u>	
Depreciation						
At 1 April 2024	49,791	20,620	2,563	44,048	117,022	
Charge for the year	14,818	-	-	1,823	16,641	
Disposals	-	-	-	(21,947)	(21,947)	
At 31 March 2025	<u>64,609</u>	<u>20,620</u>	<u>2,563</u>	<u>23,924</u>	<u>111,716</u>	
Net Book Values						
At 31 March 2025	<u>240,494</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,905</u>	<u>243,399</u>	
At 31 March 2024	<u>100,551</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,230</u>	<u>101,781</u>	

All fixed assets held are in furtherance of the charity's objects.

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17 Fixed asset investments (Company)

		2025 £	2024 £
Shares in group undertakings:			
Dudley CVS Enterprises Limited	(Company number 09482845)	100	100
Psiams Systems Limited	(Company number 10000491)	100	100
		<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>

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 2025 £	Dudley CVS Enterprises Limited 2024 £	Psiams Systems Limited 2025 £	Psiams Systems Limited 2024 £
Total Income	664,233	565,609	-	-
Total Expenditure	<u>668,465</u>	<u>566,666</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Profit/(Loss) for the year	<u>(4,232)</u>	<u>(1,057)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net assets/(liabilities)	<u>5,647</u>	<u>9,879</u>	<u>(91,816)</u>	<u>(91,816)</u>

18	Stocks	2025 Group £	2025 Company £	2024 Group £	2024 Company £
	Bar stocks	11,265	-	12,068	-
		<u>11,265</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,068</u>	<u>-</u>

19	Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	2025 Group £	2025 Company £	2024 Group £	2024 Company £
	Trade debtors	23,660	15,169	24,829	4,354
	Grants receivable	7,463	7,463	71,238	71,238
	Prepayments and accrued income	45,332	33,042	45,375	12,688
	Other debtors	750,251	750,000	752,230	751,979
	Amounts owed by group companies	-	236,217	-	-
		<u>826,706</u>	<u>1,041,891</u>	<u>893,672</u>	<u>840,259</u>

Amounts due from the group undertakings is unsecured, interest free and payable on demand.

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20	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2025 Group £	2025 Company £	2024 Group £	2024 Company £
	Trade creditors	77,953	37,280	74,924	36,947
	Amounts owed to group companies	-	-	-	15,841
	Accruals and deferred income	297,162	109,641	244,861	42,033
	Social security and other taxes	53,107	39,124	42,758	29,361
	Other creditors	19,751	17,370	28,918	17,918
		<u>447,973</u>	<u>203,415</u>	<u>391,461</u>	<u>142,100</u>

21	Provisions for liabilities	2025 Group £	2025 Company £	2024 Group £	2024 Company £
	Deferred tax				
	Capital allowances in excess of depreciation	1,043	-	2,373	-
		<u>1,043</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,373</u>	<u>-</u>

22 Financial commitments

Operating leases – Group and company

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

	2025 £	2024 £
Not later than one year	60,500	61,180
Later than one and not later than five years	242,000	242,000
Later than five years – land and buildings	839,555	900,055
	<u>1,142,055</u>	<u>1,203,235</u>

The lease payments for land and buildings, £1,142,055 (2024 - £1,203,235), will only be paid if agreed outcomes are not met.

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23 Movement in funds

Group	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	588,252	(70,996)	21,898	539,154
Designated funds (note 24)	290,033	124,967	-	415,000
	<u>878,285</u>	<u>53,971</u>	<u>21,898</u>	<u>954,154</u>
Restricted funds				
Peer to Peer Support	-	33,576	-	33,576
Children's officer	86,637	(44,158)	-	42,479
Carer's co-ordinator	-	(10,856)	10,857	1
Small Grants	48,557	14,221	-	62,778
Big Local - East Coseley	2,419	15,274	(2,419)	15,274
Healthwatch Dudley	20,599	1,919	-	22,518
Refurbishment fund	53,000	138,345	-	191,345
Emergent Cultures	66,444	11,396	-	77,840
Winter Warmth	-	-	-	-
Covid CYA 12-18	36,668	-	-	36,668
Dudley Partnership Board Dev Supp VCS	89,617	(50,250)	-	39,367
Community Connector	27,509	(13,208)	(14,301)	-
Migrant Community Support	16,035	-	(16,035)	-
	<u>447,485</u>	<u>96,259</u>	<u>(21,898)</u>	<u>521,846</u>
Total Funds	<u>1,325,770</u>	<u>150,230</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,476,000</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	1,572,598	(1,643,594)	-	(70,996)
Designated funds (note 24)	254,580	(129,613)	-	124,967
	<u>1,827,178</u>	<u>(1,773,207)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>53,971</u>
Restricted funds				
Peer to Peer Support	263,015	(229,439)	-	33,576
Children's officer	123,205	(167,363)	-	(44,158)
Carer's co-ordinator	43,928	(54,784)	-	(10,856)
Small Grants	107,110	(92,889)	-	14,221
Big Local -East Coseley	16,018	(744)	-	15,274
Healthwatch Dudley	222,505	(220,586)	-	1,919
Refurbishment fund	150,000	(11,655)	-	138,345
Emergent Cultures	276,054	(264,658)	-	11,396
Winter Warmth	200,000	(200,000)	-	-
Covid CYA 12-18	-	-	-	-
Dudley Partnership Board Dev Supp VCS	-	(50,250)	-	(50,250)
Community Connector	-	(13,208)	-	(13,208)
Migrant Community Support	160,000	(160,000)	-	-
	<u>1,561,835</u>	<u>(1,465,576)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>96,259</u>
Total funds	<u>3,389,013</u>	<u>(3,238,783)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>150,230</u>

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23 Movement in funds

Company	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	580,703	(66,764)	21,898	535,837
Designated funds (note 24)	290,033	124,967	-	415,000
	<u>870,736</u>	<u>58,203</u>	<u>21,898</u>	<u>950,837</u>
Restricted funds				
Peer to Peer Support	-	33,576	-	33,576
Children's officer	86,637	(44,158)	-	42,479
Carer's co-ordinator	-	(10,856)	10,857	1
Small Grants	48,557	14,221	-	62,778
Big Local - East Coseley	2,419	15,274	(2,419)	15,274
Healthwatch Dudley	20,599	1,919	-	22,518
Refurbishment fund	53,000	138,345	-	191,345
Emergent Cultures	66,444	11,396	-	77,840
Winter Warmth	-	-	-	-
Covid CYA 12-18	36,668	-	-	36,668
Dudley Partnership Board Dev Supp VCS	89,617	(50,250)	-	39,367
Community Connector	27,509	(13,208)	(14,301)	-
Migrant Community Support	16,035	-	(16,035)	-
	<u>447,485</u>	<u>96,259</u>	<u>(21,898)</u>	<u>521,846</u>
Total funds	<u>1,318,221</u>	<u>154,462</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,472,683</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	1,109,990	(1,176,754)	-	(66,764)
Designated funds (note 24)	254,580	(129,613)	-	124,967
	<u>1,364,570</u>	<u>(1,306,367)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>58,203</u>
Restricted funds				
Peer to Peer Support	263,015	(229,439)	-	33,576
Children's officer	123,205	(167,363)	-	(44,158)
Carer's co-ordinator	43,928	(54,784)	-	(10,856)
Small Grants	107,110	(92,889)	-	14,221
Big Local - East Coseley	16,018	(744)	-	15,274
Healthwatch Dudley	222,505	(220,586)	-	1,919
Refurbishment fund	150,000	(11,655)	-	138,345
Emergent Cultures	276,054	(264,658)	-	11,396
Winter Warmth	200,000	(200,000)	-	-
Covid CYA 12-18	-	-	-	-
Dudley Partnership Board Dev Supp VCS	-	(50,250)	-	(50,250)
Community Connector	-	(13,208)	-	(13,208)
Migrant Community Support	160,000	(160,000)	-	-
	<u>1,561,835</u>	<u>(1,465,576)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>96,259</u>
Total funds	<u>2,926,405</u>	<u>(2,771,943)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>154,462</u>

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24 Designated funds

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Designated/ (released) during the year £	Expenditure incurred £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
The trustees undertake an annual review of their future plans and designate amounts out of unrestricted funds accordingly. The position at 31 March 2025 is:				
Income				
Staff Costs	250,000	235,315	(85,315)	400,000
Information Technology	10,000	19,265	(14,265)	15,000
Grants	30,033	-	(30,033)	-
	<u>290,033</u>	<u>254,580</u>	<u>(129,613)</u>	<u>415,000</u>

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 (Dudley MBC).

Children's officer

Facilitates effective networking across the voluntary sector childcare 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.

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.

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25 Funds of the charity (continued)

Refurbishment Fund

Various grants 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.

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.

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.

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.

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25 Funds of the charity (continued)

Unrestricted funds – income

Core services

This is the general fund of the charity mainly funded by Dudley MBC 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 various post, given the forthcoming cuts to core grant funding which the Board has decided to fund directly from reserves and a proposed annual designation to enable certain externally funded projects to continue.

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 Dudley MBC, 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.

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.

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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.

A J Gray is a trustee of Black Country Together C.I.C. During the year the charity made sales of £9,999 to Black Country Together C.I.C. and had purchases of £4,250. At 31 March 2025 the charity was owed £3,730 by Black Country Together C.I.C.