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Registered Charity Number: 1003603

Learning Partnerships

(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

**Financial Statements and Annual Report of the General Council
for the year ended 31 March 2021**

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The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

Structure, Governance and Management

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee and was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the company's Articles of Association are known as members of the General Council. Recruitment to the General Council is by invitation and by approval of a simple majority of those entitled to vote.

The charity operates across Leeds focusing on areas of high deprivation in the City. Invitations for board membership are issued on consideration of the skills required to run the charity effectively as well as an interest and knowledge of raising aspirations through educational attainment, social inclusion and community engagement.

New directors are invited to Learning Partnerships' offices for an induction which covers information on the role and terms of reference, the business plan, policies and procedures, health and safety and facilities. They are introduced to the Executive Team and staff members of the Charity. External training courses may be considered if felt appropriate. An induction pack and handbook is issued to each trustee which covers in detail all the topics covered during their visit and induction to the charity.

Risk Management

Internal financial controls are in place to safeguard the charity's assets and to provide the directors with reliable information so that significant problems can be identified on a timely basis and dealt with appropriately.

The Executive Team and the Finance Manager hold monthly meetings to receive monthly management accounts and review financial performance against budget, and consider future funding plans. These are also reviewed at regular board meetings.

The principal risks and uncertainties faced by the charity at the time of writing are as follows:

- Financial risks – the charity manages the risk that income might fall and controls are in place to ensure budgets are not overspent;
- Operational risks - The Charity has written policies in place for safeguarding children and vulnerable adults including systems for training new and existing volunteers as well as employee's, health & safety and data protection, GDPR and many other activities (including an annual risk assessment review).
- Employment (human resource) risk - the charity employs staff for the delivery and management of its objectives. It has policies in place for Pensions, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, Dispute Resolution and Public & Employer Liability Insurance. The Trustees have considered their responsibilities under Legislation including Health & Safety, Employment Law and Safeguarding and have Professional Indemnity Insurance in place.

The company's Employee Handbook details all the Policies and Procedures, which is issued to all employees and contains guidance on risk assessment. During the year a risk map was drawn up of all known risks to the charity's future and performance. The map identified the impact, control measures in place and any action to be taken where an identified risk had no control in place. It is reviewed by management and monitored yearly. This year additional risk factors have been added due to the pandemic.

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Risk Management (continued)

The Executive Team and Finance Manager regularly review the risks and ensure that an effective risk management strategy is in place. They report to the full Council on a regular basis.

Quality

The Charity has maintained its quality marks and standards.

We hold and have maintained the Matrix standard a quality framework for organisations to assess and measure their advice and support services and demonstrate the effective delivery of information on learning and work and we continue to work above the requirements for this standard.

We continue to be an employer on the Mindful Employer charter as an employer who is positive towards mental health, which has been held since January 2017.

We also committed to the DWP Disability Confident Scheme, which supports people with disabilities and long-term health conditions to access work.

In March 2021, we received Cyber Essentials Certification, certifying our compliance to the requirements of the Cyber Essentials Scheme.

Organisational Structure

The General Council of the charity is currently comprised of eight members who meet six to eight times a year.

Directors

The following directors have held office during the period from 1 April 2020 to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

J.J. Burton
T. Murray, Chairman
I.K. Hunjan, M.B.E
J.H.J. Hosegood
J. Clare
A.D. Warren
R. E. Kelly
M. Tudge

Treasurer

M.Tudge

Secretary

S. Elvidge (Resigned 10th May 2021)
M. Tudge (Appointed 12th May 2021)

Senior Executives

C. O'Grady
L. Metcalf

The day to day running of the organisation is carried out by the Executive Team consisting of 2 members, covering Business Management and HR and the other covering Business Development and Operations.

The Chairman is actively involved with the charity and attends external meetings and networking events. The Executive Team meet on a monthly basis with the Chairman. The Executive Team also meet on a monthly basis with the Finance Manager. Other members of the board support the Executive Team as required, where they have the expertise for e.g. finance, legal and safeguarding.

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Objectives and Activities

Learning Partnerships is a Leeds based educational charity with 30 years' experience of working within inner-city Leeds to develop innovative projects, which draw heavily on the principles of effective learning and their link to community regeneration. Our work focuses on supporting children, young people and families in deprived areas of Leeds and most deprived nationally.

Our work concentrates on inner city wards of Leeds. The communities are characterised by poor housing, low skills, low educational attainment, high unemployment, single parent families and large ethnic minority populations. Our projects are needs driven and we base our funding and bid strategies on this premise.

We have referred to the public benefit guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our objectives and in planning our future activities.

The aims of Learning Partnerships are undertaken specifically to ensure the charitable objects meet the public benefit requirement and the Charities Act 2011.

Our Vision: A society where individuals are engaged, inspired and empowered to achieve their full potential.

Our Mission: To 'reduce deprivation and improve wellbeing in Leeds, by engaging people in a positive way, through the provision of learning, skills and personal development opportunities'.

Our Values:

- **QUALITY:** we deliver excellence and quality in all that we do
- **INTEGRITY:** we are guided by honesty, fairness and respect for each other
- **DEDICATION:** we show pride, enthusiasm and commitment in everything we do
- **RESPONSIVENESS:** we adapt provision and tailor support to individual needs
- **TRUST:** we are recognised and trusted for our passion and ability to deliver and achieve positive outcomes

Our Social Objectives:

1. To improve skills of individuals, enabling them to progress into learning or employment
2. To increase life chances, aspirations and choices of children, young people and adults in Leeds
3. To reduce poverty and inequality
4. To effectively support cohesion and integration in local communities

Our Objectives:

- To develop cross sector partnerships
- To enable service users to gain skills and experience through volunteering and social action opportunities
- To work with schools, children's centres and other services
- Service users to secure employment
- Participation in volunteering opportunities
- Service users to gain skills and experience through attendance on programmes
- Engage participants on the development and evaluation of all of our programmes
- Services users improve confidence and self esteem
- Increase knowledge of health & wellbeing
- Provide a range of accessible in-house services
- Offer a holistic approach to a range of support services on offer
- Break the cycle of unemployment
- Financial management support / help reduce service users debt
- Provide ESOL courses in the local communities across Leeds for city residents whose first language is not English

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Objectives and Activities (continued)

The above aims and objectives meet the public benefit criteria as defined in the Charities Act 2011.

Achievements and Performance

Support for Schools

Let's Read Programme

Improving literacy, improving lives.

The Let's Read Programme facilitates individual support for disadvantaged children to help them attain the literacy and language skills required for future educational and employment opportunities. The support is made possible through the provision of a rolling programme of recruitment, training and co-ordination for volunteers from local businesses and communities.

Volunteers give an hour a week to support targeted children, helping to improve their reading skills and literacy levels as well as increasing self-confidence, self-esteem and language & communication skills.

Unfortunately, the volunteer reading sessions were suspended during this financial year due to the Covid-19 lockdown which necessitated school closures and once restrictions began to lift, imposed limitations on external visitors in schools.

Looking for alternative ways to continue support for the children, the project manager sourced over 500 second hand books from local recycling sites which were distributed across 13 Let's Read schools. Funding (£500) was also from obtained from the IGEN Trust to order some new books for the schools. In partnership with The Rotary Club of Elmete (Dictionary 4 Life Project) 40 new Osbourne Illustrated Dictionaries were donated and shared across 4 schools.

The project manager successfully generated £26k to sustain the programme - £23,700 in grants from charitable trusts & foundations and £2,300 from the Registered Body Disclosure and Barring (DBS) Umbrella Service administration fees. As the reading sessions were suspended during this period, no income was generated from the schools for the recruitment, training & coordination of their volunteers.

Who benefits: Over 400 children across 14 inner-city primary schools benefited from individual reading support this year.

How this meets the aims of the charity:

Social Objective 2: To increase life chances, aspirations and choices of children, young people and adults in Leeds

Social Objective 4: To effectively support cohesion and integration in local communities

- To work with schools, children's centres and other services
- Participation in volunteering opportunities
- Engage participants on the development and evaluation of all of our programmes
- Services users improve confidence and self esteem
- Facilitates community cohesion between all ages across all sectors of society, giving children the opportunity to build relationships with people outside of the boundaries of school and home.

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Achievements and Performance

2 <Way> Street

2 Way Street is a community improvement and wellbeing project for East Leeds. We work with local volunteers, residents and schools to deliver healthy eating campaigns, public planting schemes and gardening clubs so that children and adults can care for their area, benefit from green spaces and get support growing their own produce for improved mental and physical health, wellbeing, self esteem and confidence.

How this meets the aims of the Charity:

Social Objective 2: To increase life chances, aspirations and choices of children, young people and adults in Leeds

Social Objective 4: To effectively support cohesion and integration in local communities

- To develop cross sector partnerships
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- To work with schools, children's centres and other services
- Participation in volunteering opportunities
- Engage participants on the development and evaluation of all of our programmes
- Services users improve confidence and self esteem
- Increase knowledge of health & wellbeing

Who benefits: Children, young people & adults from the most deprived areas in East Leeds.

Support for Adults

Adult Learning

The programmes delivered under this area were, Inspire and Achieve, ESOL (English Speakers of Other Languages), Steps 2 Work, Maths and English for parents and Digital Inclusion.

All Adult Learning is funded until July 2021. The courses were delivered in the local communities in Leeds priority was given to the most disadvantaged wards. All learners were unemployed and 19 years old or above. The courses covered employability skills, confidence building, breaking down barriers to work, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Maths and English for parents and support with ICT. Numeracy and literacy are embedded within all programme delivery.

The majority of the Adult Learning programmes are delivered in the top 20% Super Output Areas of Leeds. The courses are designed to help learners move closer to the labour market and progress onto further learning or work.

Who benefits: individuals aged 19 and above living in disadvantaged communities

How this meets the aims of the charity:

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Achievements and Performance (continued)

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Future Opportunities

This is a continuation of STEP funding which completed on December 2019. It is funded by The Henry Smith Charity and offers tailored 1:1 and group support to improve the English and employability skills of the long-term unemployed adults from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic communities (BAME) helping beneficiaries move closer to/into employment. The programme started in January 2020 and we are targeted to achieve 200 starts before December 2022.

Who benefits: Unemployed BAME adults in Leeds whose first language is not English.

How this meets the aims of the charity:

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Achievements and Performance (continued)

The Stronger Families Programme

This programme June '17 – August 2021 is funded by Big Lottery (Building Better Opportunities) with match funding from European Social Fund (ESF). Bradford Metropolitan Council is the contract holders with Leeds City Council managing the Leeds provision. Learning Partnerships are sub-contracted to manage 4/5 key workers who provide early intervention support to 280 individuals from identified families with the aim of preventing anti-social behaviour, police involvement, possible criminal records and/or children being excluded from school. Promoting social inclusion and helping remove possible barriers supporting the families move closer to the job market and/or gain sustainable employment.

Who benefits: Unemployed adults (17+) who have a minimum of one dependent child less than 18 years of age.

How this meets the aims of the charity:

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New Opportunities – Community Led Local Development (CLLD)

Working in partnership with GIPSIL; New Opportunities offers intensive 1:1 support targeted at long term unemployed and economically inactive adults from inner East Leeds's most deprived areas to engage and inspire individuals to improve their life chances and choices. It is match funded by European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF). Delivery commenced October 2019 and completes January 2022. It is looking to engage with 441 participants.

Who benefits: Long term unemployed adults 18+ from the Inner East area of Leeds (20% most deprived wards from the indices of deprivation 2010).

How this meets the aims of the charity:

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Lowell Community Giving Fund

Funded by Lowell this grant funded a part time key worker to offer intensive 1:1 support targeted at long term unemployed and economically inactive adults from inner East Leeds's most deprived areas to engage and inspire individuals to improve their life chances and choices. It complemented the CLLD programme. Delivery commenced Jan 2020 and completed Dec 2020.

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Achievements and Performance (continued)

Money & Advice Hub

Delivering specialist help in 1:1 or group sessions on money management, budgeting and debt recovery.

Who benefits: Local adults and young people who need help and support to improve their money management, budgeting skills, and help with debt.

How this meets the aims of the charity:

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Support in the local community

Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) – Community Builder

We received funding from Leeds City Council to recruit two Community Builder's to work with the local community in the Clifton & Nowells area of East Leeds and to work in partnership with Bankside Primary School through the engagement and motivation of the local people as 'Community Connectors' to bring about positive change in the area. Funding will continue for both posts until 2022.

Who benefits: Residents from the Clifton & Nowells area of East Leeds and parents from Bankside Primary School.

How this meets the aims of the charity:

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Achievements and Performance (continued)

Get Connected

A 6-month programme running from October 2020 to March 2021 funded by the National Lottery and the Government through the Coronavirus Community Support Fund grant. It enabled Learning Partnerships to purchase 10 new desktops for a new computer suite with Perspex screens for a safe environment when learners return to face to face learning, 15 laptops, 10 iPads and MiFi units so we could loan devices out to the local community to promote digital inclusion. It also funded a part-time adviser offering specialist help in 1:1 or group sessions on money management, budgeting and debt recovery and a part-time community and research worker supporting the local community during government restrictions from Covid 19.

Who benefits: Adults living in disadvantaged communities who need money advice and/or are digitally excluded in need of support including IT devices and WIFI.

How this meets the aims of the charity:

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Financial Review

The average number of project staff employed during the year was 27, and reflects the fact that the charity was fully staffed during the year. However, due to the pandemic a number of staff were placed on furlough (Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme) in 2020/21 as not all services were able to operate due to the lockdown restrictions.

The charity continues to explore new opportunities and, where these are compatible with its strategic aims, will make representations to funding organisations that may wish to be involved. It will, at the same time, strive to maintain and improve its current high standard of delivery.

The charity is reporting an income of £675,384 compared with £719,631 in the previous year and expenditure of £682,134 compared with £657,477. This has resulted in restricted and unrestricted funds totalling £293,604 compared with £300,354 at the start of the current year.

Funding Sources

Funding for major activities has come from Leeds City Council and The Big Lottery.

Fundraising

We strive to achieve the highest fundraising standards and we value our supportive funders. We are staying up to date with developments in charity regulation, data protection and fundraising practice via the Fundraising Regulator to make sure we are legally compliant and adhering to all guidelines. Our fundraisers follow the Fundraising Regulator Code of Practice and we ensure that these standards are applied to all fundraising. No complaints about fundraising were received in the year.

Remuneration

The pay of the charity's key management staff is reviewed annually and may be increased in accordance with national indicators such as inflation or average earnings where financially possible and prudent. The remuneration is also benchmarked with charities of a similar size and activity to ensure that it is fair and not out of line with that generally paid for similar roles.

Investment Policy

Learning Partnerships has a deposit account with Santander Bank to maximise interest receivable.

Reserves Policy

The reserves of the charity are composed of restricted and unrestricted funds. These funds are maintained at a sufficient level in order to allow the smooth operation of the charity's activities.

- **Unrestricted Funds:**

The charity's free reserves total was £168,487 at 31 March 2021.

- **Restricted Funds:**

The composition and detailed movement of restricted funds is shown in note 13. The balance sheet states the restricted funds were held in the form of cash in the bank accounts. The current level of restricted funds and the ongoing funded arrangements relating to those funds is sufficient to maintain the specific projects.

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Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

Company law requires the directors 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 income resources and application of resources for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principals of the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue to operate.

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

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Other Information

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Legal Status

Learning Partnerships is a registered charity (number 1003603) and a company limited by guarantee (number 02628224).

Small company provisions

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

This report was approved by the Board of Directors on 13th September 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



Martin Tudge
Director/Secretary

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of Learning Partnerships

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Learning Partnerships for the year ended 31 March 2021.

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My independent examination work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for my independent examination work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's Trustees (and also its Directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the Charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's financial statements as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

Since the Company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. The Financial Statements do not accord with those records; or
3. The Financial Statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. The accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Jessica Lawrence

13th September 2021

Garbutt & Elliott LLP
Chartered Accountants
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Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account) for the year ended 31 March 2021

| | Notes | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2021 £ | Total Funds 2020 £ |
|---|-----------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Income | | | | | |
| Donations and gifts | 3 | 343 | 51,881 | 52,224 | 65,287 |
| Gifts in kind | 4 | 46,300 | - | 46,300 | 46,300 |
| Charitable activities | 5 | 39,382 | 441,293 | 480,675 | 584,274 |
| Trading activity - Service delivery | 6 | 5,302 | - | 5,302 | 21,952 |
| CJRS Grant income | | 90,288 | - | 90,288 | - |
| Investments income | 7 | 595 | - | 595 | 1,818 |
| Total income | | 182,210 | 493,174 | 675,384 | 719,631 |
| Expenditure | | | | | |
| Service delivery | 6 | 15,014 | 537 | 15,551 | 21,496 |
| Fundraising | 6 | 67 | 2 | 69 | 27 |
| <i>Charitable activities:</i> | | | | | |
| Support for schools | 8 | 4,605 | 24,757 | 29,362 | 34,558 |
| Support for disadvantaged young people, adults and families | 8 | 220,807 | 416,345 | 637,152 | 601,396 |
| Total expenditure | | 240,493 | 441,641 | 682,134 | 657,477 |
| Net (expenditure)/income | | (58,283) | 51,533 | (6,750) | 62,154 |
| Transfers between funds | | (822) | 822 | - | - |
| Net movement in funds | | (59,105) | 52,355 | (6,750) | 62,154 |
| Total funds brought forward | | 187,508 | 112,846 | 300,354 | 238,200 |
| Total funds carried forward | 14 | 128,403 | 165,201 | 293,604 | 300,354 |

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

The notes on pages 20-33 form part of these financial statements.

A fully detailed comparative Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended March 2021 can be found at note 18.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2021

| | Notes | 2021 £ | £ | 2020 £ | £ |
|--|-------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|
| Current assets | | | | | |
| Debtors | 11 | 40,684 | | 59,504 | |
| Cash in bank and in hand | | 277,546 | | 261,291 | |
| | | 318,230 | | 320,795 | |
| Current liabilities | | | | | |
| Creditors: Amounts falling due within | 12 | (24,626) | | (20,441) | |
| Net current assets | | | 293,604 | | 300,354 |
| Net assets | | | 293,604 | | 300,354 |
| Funds of the charity: | | | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | 14 | | 128,403 | | 187,508 |
| Restricted funds | 14 | | 165,201 | | 112,846 |
| Total funds | 14 | | 293,604 | | 300,354 |

The notes on pages 20-33 form part of these financial statements

For the financial year ended 31 March 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 Companies Act 2006. No member of the company has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these financial statements under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the General Council and signed on their behalf on 13th September 2021



T Murray

Director (Chair of Trustees)

Company registration number: 02628224

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Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

| | Note | 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
|---|------|-----------|-----------|
| Cash flows from operating activities | | | |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 17 | 15,660 | 79,901 |
| Cash flows from investing activities | | | |
| Interest received | | 595 | 1,818 |
| Net cash provided by investing activities | | 595 | 1,818 |
| Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year | | 16,255 | 81,719 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year | | 261,291 | 179,572 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year | | 277,546 | 261,291 |

The Charity had no net debt in the current or prior year.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2021

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the accounts are as follows:

Charity information

Learning partnerships is a Company Limited by Guarantee and is also a registered charity. The registered office is The Burton Business Park, Hudson Road, Leeds, LS9 6DJ. The organisation's charity number is 1003603 and company number is 02628224.

Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with 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) ("Charities SORP (FRS 102)"), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £1.

Learning Partnerships meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

As described in the Report of General Council, the charity continues to explore new opportunities and is actively applying for new funding. Also, the nature of expenditure incurred by the charity provides flexibility in managing the cost base appropriate to levels of funding. Accordingly, the directors are confident that the charity will continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from the date of the Report of General Council. Whilst the global economy has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 virus, the charity still has reserves sufficient to meet its immediate requirements. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when the conditions for receipt have been met and there is reasonable assurance of receipt. Where a claim for repayment of income tax has or will be made, such income is grossed up for the tax recoverable. The following accounting policies are applied to income.

Grants

Grants are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities ("SoFA") when the conditions for receipt have been complied with. Where a grant is received relating to a future accounting period, the SoFA shows the gross amount received together with the changes in the amount deferred to future accounting periods. Deferred grant income at the year-end is included in creditors.

Gifts in kind

Gifts in kind are included in the SoFA at an amount which estimates their monetary value to the charity.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 (cont..)

1. Accounting policies (cont..)

Donations

Donations are recognised in income when they become receivable.

Investment income

Investment income is accounted for when receivable.

Transfer between funds

All income and expenditure is initially included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Transfers from restricted funds are made to cover the management costs associated with running a particular project or fund.

Expenditure

Expenditure is included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT which cannot be recovered.

Certain expenditure is directly attributable to specific activities and has been included in those cost categories. Certain other costs, which are attributable to more than one activity, are apportioned across cost categories on the basis of an estimate of the proportion of time spent by staff on those activities.

Staff costs

The costs of short term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense where settlement of obligations does not fall within the same period.

Termination payments are recognised as an expense immediately following the decision to determine an employee's employment.

Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme, the assets of which are held separately from those of the scheme in an independently administered fund. Contributions payable for the year are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities.

Fund accounting

Funds held by the charity are either:

Restricted funds

Restricted funds represent grants, donations and legacies received which are allocated by the donor for a particular project or activity.

Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds represent funds which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the objects of the charity. Such funds may be held in order to finance both working capital and capital investment and include designated funds.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 (cont..)

1. Accounting policies (cont..)

Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity held for working capital. Any bank overdrafts are shown within borrowing in current liabilities.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through profit and loss, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting end date.

Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected. Any impairment loss is recognised in the income and expenditure account.

Creditors, loans and provisions

Creditors, loans and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors, loans and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Financial liabilities are only derecognised when, and only when, the charity's obligations are discharged, cancelled or they expire.

Amounts recognised as provisions are best estimates of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the reporting end date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation.

Operating leases

Rentals applicable to operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period in which the cost is incurred.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 (cont..)

1. Accounting policies (cont..)

Taxation

Learning Partnerships is a registered charity and as such is a charity within the meaning of Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010. Accordingly, the Charity is potentially entitled to tax exemption under part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 in respect of income and gains arising.

2. Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised, if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

The trustees are of the opinion that there are no estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 (cont..)

3. Donations and gifts

| | 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Unrestricted | | |
| Donations | 343 | 461 |
| Fundraising | - | 864 |
| | 343 | 1,325 |
| Restricted | | |
| Donations | - | 33 |
| Morrisons Foundation | - | 5,000 |
| Newground Together | 3,380 | 1,300 |
| WF Southall Trust | - | 3,000 |
| Lloyds TSB Foundation | 8,789 | 19,408 |
| Coop Community Fund | - | 34 |
| Charles Brotherton Trust | 150 | 150 |
| Benenden Health | - | 1,749 |
| Housing Advisory Panel | 2,700 | 2,760 |
| Sir George Martin Trust | 3,000 | 1,949 |
| Community Foundation | - | 3,005 |
| Jimbo's Fund | 15,855 | 15,055 |
| Austin & Hope Pilkington Trust | - | 1,000 |
| John Lewis Partnership | - | 1,000 |
| Charities Trust | - | 1,000 |
| Schroder Charities | - | 3,200 |
| John Thaw Foundation | - | 2,250 |
| Hobson's Charity Grant | - | 2,069 |
| Wades Charity | 3,200 | - |
| IGEN Trust Fund | 500 | - |
| Betty Messenger Charitable Foundation | 1,000 | - |
| Waitrose Foundation | 330 | - |
| RERF Funding | 977 | - |
| Leeds Older People Forum | 1,000 | - |
| Community Foundation Leeds | 10,000 | - |
| Persimmon Community Champions | 1,000 | - |
| | 51,881 | 63,962 |
| Total | 52,224 | 65,287 |

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 (cont..)

4. Gifts in kind

| | 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Arcadia Group - Accommodation, office expenses | 46,300 | 46,300 |

5. Income from charitable activities

| | Unrestricted £ | Restricted £ | 2021 £ | Unrestricted £ | Restricted £ | 2020 £ |
|--|-------------------|-----------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Stronger Families | - | 151,339 | 151,339 | - | 139,043 | 139,043 |
| Adult Learning | 39,382 | - | 39,382 | 165,570 | - | 165,570 |
| Pathways NEET | - | - | - | - | 28,000 | 28,000 |
| Talent Match | - | - | - | 4,199 | - | 4,199 |
| NatWest Skills & Opportunities Fund | - | - | - | - | 20,555 | 20,555 |
| Community Builder ABCD | - | 27,000 | 27,000 | - | 30,000 | 30,000 |
| STEP Esol | - | - | - | 90,750 | - | 90,750 |
| H Smith Future Opportunities | - | 40,300 | 40,300 | - | 19,850 | 19,850 |
| Garfield Weston CLLD New Opportunities | - | - | - | - | 60,000 | 60,000 |
| Lowell Fund | - | - | - | - | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Community Builder Bankside | - | 27,000 | 27,000 | - | - | - |
| Big Lottery Fund CAF Resilience Fund | - | 42,642 | 42,642 | - | - | - |
| | - | 24,018 | 24,018 | - | - | - |
| | 39,382 | 441,293 | 480,675 | 260,519 | 323,755 | 584,274 |

6. Trading activity – Service delivery

| | 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Income from service delivery | 5,302 | 21,952 |
| Delivery cost (Including staff costs) | (15,551) | (21,496) |
| Fundraising cost | (69) | (27) |
| Funds generated | (10,318) | 429 |

Income was generated through a number of small service delivery activities, delivery of DBS checks for third party organisations and volunteers for schools and from fundraising.
All income in the prior year and current year is unrestricted. £539 of expenditure (2020:£nil) was restricted.

7. Investment income

| | 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Interest received | 595 | 1,818 |

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2021(cont..)

8. Expenditure on charitable activities

| Year ended 31 March 2021 | Support for schools | Support for families | 2021 |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Direct costs | | | |
| Staff and other related costs | 23,819 | 369,500 | 393,319 |
| Delivery costs | 938 | 46,845 | 47,783 |
| | 24,757 | 416,345 | 441,102 |
| Support costs | | | |
| Staff and other related costs | 1,715 | 153,444 | 155,159 |
| General office costs | 2,676 | 62,705 | 65,381 |
| Fee for independent examination | 108 | 2,354 | 2,462 |
| Liability insurance | 106 | 2,304 | 2,410 |
| | 4,605 | 220,807 | 225,412 |
| Total | 29,362 | 637,152 | 666,514 |
| Year ended 31 March 2020 | Support for schools | Support for families | 2020 |
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Direct costs | | | |
| Staff and other related costs | 22,229 | 411,320 | 433,549 |
| Delivery costs | 1,394 | 14,895 | 16,289 |
| | 23,623 | 426,215 | 449,838 |
| Support costs | | | |
| Staff and other related costs | 6,202 | 89,564 | 95,766 |
| General office costs | 4,407 | 79,513 | 83,290 |
| Fee for Independent Examination | 103 | 1,937 | 2,040 |
| Liability insurance | 223 | 4,167 | 4,390 |
| | 10,935 | 175,181 | 186,116 |
| Total | 34,558 | 601,396 | 635,954 |

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 (cont..)

9. Net income

| | 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| The net income is stated after charging: | | |
| Independent Examiner's Fee | 2,520 | 1,800 |

10. Staff costs

| | 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Salaries | 515,044 | 491,083 |
| Social security costs | 33,918 | 32,806 |
| Pension costs | 12,166 | 11,512 |
| Healthcare costs | 1,386 | 1,962 |
| | 562,514 | 537,363 |

The average number of persons employed by the charity during the year was:

| | 2021 Numbers | 2020 Numbers |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Senior Manager - Part-time | 2 | 2 |
| Administration | - | 1 |
| Administration - Part-time | 4 | 2 |
| Project Staff | 10 | 12 |
| Project Staff - Part-time | 12 | 11 |
| Total | 28 | 28 |

No members of staff received remuneration in excess of £60,000 (2020: no employees).

None of the trustees received remuneration, nor were they paid any expenses during the current or previous year.

The key management personnel of the Charity are the trustees and the Senior Executives. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £74,763 (2020 - £68,056).

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund and amounted to £12,166 (2020 - £11,512). Contributions totalling £2,804 (2020 - £2,959) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date.

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11. Debtors

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Other debtors | 14,638 | 8,599 |
| Accrued income | 23,257 | 48,609 |
| Prepayments | 2,789 | 2,296 |
| | 40,684 | 59,504 |

12. Creditors – Amounts falling due within one year

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Trade creditors | 523 | 588 |
| Other creditors and accruals | 24,103 | 19,853 |
| | 24,626 | 20,441 |

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 (cont..)

13. Movements in Funds

| Year End 31 March 2021 | At 1 April 2020 | Income | Expenditure | Transfers | At 31 March 2021 |
|---|-----------------|----------------|------------------|-----------|------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Unrestricted funds | | | | | |
| General funds | 187,508 | 182,210 | (240,493) | (822) | 128,403 |
| Restricted Funds | | | | | |
| Support for disadvantaged young people, adults & families: | | | | | |
| 2Way Street (other) | 1,997 | 16,007 | (14,315) | 5,416 | 9,105 |
| Stronger Families | (2,643) | 151,339 | (140,288) | (14,462) | (6,054) |
| Lloyds Bank Foundation | 15,169 | 8,789 | (23,958) | - | - |
| NatWest Skills & Opportunities Fund | 4,780 | - | (4,280) | (500) | - |
| Community Builder ABCD | 1,956 | 27,000 | (15,881) | 324 | 13,399 |
| Community Builder Bankside | 25,000 | 27,000 | (12,069) | (33) | 39,898 |
| Garfield Weston | 42,554 | - | (19,777) | (4,283) | 18,494 |
| CLLD New Opportunities | (7,623) | 128,994 | (77,674) | 11,149 | 54,846 |
| Lowell Fund | 6,803 | - | (5,928) | (875) | - |
| H Smith Future Opportunities | 10,133 | 40,300 | (37,178) | (1,392) | 11,863 |
| Big Lottery Fund | - | 42,642 | (40,171) | (2,471) | - |
| CAF Resilience Fund | - | 24,018 | (24,018) | - | - |
| Support for schools: | | | | | |
| Adult Volunteering | 14,720 | 27,085 | (26,104) | 7,949 | 23,650 |
| | 112,846 | 493,174 | (441,641) | 822 | 165,201 |
| Total funds | 300,354 | 675,384 | (682,134) | - | 293,604 |

It is anticipated that funds which are overdrawn at the year end will receive income and will return to credit balance subsequent to the year end.

The monies transferred from restricted to unrestricted reserves represent the management charges payable under the terms of the specific projects to contribute towards the charity's overhead costs.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 (cont..)

13. Movements in Funds (continued)

| Year End 31 March 2020 | At 1 April 2019 | Income | Expenditure | Transfers | At 31 March 2020 |
|---|-----------------|---------|-------------|-----------|------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Unrestricted funds | | | | | |
| General funds | 177,435 | 331,904 | (361,606) | 39,765 | 187,508 |
| Restricted Funds | | | | | |
| Support for disadvantaged young people, adults & families: | | | | | |
| 2Way Street (other) | 1,665 | 14,496 | (13,164) | (1,000) | 1,997 |
| Pathways NEET | 3,191 | 28,000 | (27,141) | (4,050) | - |
| Stronger Families | (3,786) | 139,043 | (121,006) | (16,896) | (2,643) |
| Lloyds Bank Foundation | 14,670 | 19,408 | (18,909) | - | 15,169 |
| NatWest Skills & Opportunities Fund | 12,436 | 20,555 | (23,607) | (4,602) | 4,780 |
| Community Builder ABCD | 20,000 | 5,000 | (20,231) | (2,813) | 1,956 |
| Community Builder Bankside | - | 25,000 | - | - | 25,000 |
| Garfield Weston | - | 60,000 | (13,321) | (4,125) | 42,554 |
| CLLD New Opportunities | - | 16,307 | (23,319) | (611) | (7,623) |
| Lowell Fund | - | 10,000 | (2,572) | (625) | 6,803 |
| H Smith Future Opportunities | - | 19,850 | (8,724) | (993) | 10,133 |
| Support for schools: | | | | | |
| Other cluster activities | 254 | - | (254) | - | - |
| Adult Volunteering | 12,335 | 30,058 | (23,623) | (4,050) | 14,720 |
| | 60,765 | 387,717 | (295,871) | (39,765) | 112,846 |
| Total funds | 238,200 | 719,631 | (657,477) | - | 300,354 |

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 (cont..)

14. Analysis of net assets between funds

| Year ended 31 March 2021 | Net current assets £ | Total £ |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------|
| Restricted funds | 165,201 | 165,201 |
| Unrestricted funds | 128,403 | 128,403 |
| Total funds | 293,604 | 293,604 |

| Year ended 31 March 2020 | Net current assets £ | Total £ |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------|
| Restricted funds | 112,846 | 112,846 |
| Unrestricted funds | 187,508 | 187,508 |
| Total funds | 300,354 | 300,354 |

15. Financial commitments

At 31 March 2021 the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

| | Office equipment 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Less than one year | 1,472 | 1,472 |
| Between two and five years | 3,738 | 5,210 |
| | 5,210 | 6,682 |

16. Related party transactions

A Warren, a director, was an employee of Arcadia Group Fashion Holdings Limited, during the period of this report. This company gifted office accommodation with a value of £46,300 (2021 - £46,300) to the charity.

There are no other related party transactions which require disclosures either in this or the previous financial year.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 (cont..)

17. Reconciliation of net movements in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

| | 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Net movement in funds | (6,750) | 62,154 |
| Interest received | (595) | (1,818) |
| Decrease in debtors | 18,820 | 37,611 |
| Increase / (decrease) in creditors | 4,185 | (18,046) |
| | 15,660 | 79,901 |

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 (cont..)

18. Comparative Statement of Financial Activities (including Income & Expenditure Account) for the year ended 31 March 2020

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2020 £ |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Income | | | |
| Donations and gifts | 1,325 | 63,962 | 65,287 |
| Gifts in kind | 46,300 | - | 46,300 |
| Charitable activities | 260,519 | 323,755 | 584,274 |
| Service delivery | 21,952 | - | 21,952 |
| Investments income | 1,818 | - | 1,818 |
| Total income | 331,914 | 387,717 | 719,631 |
| Expenditure | | | |
| Service delivery | 21,496 | - | 21,496 |
| Fundraising | 27 | - | 27 |
| <i>Charitable activities:</i> | | | |
| Support for schools | 7,902 | 26,656 | 34,558 |
| Support for disadvantaged young people, adults and families | 332,181 | 269,215 | 601,396 |
| Total expenditure | 361,606 | 295,871 | 657,477 |
| Net (expenditure)/income | (29,692) | 91,846 | 62,154 |
| Transfers between funds | 39,765 | (39,765) | - |
| Net movement in funds | 10,073 | 52,081 | 62,154 |
| Total funds brought forward | 177,435 | 60,765 | 238,200 |
| Total funds carried forward | 187,508 | 112,846 | 300,354 |

