

Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022  
for  
Vauxhall Neighbourhood Council Limited

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

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Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Objectives and aims**

During the year Vauxhall Neighbourhood Council (VNC) has continued with its principal activity of promoting the interests of the inhabitants of Vauxhall and its immediate environments by providing services to protect good health, relieve hardship and distress, advance education and promote other activities which are beneficial to the community.

The company is a community organisation providing education and training to local residents as well as facilities, advice and support; it is also an umbrella group for other local community organisations. VNC's main objective to date has been to strengthen local neighbourhoods and empower residents whilst improving the range and quality of local service provision to meet the diverse and changing needs of people living in a very deprived area of Liverpool.

The Trustees have paid due regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

It has been a challenging year for the organisation and following a thorough review of all aspects of the organisation a new development strategy has been developed to prepare VNC for the future and to improve sustainability. Additional support within the areas of business development, financial management and project management will enable the organisation to grow and build on what has been achieved to date and ensure the achievement of core aim and encapsulated within the mission statement:

"To relieve hardship, improve education, preserve good health, promote employment opportunities, and to provide and assist in the provision of facilities in the interest of social welfare and recreational activities of the community".

This is needed now more than ever and VNC has a strong direction and will to make this happen.

Performance in the past year has been severely affected due to the pandemic and the restrictions the country has been under. The organisation has responded and reacted proactively to local needs by stepping up and providing support to those most vulnerable within the communities in which we work.

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**ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

**Charitable activities**

VNC provides vital employability and life skills/sector based training to help young people overcome their individual barriers to progression and develop the skills and ability to raise aspirations and move forward. These projects include the:

- ESF Funded - Inclusion and Progression Project delivering employability courses for young people
- ESF Funded - New Futures Project for young people who are at risk of becoming NEET (Not in Education Employment or Training)
- ESF Funded - Focused Futures Digital Project to build digital skills for unemployed people in the local community and to support them into employment

VNC have set up a community food pantry where local residents can access food and shopping bundles.

VNC host a Youth Holiday, Activity and Food Project through half-terms, Easter, Summer and Winter breaks to provide a full programme of activities as well as substantial hot food through the day.

VNC has maintained Matrix accreditation for Information Advice and Guidance and provides much needed support to young people to help them navigate round the options and opportunities available and provide support to progress to the next step. We are also a Disability confident provider.

VNC continues to be home to a number of tenants that provide valuable services to the wider community. Amongst the tenants is the Vauxhall Community Law and Information Centre, who are expanding and this will enable them to provide greater access to justice for the community on a range of social welfare issues.

Collaborative working between VNC and Alt Valley Community Trust is going from strength to strength and this extends the reach and support we are able to provide to greater numbers as well as the breadth of activities and initiatives.

VNC also provides space for a number of local groups operating across the VNC catchment area who may struggle to meet without this support.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Total incoming resources for the year amounted to £250,992 (2021: £249,816) and total resources expended amounted to £345,719 (2021: £266,203) giving a deficit of £94,727. Expenditure for the year includes depreciation against assets of £95,431.

It is the policy of the Charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to three month's expenditure. The Trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. The Trustees recognise free reserves need to be increased and are reviewing options to improve the current position.

The Trustees remain satisfied that the charity is a going concern.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

**FUTURE PLANS**

VNC have recently opened a food pantry which is running from strength to strength but greater provision is required in the local community. We are looking to secure further funding to allow us to expand our current offer and reach a higher proportion of people in need in the wider community.

We are also looking to secure funding to redevelop dilapidated community space to meet the emerging requirements of community group meetings, small community conferences, community consultations, etc.

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**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

**Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

The trustees at the first meeting following the AGM will appoint the officers and can also appoint co-opted/advisory members who can retain office without voting rights until the next AGM. Sub committees and advisory committees can also be established by the Committee as and when required to carry out various functions such as development, personnel, membership, finance, policy etc. No subcommittee has delegated powers to operate or incur expenditure without the Committee of Management approval. The day to day operation of the company is delegated to staff under the direction of the Chief Executive, Pauline Connolly.

New trustees are made aware of their responsibilities under charity and company law and are appraised as to the aims and operation of the charity.

Remuneration of senior staff is benchmarked against similar organisations.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Company number**

03352359 (England and Wales)

**Registered Charity number**

1063661

**Registered office**

Vauxhall Millennium Resource Centre  
Silvester Street  
Liverpool  
Merseyside  
L5 8UX

**Trustees**

J Donnelly  
A Jennings  
R Morley  
Mrs P Connolly (appointed 11.7.22)

**Independent Examiner**

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 20 December 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

J Donnelly - Trustee

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Vauxhall Neighbourhood Council Limited ('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2022.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (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 Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company 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 accounts 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 your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of FCCA 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 accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts 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.

G J Rummens  
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20 December 2022

Vauxhall Neighbourhood Council Limited

Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies		390	-	390	-
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Employment training		79,142	66,502	145,644	155,379
Covid support		30,272	-	30,272	40,969
Community pantry		-	9,960	9,960	-
Investment income	2	64,726	-	64,726	53,468
<b>Total</b>		174,530	76,462	250,992	249,816
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Employment training		182,817	152,942	335,759	266,203
Community pantry		-	9,960	9,960	-
<b>Total</b>		182,817	162,902	345,719	266,203
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		(8,287)	(86,440)	(94,727)	(16,387)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		(164,045)	1,056,502	892,457	908,844
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		(172,332)	970,062	797,730	892,457

The notes form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet  
31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	6	94,441	970,062	1,064,503	1,159,934
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	7	30,441	-	30,441	58,227
Cash at bank and in hand		34,536	-	34,536	17,510
		<u>64,977</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>64,977</u>	<u>75,737</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(215,019)	-	(215,019)	(226,483)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)</b>		<u>(150,042)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(150,042)</u>	<u>(150,746)</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		(55,601)	970,062	914,461	1,009,188
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	9	(116,731)	-	(116,731)	(116,731)
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>(172,332)</u>	<u>970,062</u>	<u>797,730</u>	<u>892,457</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	11				
Unrestricted funds				(172,332)	(164,045)
Restricted funds				970,062	1,056,502
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>797,730</u>	<u>892,457</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each 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 financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.



Balance Sheet - continued

31 March 2022

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 20 December 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

J Donnelly - Trustee

## **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% on cost
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	- at variable rates on reducing balance

### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

### **Fund accounting**

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

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

### **Hire purchase and leasing commitments**

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

### **Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

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

**2. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Rents received	64,726	52,189
Costs recharged	-	1,279
	<u>64,726</u>	<u>53,468</u>

**3. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	95,431	98,071
Hire of plant and machinery	-	600
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**4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

**5. STAFF COSTS**

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.22	31.3.21
Staff	6	4
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No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

**6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Freehold property £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022	<u>4,322,015</u>	<u>725,651</u>	<u>5,047,666</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 April 2021	3,254,215	633,517	3,887,732
Charge for year	86,440	8,991	95,431
	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>3,340,655</u>	<u>642,508</u>	<u>3,983,163</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 March 2022	<u>981,360</u>	<u>83,143</u>	<u>1,064,503</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>1,067,800</u>	<u>92,134</u>	<u>1,159,934</u>

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**7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Trade debtors	28,014	15,750
Prepayments and accrued income	2,427	42,477
	<u>30,441</u>	<u>58,227</u>

**8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Other loans (see note 10)	189,739	145,604
Trade creditors	3,164	-
Social security and other taxes	7,205	8,221
Other creditors	1,161	44,033
Accruals and deferred income	13,750	28,625
	<u>215,019</u>	<u>226,483</u>

**9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Other loans (see note 10)	<u>116,731</u>	<u>116,731</u>

**10. LOANS**

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Other loans	<u>189,739</u>	<u>145,604</u>
Amounts falling between one and two years:		
Other loans - 1-2 years	<u>116,731</u>	<u>116,731</u>

**11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.4.21	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.22
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	(164,045)	(8,287)	(172,332)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Millennium Building Fund	1,056,502	(86,440)	970,062
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>892,457</u>	<u>(94,727)</u>	<u>797,730</u>

# 11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	174,530	(182,817)	(8,287)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Millennium Building Fund	-	(86,440)	(86,440)
The 64 Trust	16,667	(16,667)	-
Awards for All	9,960	(9,960)	-
Liverpool Charity and Voluntary Services	22,600	(22,600)	-
Rotunda Ltd	15,235	(15,235)	-
Workers Educational Association	12,000	(12,000)	-
	<u>76,462</u>	<u>(162,902)</u>	<u>(86,440)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>250,992</u>	<u>(345,719)</u>	<u>(94,727)</u>

## Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	(234,098)	70,053	(164,045)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Millennium Building Fund	1,142,942	(86,440)	1,056,502
	<u>908,844</u>	<u>(16,387)</u>	<u>892,457</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>908,844</u>	<u>(16,387)</u>	<u>892,457</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	214,316	(144,263)	70,053
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Millennium Building Fund	-	(86,440)	(86,440)
Grantscape (Burbo)	9,500	(9,500)	-
Veolia Environmental Trust	26,000	(26,000)	-
	<u>35,500</u>	<u>(121,940)</u>	<u>(86,440)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>249,816</u>	<u>(266,203)</u>	<u>(16,387)</u>

# 11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	(234,098)	61,766	(172,332)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Millennium Building Fund	1,142,942	(172,880)	970,062
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>908,844</u>	<u>(111,114)</u>	<u>797,730</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	388,846	(327,080)	61,766
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Millennium Building Fund	-	(172,880)	(172,880)
Grantscape (Burbo)	9,500	(9,500)	-
Veolia Environmental Trust	26,000	(26,000)	-
The 64 Trust	16,667	(16,667)	-
Awards for All	9,960	(9,960)	-
Liverpool Charity and Voluntary Services	22,600	(22,600)	-
Rotunda Ltd	15,235	(15,235)	-
Workers Educational Association	12,000	(12,000)	-
	<u>111,962</u>	<u>(284,842)</u>	<u>(172,880)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>500,808</u>	<u>(611,922)</u>	<u>(111,114)</u>

# 12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2022.