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# DIAS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTRE

## ANNUAL REPORT

2023/2024

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## **DIAS Domestic Violence Centre**

The Board of Trustees presents its report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

### **Reference and Administrative Information**

Charity Name: DIAS Domestic Violence Centre

Charity registration number: 1073769

Company registration number: 03548114

Registered Office and operational address: 38 Rodney House, King Street, Wigan, Greater Manchester, WN1 1BT

### **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.

#### **Risk management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

### **Board of Trustees**

Timothy Smith - Chair

Martin Preston - Vice Chair

Eunice Smethurst

Susan Gambles

Elaine Tyrrell

Gemma Braithwaite (following resignation as CO)

### **Chief Officer**

Gemma Braithwaite (resigned 18/08/2023)

Jane Martin (18/08/2023 onwards)

## **Our aims and objectives**

Our charity's purposes as set out in the objects contained in the company's memorandum of association are to;

Promote for the public benefit, the provision of services directed towards the prevention of domestic abuse and the relief and support of persons who are in danger of suffering such abuse, to advance the education of the voluntary and statutory agencies and the public in all aspects of domestic abuse, it's causes and prevention.

## **Ensuring our work delivers our aims**

We review our aims, objectives and activities each year. This review looks at what we achieved and the outcomes of our work in the previous 12 months. The review looks at the success of our activities and the benefits they have brought to those groups of people we are set up to help. The review also helps us ensure our aims, objectives and activities remained focused on our stated purposes. We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

## **The focus of our work**

Our main objectives for the year continued to be to seek to alleviate the suffering experienced by anyone affected by domestic abuse and violence and to raise awareness within the community to promote early intervention, prevention and resilience building. The strategies we used to meet these objectives included:

- Providing a range of services which are responsive to client needs and address the potential problems related to domestic abuse.
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- Working in partnership with other agencies to provide a holistic network of support that reduces the risk of harm and addresses client needs.

## **How our activities deliver public benefit**

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Our main activities and who we try to help are described below. All our charitable activities focus on providing advice and support to anyone affected by domestic abuse to reduce the risk of harm and promote recovery from their experiences and are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

### **Local context**

In the 12 months ending March 2024 -

- There were 8231 reports of Domestic Abuse reported to the police in Wigan & Leigh. This is an increase of 198 from the previous year.
- The most prevalent areas for Domestic Abuse crime and victim's residence were Platt Bridge, Abram, Scholes, Hindley and Ince (PASHI Neighbourhood).
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The most prevalent areas for domestic abuse are in some of the more deprived areas in the Wigan Borough, however it is acknowledged that the rate may be higher in the more affluent areas but this is underreported.

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### **Who used and benefited from our services?**

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Our helpline received 6761 calls during the reporting period, which is a slight decrease on the previous year when we received just over 7100 calls. This is likely attributed to the multi-agency work that we have completed as part of the Community Safety Partnership, for the past 4 years starting to have a plateau effect. Callers ranged from direct victims of abuse, concerned family/friends and professionals.

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APRIL 2023 - MARCH 2024

HELPLINE CALLS

6761

NEW CLIENTS

873

EXSISTING  
CLIENTS  
SUPPORTED

2416

GMP REFERRALS

2228

GROUP  
PROGRAMME  
SESSIONS

168

NUMBER OF  
CHILDREN  
SUPPORTED

12684

DROP IN'S

846

OVERALL SUPPORT  
HOURS

4754

COUNSELLING  
SESSIONS

2604

## What our clients have to say about our service

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## Income and funding

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## **Reserves policy**

Our reserves policy is reviewed annually in line with Charity Commission Guidance. Our target is with the intention of covering the necessary costs of dissolution and to provide the necessary funds to continue to offer our support and counselling services should some funding sources not be retained, whilst new sources are secured. The increase in our Reserves is deemed prudent and necessary as we continue to be in a period of national financial uncertainty.

## **Note from the Board of Trustees**

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**REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 03548114 (England and Wales)**  
**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1073769**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024  
FOR  
DIAS - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTRE**

Fairhurst Accountants Ltd  
Chartered Accountants  
Douglas Bank House  
Wigan Lane  
Wigan  
Lancashire  
WN1 2TB

**DIAS - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTRE**

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

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## **DIAS - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTRE (REGISTERED NUMBER: 03548114)**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

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 2024. 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**

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
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**ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

**Charitable activities - Local context**

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**Statistics at a glance**

**HELPLINE CALLS - 6,761**

**GMP REFERRALS - 2,228**

**DROP IN'S - 846**

**NEW CLIENTS -873**

**GROUP PROGRAMME SESSIONS - 168**

**OVERALL SUPPORT HOURS -4,754**

**EXISTING CLIENTS SUPPORTED - 2,416**

**NUMBER OF CHILDREN SUPPORTED - 12,684**

**COUNSELLING SESSIONS - 2,604**

**What our clients have to say about our service**

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**DIAS - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTRE (REGISTERED NUMBER: 03548114)**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
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**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Principal funding sources**

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

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03548114 (England and Wales)

**Registered Charity number**

1073769

**Registered office**

Suite 38 2nd Floor  
Rodney House  
King St  
Wigan  
Lancashire  
WN1 1BT

**DIAS - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTRE (REGISTERED NUMBER: 03548114)**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**


**Trustees**  
T J Smith Company Director  
M J Preston Charity Worker  
Mrs E Smethurst Councillor  
Ms S Gambles Elected Member  
Mrs E Tyrrell Deputy Registrar  
G Braithwaite (appointed 11/4/2024)

**Independent Examiner**  
Fairhurst Accountants Ltd  
Chartered Accountants  
Douglas Bank House  
Wigan Lane  
Wigan  
Lancashire  
WN1 2TB

**Adviser to the Board of Trustees**  
Andrew Taylor

**Chief Officer**  
Gemma Braithwaite (resigned 18/08/2023)  
Jane Martin (18/08/2023 onwards)

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 11 December 2024 | 21:07 GMT and signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
T J Smith - Trustee



**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
DIAS - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTRE**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Dias - Domestic Violence Centre ('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**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 member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, 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.

Louise Webster BSc BFP ACA  
The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

Fairhurst Accountants Ltd  
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Lancashire  
WN1 2TB

Date: .....

**DIAS - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTRE**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

	Notes	2024 Unrestricted fund £	2023 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	2	9,326	33,602
<b>Charitable activities</b>	4		
Mainstream activities		486,605	468,087
Other		-	72
Investment income	3	1,166	131
<b>Total</b>		<u>497,097</u>	<u>501,892</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>	5		
Mainstream activities		<u>487,179</u>	<u>512,412</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		9,918	(10,520)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward		273,775	284,295
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>283,693</u></u>	<u><u>273,775</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

DIAS - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTRE (REGISTERED NUMBER: 03548114)

BALANCE SHEET  
31 March 2024

		2024 Unrestricted fund £	2023 Total funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	Notes		
Debtors	9	38,281	38,306
Cash at bank and in hand		265,584	257,172
		303,865	295,478
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(20,172)	(21,703)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		283,693	273,775
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		283,693	273,775
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		283,693	273,775
<b>FUNDS</b>	11		
Unrestricted funds		283,693	273,775
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		283,693	273,775

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2024.


The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) 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.

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 11 December 2024. 21:07 GMT were signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
T J Smith - Trustee

DIAS - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTRE

CASH FLOW STATEMENT  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	1	7,246	(2,603)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		7,246	(2,603)
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Interest received		1,166	131
Net cash provided by investing activities		1,166	131
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		8,412	(2,472)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>		257,172	259,644
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>		265,584	257,172

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**DIAS - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTRE****NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024****1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)</b>	9,918	(10,520)
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Interest received	(1,166)	(131)
Decrease in debtors	25	7,084
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(1,531)	964
<b>Net cash provided by/(used in) operations</b>	<u>7,246</u>	<u>(2,603)</u>

**2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS**

	At 1/4/23 £	Cash flow £	At 31/3/24 £
<b>Net cash</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>257,172</u>	<u>8,412</u>	<u>265,584</u>
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<b>Total</b>	<u>257,172</u>	<u>8,412</u>	<u>265,584</u>

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**DIAS - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTRE****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024****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.

**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.

**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. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations	6,395	15,393
Grants	-	14,000
Donated services and facilities	2,931	4,209
	<u>9,326</u>	<u>33,602</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wigan Council	-	6,000
Greater Manchester Combined Authority - Extraordinary Funding for Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Support Services - Ref 31085543	-	8,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>14,000</u>

**DIAS - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTRE****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024****3. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deposit account interest	1,166	131
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	Activity	2024	2023
		£	£
WC - Medium Risk Funding	Mainstream activities	40,000	50,054
CANW - Children's			
Counselling	Mainstream activities	46,605	18,033
WC - Domestic Violence			
Support	Mainstream activities	400,000	400,000
Other	Other	-	72
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		486,605	468,159
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 6) £	Totals £
Mainstream activities	470,072	17,107	487,179
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**6. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Management £	Administration £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Mainstream activities	12,904	3,003	1,200	17,107
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

**8. STAFF COSTS**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	254,979	278,830
Social security costs	15,844	19,458
Other pension costs	4,667	4,732
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	275,490	303,020
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>



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

	2024	2023
Fundraising	1	1
Charitable Activities	9	10
Governance	1	1
	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	33,333	33,405
Prepayments	4,948	4,901
	<u>38,281</u>	<u>38,306</u>

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	14,731	14,915
Social security and other taxes	4,241	4,729
Other creditors	-	859
Accrued expenses	1,200	1,200
	<u>20,172</u>	<u>21,703</u>

**11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	273,775	9,918	283,693
	<u>273,775</u>	<u>9,918</u>	<u>283,693</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>			
	<u>273,775</u>	<u>9,918</u>	<u>283,693</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	497,097	(487,179)	9,918
	<u>497,097</u>	<u>(487,179)</u>	<u>9,918</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>			
	<u>497,097</u>	<u>(487,179)</u>	<u>9,918</u>

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	At 1/4/22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	284,295	(10,520)	273,775
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>284,295</u>	<u>(10,520)</u>	<u>273,775</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	501,892	(512,412)	(10,520)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>501,892</u>	<u>(512,412)</u>	<u>(10,520)</u>

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

	At 1/4/22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	284,295	(602)	283,693
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>284,295</u>	<u>(602)</u>	<u>283,693</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	998,989	(999,591)	(602)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>998,989</u>	<u>(999,591)</u>	<u>(602)</u>

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**12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

Mr Tim Smith a trustee of DIAS - Domestic Violence Centre since 2013 is a related party.

The office premises are rented from ALG Investments (Wigan) Ltd (since 1985) of which Mr Tim Smith is a director (since 1995).

An annual rent of £10,587 was paid during the year to 31 March 2024 (£9,515 - 2023), the rent is subject to annual review and is currently approximately £2,931 (£4,209 2023) below market rental value. The market value rent has been recorded as a cost with the discounted amount of £2,931 (£4,209 - 2023) reported in the Statement of Financial Activities as Donated services and facilities.

During the year ALG Investments (Wigan) Ltd recharged £185 (£173 - 2023) to the company for water rates and sewerage charges.