



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Birmingham Airport Community Trust Fund

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1071176

Set out on pages

3 to 4 with the Trustees report adding notes to the accounts on pages 5 to 10.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

Signed:

Date:

22 Jan 2024

Name:

Michael Joseph Kelly

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body (if any):

Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (FCA)

Address:

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Solihull

Birmingham B90 4YN

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

No matters identified in the course of the work undertaken as required under the guidance provided under CC 32.

BIRMINGHAM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT COMMUNITY TRUST FUND

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year ended 31 March 2023

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Airport Fines	2	617	1,743
Interest Receivable		208	8
Total Income		96,323	91,322
Expenditure			
Direct Charitable Expenditure:			
Grants		80,983	106,570
Interest Payable		0	16
Claims Released		(500)	(5,200)
Total Expenditure		80,483	101,386
Net (Expenditure)/Income		15,840	(10,064)
Fund Balance brought forward at 1 April		52,397	62,461
Fund Balance carried forward at 31 March		68,237	52,397

The notes on page 2 form part of these accounts

BIRMINGHAM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT COMMUNITY TRUST FUND

Balance Sheet at 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Current Assets			
Bank Deposit Account		68,383	47,677
Bank Current Account		6,493	2,977
Cash at Bank & in Hand		74,876	50,654
Debtors		2,360	1,743
		<u>77,237</u>	<u>52,397</u>
less:			
Conditional Awards		(9,000)	0
		<u>68,237</u>	<u>52,397</u>
Funds			
Unrestricted Funds		68,237	52,397
		<u>68,237</u>	<u>52,397</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by

Al. Hall (Trustee)

19th January 2024 (Date)

Notes to the Accounts for the Year ended 31 March 2023

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Birmingham Airport Community Trust Fund Trustees Report for the Financial Year 2022/2023

Summary

The Birmingham Airport Community Trust Fund was established in 1998 to provide a means whereby Birmingham Airport Ltd invests in a range of local projects which benefit the local community and environment. The Trust is administered by a secretary appointed by Birmingham Airport Ltd and operated by nine Trustees who decide on how funds will be allocated.

The Community Trust Fund supports projects which meet one or more of four criteria:

- Heritage Conservation.
- Environment improvement, improving awareness of environmental issues, environmental education and training, encouraging and protecting wildlife.
- Bringing the Community closer together through facilities for sport, recreation and other leisure time activities.
- Improving health and wellbeing through the promotion of healthy lifestyles and employment opportunities.

The Trust's Area of Benefit covers those areas most affected by the Airport's operations and is defined as lying within the boundaries of a published list of post codes. Under the terms of its Section 106 Planning Agreement with Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council in 2009, the Airport Company agreed to pay £75,000 each year into the Trust, this sum being Index-Linked to inflation. The Fund is also 'topped up' by those fines imposed on airlines that exceed the Airport's noise violation levels.

In 2022/23, the Airport Company paid the sum of 95,498.00 into the Fund, based on an inflationary uplift of 5.7%. A further £617.28 was received in fines. The Trustees made awards totalling £80,482.59 and a balance of £68,237.60 was carried forward on 31st March 2023 (See Appendix B for full accounts)

The Trustees report no material changes to the operation or organisation of the Fund during the year.

Trustees

The Board of Trustees is made up of two nominees from Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council, two from Birmingham City Council, three from the Airport Consultative Committee and two from the Airport Company. As is normal, local authorities review their nominations to outside bodies at their Annual General Meeting and as a result this year there were two changes to the Board, with Birmingham City Councillors Diane Donaldson and Board Chairman Mike Ward being re-placed by Cllr Marje Bridle and Cllr Colin Green. Additionally,

the Birmingham Airport Consultative Committee nominated a new representative, with Mo Ball replacing long-serving Trustee Paul Orton, meaning that at the end of the year, the Board was comprised of the following nominees:

Cllrs Marje Bridle and Colin F Green
Cllrs Robert Grinsell & Martin McCarthy
Dave Cuthbert, Maggie Kennett & Mo Ball
Cllr Bob Sleigh & Andy Holding (Secretary)

Birmingham City Council
Solihull MBC
Airport Consultative Committee
Birmingham Airport Ltd

The Trustees would like to place on record their thanks and appreciation of the work of Cllr Mike Ward, who stepped down as Chairman of the Board of Trustees at the conclusion of the April meeting. Cllr Ward had served on the Board of Trustees almost from its inception and had chaired the group for the past ten years. Having stepped down as a Birmingham City Councillor, the Trustees expressed their gratitude for Cllr Ward's many years of dedicated service to the Trust Fund and wished him a long and happy retirement from public life.

At the October meeting, Cllr Bob Grinsell kindly agreed to act as interim Chair until a permanent Chair was elected.

Trustees Comments

The Trustees note that for both rounds of grants made this year, there were noticeably fewer applications to the Fund than was typical of previous years. They attribute this in part to the continuing disruption caused by the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, which appears to have had a continuing impact on levels of activity in the charitable and voluntary sector locally. They also acknowledge that more needs to be done to promote the work of the Trust Fund through those channels made available by Birmingham Airport Ltd and through their own networks.

At both meetings, the Trustees noted that the Fund carried over a large surplus of funds and that this was not a desirable situation. They also recognised that the maximum grant awarded had remained unchanged since the Fund began operating in 1998, resulting in its value having fallen significantly in real terms. At the October meeting they therefore resolved to increase the maximum available funding per application from £3,000.00 to £5,000.00, with effect from the April 2023 round of grants.

The Trustees also agreed a range of measures to increase local awareness of the Fund and to monitor the impact of these changes on both the surplus funds and the number of applications.

Grants Awarded

During the year, the Trustees considered a total of 32 applications for funding.

The Trustees may award applicants either the full amount requested, or a partial grant. They may also make awards where they attach conditions, meaning the amount granted will not be paid until one or more conditions were met. The Trustees may also decline to make any award at all or invite applicants to re-apply. This year's awards can be summarised as follows:

Full Awards without conditions	23
Partial awards without conditions	2
Conditional awards	4

Invited to re-apply	0
No award made	3

In total, £80,482.59 was awarded to 29 projects. Details can be found in appendix A.

Accounts

Project Ref 2518 - All Saints Church, in Shard End - was awarded £500.00 for Arts and Crafts materials, subsequently returned their award having failed to establish the project in question.

The Trust Fund's accounts have been prepared by Birmingham Airport Ltd and have been subject to Independent Examination by Mr. Michael Kelly, representing MJK Chartered Accountants. They are presented as a separate document in Appendix B.

Signed:

M. H. McCarthy

Date:

19th January 2024

Cllr M McCarthy
Chairman

Appendix A:

Grants awarded April 2022

Ref	Project	Awarded	Purpose
2482	Birmingham Impact FC	£3,000.00	Shipping Container for Office Space & Storage
2484	Connection Church	£3,000.00	Café Tables & Kitchen Equipment
2486	Green Lane Masjid & Community Centre	£3,000.00	Fencing Equipment
2490	Unite & Uplift CIC	£2,090.00	Golf Simulator
2491	1 st Meriden Scout Group	£3,000.00	Kitchen Equipment, Tents, Gazebo
2493	St Leonard's Church	£3,000.00*	Replacement Boiler for Church Hall
2494	Urban Devotion Birmingham	£2,998.64	Games & Catering Equipment for Mobile Youth Venue
2495	Elms Farm Primary School	£3,000.00	Security Fencing
2496	St Peter's Hall	£3,000.00	Commercial Dishwasher
2497	SJB Juniors FC	£3,000.00	Gym Equipment
2497	Sutton Sailing Club	£3,000.00	Stand Up Paddleboards & Associated Equipment
2499	Ex Urbe	£ 889.13	Music Stands and folders
2501	Streetly Tennis Club	£3,000.00	LED Lighting
2503	Marsh Hill Primary School	£3,000.00	Multi Use Games Area
2504	Tudor Grange Academy Solihull	£2,036.39	Equipment & Supplies for Garden Courtyard Project
2505	Tudor Grange Yew Tree Primary School	£1,798.00	Scooter Parking Facility
		£45,802.16	

Grants awarded, October 2022

Ref	Project	Awarded	Purpose
2507	Rainbow Alliance Kingshurst	£3,000.00	Catering Equipment
2508	Old Silhillians Hockey Club	£2,000.00	Sports Equipment and Storage
2509	Greyhound Crown Green Bowling Club	£3,000.00	Lawn Aerator & Sprayer
2512	St Margaret's School Parents Assoc	£3,000.00	Building works to sports pavilion
2518	All Saints Church	£ 500.00	Arts and Crafts Materials and Equipment
2521	RajoRadio	£3,000.00	Radio Broadcasting Equipment
2522	Bromford Bridge Christian Fellowship	£2,790.43	Furniture & Catering Equipment
2523	Marston Green Netball Club	£3,000.00 C	Resurfacing of Netball Court
2524	Solihull Moors Foundation	£2,890.00	Sports Equipment
2525	Headway Birmingham & Solihull	£3,000.00 C	Contribution towards cost of minibus
2526	Saheli Hub	£3,000.00	Cycles and Associated Equipment
2528	Kitts Green Church	£3,000.00	Kitchen Equipment
2529	Catherine de Barnes Village Hall	£3,000.00 C	Resurfacing of Car Park
2531	Bickenhill Church Hall	£3,000.00	Replacement Windows and Door
		£ 38,180.43	

Appendix B
Accounts 2022-23.

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