



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

**Birmingham International Airport Community Trust Fund**

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

**31 March 2024**

**Charity no  
(if any)**

**1071176**

**Set out on pages**

**8 and 9 with the Trustees Report adding context to the accounts on pages 3 to 5 and supporting tables on pages 6 to 7.**

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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:**

**11 December 24**

**Name:**

**Michael Joseph Kelly**

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

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

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**Solihull**

**Birmingham B90 4YN**

**Section B****Disclosure**

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 Airport Community Trust Fund Trustees Report for the Financial Year 2023/2024**

### **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 2023/24, the Airport Company paid the sum of £106,031 into the Fund, based on an inflationary uplift of 11%. A further £3,250 was received in fines. The Trustees made awards totalling £113,098 and two prior awards lapsed (£1,894) leaving a balance of £67,233 carried forward on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 (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 was one change to the make-up of the Board, with Solihull MBC Councillor Robert Grinsell being replaced by Councillor David Cole. As reported in last year's Trustees report, Cllr Grinsell had taken on the role of Chairman of the Trustees at the October 2022 grant-making meeting. His departure

therefore left the Chairman's position vacant. Subsequently SMBC Councillor Martin McCarthy agreed to take on the role and was formally elected at the Trustees meeting in October. Additionally, Trustee Mo Ball, representing the Birmingham Airport Consultative Committee (ACC) resigned from her role and at its meeting in December, the ACC appointed Richard Habgood as its new representative. At the end of the year therefore, the Board was comprised of the following nominees:

Cllrs Marje Bridle and Colin F Green	Birmingham City Council
Cllrs David Cole & Martin McCarthy	Solihull MBC
Dave Cuthbert, Maggie Kennett & Richard Habgood	Airport Consultative Committee
Cllr Bob Sleigh	
Andy Holding (Secretary)	Birmingham Airport Ltd

### **Trustees Comments**

The Trustees report that for both rounds of grants made this year, as in the previous year, there were fewer applications to the Fund than was typically the norm. Likewise, they note that both grant-making meetings saw funds carried over, which was undesirable given that the Fund's purpose is to disburse monies donated by the Airport Company. The Trust expect measures taken during the year, including a greater emphasis on promoting the Fund and the raising of the maximum grant available to £5,000, are expected to address both issues during 2024/25.

### **Grants Awarded**

At their grant-making meetings, the Trustees considered a total of 41 applications for funding.

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 are met. The Trustees may also decline to make any award at all or invite applicants to re-apply. This year's activity can be summarised as follows:

Full Awards without conditions	23
Partial awards without conditions	3
Conditional awards	9
Discretionary Awards (see below)	1
Invited to re-apply	0
No award made	6

In total, £113,098 was awarded to 36 projects. Details can be found in appendix A.

### **Accounts**

At the October 2022 meeting, one project received an award of £3,000, but subsequently faced a number of unforeseen technical issues which prevented the grant from being spent. At their October 2023 meeting, the Trustees agreed to make an additional payment of £1,428 to address these issues and enable the original grant to be utilised, this is shown in the third table in Appendix A. For clarity, this additional award is included in the £113,098 total.

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:



Date:

10/12/2024

Cllr M McCarthy  
Chairman

## Appendix A:

### Grants awarded April 2023

	Name	Area	Awarded	Purpose
2543	Push on Wellbeing CIC	Chelmsley Wood	-	No Award
2535	Marston Green Free Baptist Church	Marston Green	£5,000.00C	Kitchen Refurbishment
2536	Water Orton & District Tennis Club	Water Orton	£ 984.78	Tennis balls and equipment
2537	Lyndon School	Solihull	£1,689.00	Tents/cookers etc. for DoE Scheme
2538	The AD Concert Band	Solihull	£3,200.00	Concert pads and new music
2539	Solihull Indoor Bowls Club	Solihull	£5,000.00C	LED lighting
2541	Northern Star Community Arts	North Solihull	£1,100.00	Laptop and printer
2542	Olton Residents' Association	Olton	£2,305.70	Kitchen Refurbishment
2544	Oasis Hub Blakenhale	Garretts Green	£4,850.00	Furniture and white goods
2545	Renewal Solihull	Solihull	-	No Award
2547	Olton Friary	Olton	£5,000.00C	Roof Repairs
2548	Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens Trust	Castle Bromwich	£4,500.00	Greenhouse for new propagation area
2548a	Mohawks Ice Racing Club	Solihull	£1,050.00	Ice skating kit & equipment
2551	Adoption Focus	Marston Green	-	No Award
2552	Hampton Scouts & Guides Supporters	Hampton in Arden	£2,500.00	Kitchen Refurbishment
2554	Nurture Parenting Collective CIC	Solihull	£1,000.00	Play Equipment
2555	Kingshurst Pavilions Sports Club	Kingshurst	£5,000.00C	Boundary Netting
2557	CleanUp UK	East Birmingham	£ 893.70C	Branded Hi Viz vests for litter picking
2558	North Solihull Singers	Chelmsley Wood	£ 963.00	Concert Shirts
2560	Art at the Heart	Solihull	£3,192.00	VR Headsets
2562	Power for Good Co-operative	Kitts Green	£ 350.00	Solar Panel Cleaning
2566	Solihull Sea Rangers	Olton	£2,000.00	Paddleboards
2567	Solihull Riding Club	Dorridge/Bentley Heath	-	No Award
2568	Onwards	Streetly	£4,000.00	Art Materials, sensory room equipment & games
2570	The Conies	Yardley	-	No Award
2572	Open Door Community Foundation	Hodge Hill	£5,000.00	Storage Container
2573	Arden Forest FC	Kingshurst	£2,500.00	Groundworks for additional football pitches
2574	2030 Sqn ATC	Sheldon	£3,000.00	Sports Equipment
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£65,078.18</b>	

## Grants awarded, October 2023

Ref:	Name	Area	Awarded	Purpose
2578	Menopause Knowledge CIC	Castle Bromwich	£3,259.98	IT equipment
2580	Ward End Wellbeing Centre	Ward End	£3,768.00	Sewing Machines and Tablets
2585	The Birmingham Hospice	Erdington	£5,000.00C	Refurbishment of patient rooms
2586	Meriden Adventure Playground	Chelmsley Wood	£5,000.00	Timber supplies for refurbishment of play equipment
2587	Knowle & Dorridge Cricket Club	Dorridge	£5,000.00	Refurbishment of Toilet Areas
2590	Birmingham Youth Sports Academy	Saltley	£3,000.00	Football Equipment & Training Aids
2591	Friends of QEII Playing Field	Shustoke	£5,000.00C	Outdoor Play Equipment
2593	Rising Stars Young People's Services	Hodge Hill	£3,481.00	Sports equipment
2594	Silhillians RUFC	Knowle	£4,661.00C	Pitchside spectator facilities
2596	Glebe Farm & Stechford Residents	Glebe Farm	£3,000.00C	Accessible Roundabout for Play Area
2598	Four Oaks Baptist Church	Four Oaks	£2,370.00	Vegetation Removal to Outside Areas
2599	Marsh Hill Allotments Association	Stockland Green	£3,052.09	Shed, Raised Beds and Ground Improvements
2601	Compass Support Services	Castle Vale	No Award	-
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£46,592.07</b>	

## Trustees discretionary award – October 2023

Ref:	Name	Area	Awarded	Purpose
2528	Kitts Green Church	Kitts Green	£1,428	Gas cooker installation costs
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,428.00</b>	

**Appendix B:**  
**Accounts 2023/2024**

<b>BIRMINGHAM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT COMMUNITY TRUST FUND</b>				
<b>Statement of Financial Activities for the Year ended 31 March 2024</b>				
			<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>Notes</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income and Expenditure</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
Donation from Birmingham International Airport			106,031	95,498
Airport Fines	2		3,250	617
Interest Receivable			919	208
<b>Total Income</b>			<b>110,200</b>	<b>96,323</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Direct Charitable Expenditure:				
Grants			113,098	80,983
Interest Payable			0	0
Claims Released			(1,894)	(500)
<b>Total Expenditure</b>			<b>111,205</b>	<b>80,483</b>
<b>Net (Expenditure)/Income</b>			<b>(1,005)</b>	<b>15,840</b>
<b>Fund Balance brought forward at 1 April</b>			<b>68,238</b>	<b>52,397</b>
<b>Fund Balance carried forward at 31 March</b>			<b>67,233</b>	<b>68,237</b>
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**Appendix B:**  
**Accounts 2023/2024 (continued)**

<b><u>BIRMINGHAM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT COMMUNITY TRUST FUND</u></b>			
<b><u>Balance Sheet at 31 March 2024</u></b>			
	<b>Notes</b>	<b>2024 £</b>	<b>2023 £</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Bank Deposit Account		69,302	68,383
Bank Current Account		23,681	6,493
Cash at Bank & in Hand		92,983	74,876
Debtors		3,250	2,360
		<u>96,233</u>	<u>77,237</u>
<b>less:</b>			
Conditional Awards		(29,000)	(9,000)
		<u>67,233</u>	<u>68,237</u>
<b>Funds</b>			
Unrestricted Funds		67,233	68,237
		<u>67,233</u>	<u>68,237</u>
<p>Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by</p> <p><i>M. H. McCarthy</i> (Trustee)</p> <p><i>10/12/2024</i> (Date)</p>			
<b><u>Notes to the Accounts for the Year ended 31 March 2024</u></b>			
1	These Accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities.		
2	Airport Fines are levied on Airlines whose aircraft are in violation of the Airport's Night Flying Policy. The income from these fines is transferred to the Community Trust Fund.		
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