

ISLAMIC SHARIA COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

England & Wales · Charity number 1003855

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1991-08-12

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE ISLAMIC RELIGION

Activities: To guide the muslims in the UK in matters related to religious issues as well as helping to solve their matrimonial problems.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNITED KINGDOM
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£144,000	£132,000	-	-
2023-12-31	£153,000	£168,000	-	-
2022-12-31	£147,000	£134,000	-	-
2021-12-31	£115,000	£123,000	-	-
2020-12-31	£128,980	£147,730	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr LIAQUAT ALI		
Dr SUHAIB HASAN		
Dr TARIQ RAJBEE		2016-01-17

Accounts

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31st DECEMBER 2024

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ISLAMIC SHARIA COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN & NORTHERN IRELAND

TRUSTEES REPORT

NAMES AND POSITIONS OF TRUSTEES IN 2024.

Dr. Suhaib Hasan (Chairman)
Dr. Liaquat Ali (Treasurer)
Dr. Tariq Rajbee.
Mr. Ali Hassan Khan

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT.

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024. The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are listed above and on the information page.

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SUMMARY OF MAIN ACTIVITIES:

The staff and Trustees understand their obligation and give full regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance.

The primary role of the Trust is to benefit the wider public, especially the Muslim community, in its daily life. Most of the clients are Muslims, although we have dealt with a small number of divorce cases in which English women of Christian backgrounds had been abandoned by their Muslim husbands. We were able to assist with religious divorces to all the concerned women.

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The Trust has also forged contact with mainstream news media, interfaith organisations such as The Light Foundation and Three Faiths Forum, university Law societies and international organisations such as The Forum for Promoting Peace; scholars are available to give interviews and participate in discussions in order to counter negative understandings of Islam.

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE TRUST IN THE PAST YEAR.

- 1- Trustees from the ISC participated at a 5-day conference in Turkey held by the European Council for Fatwa and Research and hosted by the Mayor of Konya.
- 2- Participating and speaking at the Forum for World Peace on an online platform and at venues in central London hosted by Sheikh Abdullah bin Bayyah.
- 3- Staff development by attending a course on GDPR rules and general data protection and data security.
- 4- Scholars from the ISC visited Parliament and were invited to discussions on Islamophobia with Naz Shah, MP.
- 5- Visits to the office by well-known social media influencers, looking to learn more about Islamic family law.

ISLAMIC SHARIA COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN & NORTHERN IRELAND

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES.

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.

- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity SORP (Accounts and Reports) Regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and for taking steps for the prevention and detection of fraud.

DECLARATION

The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Dr Suhaib Hasan
Trustee and Chairman.

Date of approval: 16 October 2025.

ISLAMIC SHARIA COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN & NORTHERN IRELAND

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

I have examined the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31st December 2024, which are set out on pages 6 to 11.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES AND INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

The trustees (who are also the administrators of the charity for the purposes of charity law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charities Commission under section 145(5(b)) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention to indicate that:

- accounting records have not been kept in accordance with Charities Act 2011
- the accounts do not accord with such records:
- where accounts are prepared on an accruals basis, whether they fail to comply with relevant accounting requirements and, or are not consistent with the Charities SORP (FRS102)
- any matter which the examiner believes should be drawn to the attention of the reader to gain a proper understanding of the accounts

Signature:

Name of Independent Examiner: FARYAL SAADAR IFA

This report was approved by the Independent Examiner on 06 October 2025.

ISLAMIC SHARIA COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN & NORTHERN IRELAND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	Note	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generating funds:					
Voluntary income					
Fees	2	144,901		144,901	153,700
Grants	3				
Activities for generating funds	4				
Investment income	5				
Incoming resources from charitable activities					
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		144,901		144,901	153,700
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Cost of generating funds	6				
Charitable activities	7	(22,662)		(22,662)	(48,270)
Governance costs		(109,371)		(109,371)	(120,577)
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		<u>(132,033)</u>		<u>(132,033)</u>	<u>(168,847)</u>
NET (OUTGOING) / INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR		12,868		12,868	(15,147)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>1,543</u>	<u>24,975</u>	<u>1,543</u>	<u>16,690</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>14,411</u>	<u>24,975</u>	<u>14,411</u>	<u>1,543</u>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

All the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

The notes on pages 5 to 8 form part of these financial statements.

ISLAMIC SHARIA COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN & NORTHERN IRELAND

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
ASSETS					
Building		640,350		640,350	
		=====		=====	
Office equipment		25,187		25,187	
Debtors		00		00	
Cash at bank and in hand	9	14,199		1,331	
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		39,386		26,518	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after one year	10	(0)		(0)	
		-----		-----	
		-		-	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			39,386		26,518
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			39,386		26,518
			-----		-----
NET ASSETS			39,386		26,518
			=====		=====
FUNDS					
Unrestricted income funds			14,411		1,543
Restricted income funds			24,975		24,975
			-----		-----
TOTAL FUNDS			39,386		26,518
			=====		=====

For the financial year ended 31 December 2024 the Charity was entitled to exemption from audit in accordance with the Charity Commission guidance.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102 SORP)

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on:

Dr Suhaib Hasan (Chair): 16 October 2025.

Dr Liaquat Ali (Treasurer): 16 October 2025.

The notes on pages 5 to 8 form part of these financial statements.

ISLAMIC SHARIA COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN & NORTHERN IRELAND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and follow the recommendations in the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP). The accounts have been compiled on a basis that enables surplus or deficit to be calculated in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice and Charities Act 2011 and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources of a revenue nature are included as income to the period to which they relate to donation for the furtherance of the community around Dagenham.

Resources expended

All expenditure is included on an accrual basis, inclusive of any VAT, which cannot be recovered. Expenditure is allocated to specific activities where the cost relates directly to that activity.

Restricted funds

Restricted income received are accounted for separately as restricted funds and are used for the purposes specified by the donor

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME GRANTS:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-
	=	=	=	=

3. INCOME:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Fees Received	<u>144,901</u>		<u>144,901</u>	<u>153,700</u>

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**NOTES TO THE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31
DECEMBER 2024**

4. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Commission on Sales		-	-
	-	=	=

5. INVESTMENT INCOME:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Bank Interest Received		-	-
	=	=	=

6. COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS:

	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Building Cost	<u>....0</u>	<u>....0</u>
	-	-
	<u>....0</u>	<u>....0</u>
	=	=

7. COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES:

	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Charitable costs	<u>132,033</u>	<u>168,847</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

7a. STAFF COSTS:

	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Staff Salaries	<u>72,183</u>	<u>77,828</u>
	-	-
		=

7b. SUPPORT COSTS:

	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Volunteers' expenses	0	0
Printing	634	1,363
Rates	2,335	2,363
Phone	5,064	8,336
Leasing & Repair	4,329	3,591
Bank Charges	105	97
Insurance	0	0
Utilities	3,954	2,604
Miscellaneous	<u>76</u>	<u>372</u>
	<u>16,498</u>	<u>18,726</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

8. Contractors:

	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Professional Cost	20,690	25,727
	<u>20,690</u>	<u>25,727</u>

9. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	2024 £	2023 £
Barclays current account	<u>14,199</u>	<u>1,331</u>
	=	=

10. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Mahr bank	0	0
Creditors Outstanding	0	0
Accruals-(Fatwa Council & Quran society)	<u>...0</u>	<u>.....0</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>00</u>
	=====	=====

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TRUSTEES REPORT

NAMES AND POSITIONS OF TRUSTEES IN 2023.

Mr. M. Abu Sayeed (Chairman),
(resigned in Sep 2023)

Dr. Suhaib Hasan (Secretary)

Dr. Liaquat Ali (Treasurer)

Dr. Tariq Rajbee.

Mr. Ali Hassan Khan,
(appointed October 2023)

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It was with great sadness that the Trustees accepted the resignation of Mr. Abu Sayeed due to his ill health. We wish him well in his retirement. We were then able to welcome Mr. Ali Hassan Khan in October 2023 as a new trustee and hope he will enjoy his tenure with the ISC. Mr. Khan has experience in book publishing and Mosque management, so we are confident he will be a great asset to the Islamic Sharia Council.

Dr. Suhaib Hasan was chosen unanimously to be the new Chairman of the ISC and Dr. Liaquat Ali continues to be the Treasurer.

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OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE TRUST IN THE PAST YEAR.

1- Participating in and speaking at the Forum for World Peace on an online platform.

2- Staff development by attending a course on GDPR rules and general data protection and data security.

3- The ISC was able to send representatives to attend the UK Forum for Freedom of Religion or Belief Forum at the International Ministerial Conference in London. The Ministerial was attended by thousands of parliamentarians, journalists, activists and religious organisations from across the world.

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DECLARATION

The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Dr Suhaib Hasan
Trustee and Chairman

Date of approval:...15 October 2024.....

ISLAMIC SHARIA COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN & NORTHERN IRELAND

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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Signature:

Name of Independent Examiner: FARYAL SAADAR IFA

This report was approved by the Independent Examiner on October 2023

ISLAMIC SHARIA COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN & NORTHERN IRELAND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generating funds:					
Voluntary income					
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Grants	3				
Activities for generating funds	4				
Investment income	5				
Incoming resources from charitable activities					
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		153,700		153,700	147,182
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Cost of generating funds	6				
Charitable activities	7	(48,270)		(48,270)	(101,428)
Governance costs		(120,577)		(120,577)	(32,870)
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		<u>(168,847)</u>		<u>(168,847)</u>	<u>(134,298)</u>
NET (OUTGOING) / INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR		(15,147)		(15,147)	12,884
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>16,690</u>	<u>24,975</u>	<u>16,690</u>	<u>3,806</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>1,543</u>	<u>24,975</u>	<u>1,543</u>	<u>16,690</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
ASSETS					
Building		640,350		640,350	
		=====		=====	
Office equipment		25,187		23,763	
Debtors		00		497	
Cash at bank and in hand	9	1,331		18,255	
		-----		-----	
		26,518		42,515	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after one year	10	(0)		(850)	
		-----		-----	
		-		-	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			26,518		41,665
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			26,518		41,665
			-----		-----
NET ASSETS			26,518		41,665
			=====		=====
FUNDS					
Unrestricted income funds	11		1,543		16,690
Restricted income funds	12		24,975		24,975
			-----		-----
TOTAL FUNDS			26,518		41,665
			=====		=====

For the financial year ended 31 December 2023 the Charity was entitled to exemption from audit in accordance with the Charity Commission guidance.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102 SORP)

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on:

Dr Suhaib Hasan (Chair):

Dr Liaquat Ali (Treasurer):

The notes on pages 5 to 8 form part of these financial statements.

ISLAMIC SHARIA COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN & NORTHERN IRELAND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and follow the recommendations in the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP). The accounts have been compiled on a basis that enables surplus or deficit to be calculated in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice and Charities Act 2011 and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources of a revenue nature are included as income to the period to which they relate to donation for the furtherance of the community around Dagenham.

Resources expended

All expenditure is included on an accrual basis, inclusive of any VAT, which cannot be recovered. Expenditure is allocated to specific activities where the cost relates directly to that activity.

Restricted funds

Restricted income received are accounted for separately as restricted funds and are used for the purposes specified by the donor

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME GRANTS:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-
	=	=	=	=

3. INCOME:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Fees Received	<u>153,700</u>		<u>153,700</u>	<u>147,182</u>

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NORTHERN IRELAND**

**NOTES TO THE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31
DECEMBER 2023**

4. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Commission on Sales		-	-
	-	=	=

5. INVESTMENT INCOME :

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Bank Interest Received		-	-
	-	=	=

6. COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS:

	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Building Cost	<u>....0</u>	<u>....0</u>
	-	-
	<u>....0</u>	<u>....0</u>
	=	=

7. COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES:

	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Charitable costs	<u>168,847</u>	<u>134,298</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

7a. STAFF COSTS:

	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Staff Salaries	<u>77,828</u>	<u>67,244</u>
	-	-
		=

7b. SUPPORT COSTS:

	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Volunteers' expenses	0	0
Printing	1,363	1,169
Rates	2,363	2,951
Phone	8,336	7,797
Leasing & Repair	3,591	3,352
Bank Charges	97	124
Insurance	0	1,481
Utilities	2,604	1,616
Miscellaneous	<u>372</u>	<u>15,693</u>
	<u>18,726</u>	<u>34,183</u>

ISLAMIC SHARIA COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN & NORTHERN IRELAND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

8. Contractors:

	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Professional Cost	25,727	32,870
	<u>25,727</u>	<u>32,870</u>

9. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	2023 £	2022 £
Barclays current account	<u>1,331</u>	<u>18,255</u>
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10. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Mahr bank	0	850
Creditors Outstanding	0	0
Accruals-(Fatwa Council & Quran society)	<u>...0</u>	<u>.....0</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>850</u>
	=====	=====

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**ISLAMIC SHARIA COUNCIL OF GREAT
BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND**

Charity Number: 1003855

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31st DECEMBER 2022

**ISLAMIC SHARIA COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN &
NORTHERN IRELAND**

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ISLAMIC SHARIA COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN & NORTHERN IRELAND

TRUSTEES REPORT

NAMES AND POSITIONS OF TRUSTEES IN 2022.

Mr. M. Abu Sayeed (Chairman)

Dr. Suhaib Hasan (Secretary)

Dr. Liaquat Ali (Treasurer)

Dr. Tariq Rajbee.

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The Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022. The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are listed above and on the information page.

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ADDITIONAL GOVERNANCE ISSUES.

Trustees, scholars, and staff are required to be aware of Continuous Professional Development and to attend an annual training day in which policies and procedures are reviewed and improved. Participants receive training on talking to vulnerable adults, mental health issues, domestic violence, data confidentiality, current thinking in Islamic law on marriage and divorce issues and ensuring the safety and confidentiality of all clients.

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Representatives of a local solicitors' firm are invited to explain issues of legal interest, such as validity of religious marriages at home and abroad, or legal effect of Non- Molestation Orders.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objectives of the Council are

1- To help the Muslim community by

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2- To educate the wider community about Islam and Muslims and to offer a counter-narrative to divisive and Islamophobic beliefs.

SUMMARY OF MAIN ACTIVITIES:

The staff and Trustees understand their obligation and give full regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance.

The primary role of the Trust is to benefit the wider public, especially the Muslim community, in its daily life. Most of the clients are Muslims, although we have dealt with a small number of divorce cases in which English women of Christian backgrounds had been abandoned by their Muslim husbands. We were able to assist with religious divorces to all the concerned women.

Our clients are generally Muslims who are involved in difficult disputes, whether with colleagues or family. We offer a mediation service, counselling, and religious advice at the office. Many of our clients are women with limited access to funds. We offer highly subsidized rates and also refer clients to charities that can offer financial help, such as the National Zakah Foundation.

The Trust has also forged contact with mainstream news media, interfaith organizations such as The Light Foundation and Three Faiths Forum, university Law societies and international organizations such as The Forum for Promoting Peace; scholars are available to give interviews and participate in discussions in order to counter negative understandings of Islam.

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE TRUST IN THE PAST YEAR.

2022 has been a busy year for the ISC. We have engaged two new staff members and so have been busy training them for administrative work.

We have received a few requests from courts and police for advice on Islamic practices in Muslim-majority countries such as Pakistan, Algeria and Afghanistan. We have also been asked to give expert witness in a criminal trial in London in which Islamic laws and custom of marriage were important pieces of evidence.

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We are seeing an increase in disputing parties seeking the services of the ISC religious scholars, such as disputes in inheritance or between family members. We are also being consulted by young people who are being forced into marriage without their consent and require mediation with their parents.

A delegation of Muslim scholars and academics from Malaysia visited the office of the ISC and spent a few hours on intense discussion on the role of Islamic law in the modern context.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES.

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity SORP (Accounts and Reports) Regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and for taking steps for the prevention and detection of fraud.

DECLARATION

The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Dr Suhaib Hasan
Trustee and Secretary

Date of approval.....17 October 2023

ISLAMIC SHARIA COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN & NORTHERN IRELAND

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

I have examined the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31st December 2022, which are set out on pages 6 to 11.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES AND INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

The trustees (who are also the administrators of the charity for the purposes of charity law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charities Commission under section 145(5(b)) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention to indicate that:

- accounting records have not been kept in accordance with Charities Act 2011
- the accounts do not accord with such records:
- where accounts are prepared on an accruals basis, whether they fail to comply with relevant accounting requirements and, or are not consistent with the Charities SORP (FRS102)
- any matter which the examiner believes should be drawn to the attention of the reader to gain a proper understanding of the accounts

Signature: **Faryal Safdar**

Name of Independent Examiner: FARYAL SAADAR IFA

This report was approved by the Independent Examiner on 15 October 2023

ISLAMIC SHARIA COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN & NORTHERN IRELAND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generating funds:					
Voluntary income					
Fees	2	147,182		147,182	115,210
Grants	3				
Activities for generating funds	4				
Investment income	5				
Incoming resources from charitable activities					
		-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		147,182		147,182	115,210
		-	-	-	-
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Cost of generating funds	6				
Charitable activities	7	(101,428)		(101,428)	(98,153)
Governance costs	8	(32,870)		(32,870)	(25,051)
		-	-	-	-
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		(134,298)		(134,298)	(123,204)
		-	-	-	-
NET (OUTGOING) / INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR		12,884		12,884	(7,994)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>3,806</u>	<u>24,975</u>	<u>3,806</u>	<u>11,800</u>
		-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>16,690</u>	<u>24,975</u>	<u>16,690</u>	<u>3,806</u>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a statement of total recognized gains and losses has not been prepared.

All the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

The notes on pages 5 to 8 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
ASSETS					
Building		640,350		640,350	
		=====		=====	
Office equipment		23,763		3,763	
Debtors		497		7,444	
Cash at bank and in hand	9	18,255		5,372	
		-----		-----	
		42,515		16,579	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after one year	10	(850)		(12,773)	
		-----		-----	
		-		-	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			41,665		3,806
			-		-
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			41,665		3,806
			-----		-----
			-		-
NET ASSETS			41,665		3,806
			=====		=====
FUNDS					
Unrestricted income funds	11		16,690		(21,169)
Restricted income funds	12		24,975		24,975
			-----		-----
			-		-
TOTAL FUNDS			41,665		3,806
			=====		=====
					=====

For the financial year ended 31 December 2022 the Charity was entitled to exemption from audit in accordance with the Charity Commission guidance.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102 SORP)

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on: 17 October 2023

Dr Suhaib Hasan (Chair): Suhaib Hasan

Dr Liaquat Ali (Treasurer): L.Ali

The notes on pages 5 to 8 form part of these financial statements.

ISLAMIC SHARIA COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN & NORTHERN IRELAND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and follow the recommendations in the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP). The accounts have been compiled on a basis that enables surplus or deficit to be calculated in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice and Charities Act 2011 and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources of a revenue nature are included as income to the period to which they relate to donation for the furtherance of the community around Dagenham.

Resources expended.

All expenditure is included on an accrual basis, inclusive of any VAT, which cannot be recovered. Expenditure is allocated to specific activities where the cost relates directly to that activity.

Restricted funds

Restricted income received is accounted for separately as restricted funds and are used for the purposes specified by the donor.

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME GRANTS:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-
	=	=	=	=

3. INCOME:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Fees Received	<u>147,182</u>		<u>147,182</u>	<u>115,210</u>

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THE ISLAMIC SHARI'A COUNCIL NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

4. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Commission on Sales		-	-
	-	=	=

5. INVESTMENT INCOME :

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Bank Interest Received		-	-
	=	=	=

6. COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS:

	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Building Cost	<u>....0</u>	<u>....0</u>
	-	-
	<u>....0</u>	<u>....0</u>
	=	=

7. COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES:

	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Charitable costs	<u>134,298</u>	<u>123,204</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

7a. STAFF COSTS:

	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Staff Salaries	<u>67,244</u>	<u>76,410</u>
	-	-
		=

7b. SUPPORT COSTS:

	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Volunteers' expenses	0	2,562
Printing	1,169	3,485
Rates	2,951	2,272
Phone	7,797	1,861
Leasing & Repair	3,352	4,526
Bank Charges	124	89
Insurance	1,481	1,548
Utilities	1,616	1,612
Miscellaneous	<u>15,693</u>	<u>7096</u>
	<u>34,183</u>	<u>25,051</u>

ISLAMIC SHARIA COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN & NORTHERN IRELAND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

8. Contractors:

	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Profession Cost	32,870	21,743
	<u>32,870</u>	<u>21,743</u>

9. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	2022 £	2021 £
Barclays current account	<u>18,255</u>	<u>5,372</u>

10. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Mahr bank	850	12,773
Creditors Outstanding	0	0
Accruals-(Fatwa Council & Quran society)	<u>....0</u>	<u>.....0</u>
	<u>850</u>	<u>12,773</u>

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**ISLAMIC SHARIA COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN &
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Charity Number: 1003855

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31st DECEMBER 2021

**ISLAMIC SHARIA COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN &
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ISLAMIC SHARIA COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN & NORTHERN IRELAND

TRUSTEES REPORT

NAMES AND POSITIONS OF TRUSTEES IN 2021.

Mr. M. Abu Sayeed (Chairman)
Dr. Suhaib Hasan (Secretary)
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Dr. Tariq Rajbee.

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ISLAMIC SHARIA COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN & NORTHERN IRELAND

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OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE TRUST IN THE PAST YEAR.

1- The year 2021 was another year of the Covid 19 pandemic. When the lockdown happened in March 2020, the office was shut for face-to-face meetings, but the office continued to receive calls and emails for help and advice. The Trustees and staff held a virtual meeting and decided it was important to keep the office functioning. The staff then worked hard over a long period to make the office fully digital and paperless. Online training was given to all members to help them navigate the new technology. Since then, the office has been fully operational but physical access for clients has been restricted.

2- Participating and speaking at the Forum for World Peace on an online platform.

3- Staff development by attending a course on GDPR rules and general data protection and data security.

ISLAMIC SHARIA COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN & NORTHERN IRELAND

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES.

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DECLARATION

The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Dr Suhaib Hasan
Trustee and Secretary

Date of approval: 22 July 2022

ISLAMIC SHARIA COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN & NORTHERN IRELAND

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

I have examined the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31st December 2021, which are set out on pages 6 to 11.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES AND INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

The trustees (who are also the administrators of the charity for the purposes of charity law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charities Commission under section 145(5(b)) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention to indicate that:

- accounting records have not been kept in accordance with Charities Act 2011
- the accounts do not accord with such records:
- where accounts are prepared on an accruals basis, whether they fail to comply with relevant accounting requirements and, or are not consistent with the Charities SORP (FRS102)
- any matter which the examiner believes should be drawn to the attention of the reader to gain a proper understanding of the accounts

Signature:



Name of Independent Examiner: Faryal Safdar AIA

This report was approved by the Independent Examiner on 25th July 2022

ISLAMIC SHARIA COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN & NORTHERN IRELAND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	Note	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generating funds:					
Voluntary income					
Fees	2	115,210		115,210	128,980
Grants	3				
Activities for generating funds	4				
Investment income	5				
Incoming resources from charitable activities					
		-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		115,210		115,210	128,980
		-	-	-	-
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Cost of generating funds	6				
Charitable activities	7	(98,153)		(98,153)	(111,457)
Governance costs	8	(25,051)		(25,051)	(36,273)
		-	-	-	-
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		<u>(123,204)</u>		<u>(123,204)</u>	<u>(147,730)</u>
		-	-	-	-
NET (OUTGOING) / INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR		(7,994)		(7,994)	(18,750)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>(13,175)</u>	<u>24,975</u>	<u>11,800</u>	<u>30,550</u>
		-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>(21,169)</u>	<u>24,975</u>	<u>3,806</u>	<u>11,800</u>
		=	=	=	=

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

All the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

The notes on pages 5 to 8 form part of these financial statements.

ISLAMIC SHARIA COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN & NORTHERN IRELAND

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
ASSETS					
Building		640,350		640,350	
		=====		=====	
Office equipment		3,763		3,763	
Debtors		7,444		8,547	
Cash at bank and in hand	9	5,372		33,065	
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		16,579		45,375	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after one year	10	(12,773)		(33,575)	
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		-		-	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			3,806		11,800
			-		-
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			3,806		11,800
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			-		-
NET ASSETS			3,806		11,800
			=====		=====
FUNDS					
Unrestricted income funds	11		(21,169)		(13,175)
Restricted income funds	12		24,975		24,975
			-----		-----
			-		-
TOTAL FUNDS			3,806		11,800
			=====		=====

For the financial year ended 31 December 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. The directors acknowledges their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on:

Dr Suhaib Hasan (Chair):

Dr Liaquat Ali (Treasurer):

The notes on pages 5 to 8 form part of these financial statements.

ISLAMIC SHARIA COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN & NORTHERN IRELAND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and follow the recommendations in the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP). The accounts have been compiled on a basis that enables surplus or deficit to be calculated in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice and Charities Act 2011 and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources of a revenue nature are included as income to the period to which they relate to donation for the furtherance of the community around Dagenham.

Resources expended

All expenditure is included on an accrual basis, inclusive of any VAT, which cannot be recovered. Expenditure is allocated to specific activities where the cost relates directly to that activity.

Restricted funds

Restricted income received are accounted for separately as restricted funds and are used for the purposes specified by the donor

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME GRANTS:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-
	=	=	=	=

3. INCOME:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Fees Received	<u>115,210</u>		<u>115,210</u>	<u>128,980</u>

**ISLAMIC SHARIA COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN &
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**THE ISLAMIC SHARI'A COUNCIL
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

4. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Commission on Sales		-	-
	=	=	=

5. INVESTMENT INCOME:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Bank Interest Received	-	-	-
	=	=	=

6. COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS:

	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Building Cost	0	<u>....0</u>
	-	-
	0	<u>....0</u>
	=	=

7. COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES:

	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Charitable costs	<u>123,204</u>	<u>147,730</u>

**ISLAMIC SHARIA COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN &
NORTHERN IRELAND**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

7a. STAFF COSTS:

	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Staff Salaries	<u>76,410</u>	<u>71,576</u>
	-	-
		=

7b. SUPPORT COSTS:

	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Volunteers' expenses	2,562	000
Printing	3,485	6,268
Rates	2,272	2,096
Phone	1,861	7,763
General Exp	6,906	6,364
Bad debts	0	6,550
Leasing & Repair	4,526	4,993
Bank Charges	89	1,803
Insurance	1,548	1,648
Utilities	1,612	3,264
Miscellaneous	190	<u>132</u>
	<u>25,051</u>	<u>39,881</u>

ISLAMIC SHARIA COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN & NORTHERN IRELAND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

8. Contractors:

	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Profession Cost	21,743	33,699
Misc. Utilities	<u>.....0</u>	<u>2,574</u>
	<u>21,743</u>	<u>36,273</u>
	=	=

9. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	2021 £	2020 £
Barclays current account	<u>5,372</u>	<u>34,167</u>
	=	=

10. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Mahr bank	12,773	23,662
Creditors Outstanding	0	9,913
Accruals-(Fatwa Council & Quran society)	<u>.....0</u>	<u>.....0</u>
	<u>12,773</u>	<u>33,575</u>
	=	=

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THE ISLAMIC SHARI'A COUNCIL

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31st DECEMBER 2020

Company Number

Charity Number 1003855

THE ISLAMIC SHARI'A COUNCIL
YEAR ENDED 31 December 2020

Registered Charity Name THE ISLAMIC SHARI'A COUNCIL

Charity Registration Number 1003855

Company Registration Number

Registered Office 34 Francis Road
Leyton
London
E10 6PW

Trustees Dr Suhaib Hasan
Dr Liaquat Ali
Mr Mohammed A Sayeed
Dr Tariq Rajbee

Accountant **Shipkolye Financial services**
89 Langham Road
London N15 3LR

Bankers Barclays bank
839 High Road
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THE ISLAMIC SHARI'A COUNCIL
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

I have examined the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31st December 2020, which are set out on pages 3 to 9.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act), and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43 of the 1993 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF EXAMINER'S REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep proper accounting records in accordance with section 386 of Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Shipkolye Financial Services
89 Langham Road
London N15 3LR
17th August 2021

THE ISLAMIC SHARI'A COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING THE
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generating funds:					
Voluntary income					
Fees	2	128,980		128,980	139,276
Grants	3				
Activities for generating funds	4				
Investment income	5				
Incoming resources from charitable activities					
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>128,980</u>		<u>128,980</u>	<u>139,276</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Cost of generating funds	6				
Charitable activities	7	(111,457)		(111,457)	(119,366)
Governance costs	8	(36,273)		(36,273)	(28,964)
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		<u>(147,730)</u>		<u>(147,730)</u>	<u>(148,330)</u>
NET (OUTGOING) / INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR					
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>5,575</u>		<u>5,575</u>	<u>14,629</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>(13,175)</u>		<u>(13,175)</u>	<u>5,575</u>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

The notes on pages 5 to 8 form part of these financial statements.

THE ISLAMIC SHARI'A COUNCIL
BALANCE SHEET
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	2020 £	£	2019 £	£
ASSETS					
Building		640,350		640,000	
Office equipment		3,763		3,763	
Debtors		4,370		3,950	
Cash at bank and in hand	9	33,065		45,912	
		45,375		56,922	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after one year	10	(33,575)		(25,572)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			11,800		31,350
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			11,800		31,350
NET ASSETS			11,800		31,350
FUNDS					
Unrestricted income funds	11		(13,175)		5,575
Restricted income funds	12		24,975		25,775
TOTAL FUNDS			11,800		31,350

For the financial year ended 31 December 2020 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.

The directors acknowledges their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on:

Dr Suhaib Hasan (Chair):

Dr Liaquat Ali (Treasurer):

The notes on pages 5 to 8 form part of these financial statements.

THE ISLAMIC SHARI'A COUNCIL
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and follow the recommendations in the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005) and the Companies Act 2006.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources of a revenue nature are included as income to the period to which they relate to donation for the furtherance of the community around Dagenham.

Resources expended

All expenditure is included on an accrual basis, inclusive of any VAT, which cannot be recovered. Expenditure is allocated to specific activities where the cost relates directly to that activity.

Restricted funds

Restricted income received are accounted for separately as restricted funds and are used for the purposes specified by the donor

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME GRANTS:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
Miscellaneous	_____	_____	_____	_____
	=====	=====	=====	=====

3. INCOME:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
Fees Received	128,980		128,980	139,276
	_____	_____	_____	_____
	128,980	=====	128,980	139,276
	=====	=====	=====	=====

THE ISLAMIC SHARI'A COUNCIL
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

4. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
Commission on Sales			

5. INVESTMENT INCOME :

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
Bank Interest Received			

6. COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS:

	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
Building Cost	000	000
	000	000

7. COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES:

	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
Staff costs		
Support costs	147,730	148,330
Direct project expenditure		
	147,730	148,330

THE ISLAMIC SHARI'A COUNCIL
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

7a. STAFF COSTS:

	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
Staff Salaries	71,576	72,947
Employers NI	000	13,767
	<u>71,576</u>	<u>86,714</u>

7b. SUPPORT COSTS:

	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
Volunteers expenses	000	2,302
Printing	6,268	8,108
Rates	2,096	1,816
Phone	7,763	4,882
General Exp	6,364	773
Bad debts	6,550	3,144
Leasing & Repair	4,993	8,378
Bank Charges	1,803	1,736
Insurance	1,648	648
Utilities	3,264	000
Miscellaneous	132	607
	<u>39,881</u>	<u>32,394</u>

THE ISLAMIC SHARI'A COUNCIL
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

8. Contractors:

	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
Profession Cost	33,699	26,054
Misc Utilities	2,574	3,168
	<u>36,273</u>	<u>29,222</u>

9. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	2020 £	2019 £
Barclays current account	34,167	45,912
	<u>34,167</u>	<u>45,912</u>

10. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Mahr bank	23,662	23,494
Creditors Outstanding	9,913	1,740
Accruals-(Fatwa Council & Quran society)	000	337
	<u>33,575</u>	<u>25,572</u>

**THE ISLAMIC SHARI'A COUNCIL
MANAGEMENT INFORMATION
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

The following pages do not form part of the statutory financial statements.

NAMES AND POSITIONS OF TRUSTEES IN 2020.

Mr. M. Abu Sayeed (Chairman)

Dr. Suhaib Hasan (Secretary)

Dr. Liaquat Ali (Treasurer)

Dr. Tariq Rajbee.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT.

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020. The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are listed on page 1.

The Islamic Shari'a Council was established in 1982 in a meeting attended by various scholars representing a number of mosques in the UK. The Council is a Welfare and non- for-profit making registered charity, and has adopted a constitution on 14 March 1991.

The main function of the Council is to guide the Muslims in the UK in matters related to religious issues as well as solving their matrimonial problems. The majority of clients who approach the Charity are women from ethnic minorities who require help with their marital problems. The Charity can help give them relief from abusive marriages at the first instance. It also directs clients to other organisations who may be able to help them, such as marital counselling, anger management, charities who give financial help and so forth. Although costs are involved for the service provided by the Charity, these services are provided at a considerably reduced cost to our clients.

The Charity works with all denominations of Muslims and does not discriminate because of ethnic origin, school of law or any disabilities. It treats all its clients as valued members of society and offers the best advice it can to each client.

A system of line management, appraisal, staff development and supervision is in place, together with grievance and complaints procedures, and financial procedures.

The Trust operates with a written Constitution and clear written procedures. A new Trustee will be nominated by an existing trustee; he or she will be chosen if approved by unanimous agreement.

ADDITIONAL GOVERNANCE ISSUES.

Trustees, scholars, and staff are required to be aware of Continuous Professional Development and to attend an annual training day in which policies and procedures are reviewed and improved. Participants receive training on talking to vulnerable adults, mental health issues, domestic violence, data confidentiality, current thinking in Islamic law on marriage and divorce issues and ensuring the safety and confidentiality of all clients. Representatives of a local solicitors' firm are invited to explain issues of legal interest, such as validity of religious marriages at home and abroad, or legal effect of Non-Molestation Orders.

Members of the Council are active within the Muslim community, media, Parliament, and other arenas to promote issues of citizenship, societal harmony, mutual understanding and respect, gender equality and interfaith dialogue.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objectives of the Council are

- 1- To help the Muslim community by
 - (a) Fostering and encouraging the practice of moderate and sincere Islamic faith according to the Quran and the Sunnah.
 - (b) Providing advice and assistance for Muslim families who need help with counselling, mediation, or religious divorce.
 - (c) To make decisions on matters of religious law and practice.
 - (d) Promoting the proper practice of the Islamic faith in the United Kingdom and engaging with the wider community to dispel myths about Islam.
- 2- To educate the wider community about Islam and Muslims and to offer a counter-narrative to divisive and Islamophobic beliefs.

SUMMARY OF MAIN ACTIVITIES:

The staff and Trustees understand their obligation and give full regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance.

The primary role of the Trust is to benefit the wider public, especially the Muslim community, in its daily life. Most of the clients are Muslims, although we have dealt with a small number of divorce cases in which English women of Christian backgrounds had been abandoned by their Muslim husbands. We were able to assist with religious divorces to all the women concerned.

Our clients are generally Muslims who are involved in difficult disputes, whether with colleagues or family. We offer a mediation service, counselling and religious advice at the office. Many of our clients are women with limited access to funds. We offer highly subsidised rates and also refer clients to charities that can offer financial help, such as the National Zakah Foundation.

The Trust has also forged contact with mainstream news media, interfaith organisations such as The Light Foundation and Three Faiths Forum, university Law societies and international organisations such as The Forum for Promoting Peace; scholars are available to give interviews and participate in discussions in order to counter negative understandings of Islam.

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE TRUST IN THE PAST YEAR.

1- The year 2020 was the year of the Covid 19 pandemic. When the lockdown happened in March 2020, the office was shut immediately, but the office continued to receive calls and emails for help and advice. The Trustees and staff held a virtual meeting and decided it was important to keep the office functioning. The staff then worked hard over a period of two weeks to make the office fully digital and paperless. Online training was given to all members to help them navigate the new technology. Since then, the office has been fully operational but physical access for clients has been restricted.

2- Participating and speaking at the Forum for World Peace on an online platform.

3- Staff development by attending a course on GDPR rules and general data protection and data security.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES.

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and for taking steps for the prevention and detection of fraud.

DECLARATION

The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Dr Suhaib Hasan

Trustee and Secretary

21 September 2021.

