

THE MUSLIM COUNCIL OF BRITAIN CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

CHARITY REGISTRATION NO: 1084651

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TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The below Trustees were in office at the year-end:

Mr H R Khan
Mr N Jaffer
Dr A Mohamedali
Ms Z. Mohammed
Dr M. S. Amin

At the end of 2023, the entity had total closing reserves of £70,311 (2022: £93,052), of which £65,929 are free unrestricted reserves. The entity has embarked mainly on the media monitoring project this year.

Achievements

Centre for Media Monitoring

There was much change at the Centre for Media Monitoring (CfMM) during 2023. The Community Liaison Officer left after 5 years in service, but they also recruited a Project Manager and Media Monitoring Assistant.

Plans were also put into place to scope AI options for automating our monitoring of the media and after five years of an incubation period under the Muslim Council of Britain it was agreed that CfMM would work towards becoming an independent entity.

Beyond that the team continued with its three key areas of work: Monitoring, Advocacy and Community Engagement. A report debunking the myths of so-called Muslim/Pakistani "grooming gangs" was published following the then Home Secretary Suella's Braverman's false accusations in the Mail on Sunday that the perpetrators of child sexual exploitation were "almost all British-Pakistani". Following a complaint by CfMM, Mail on Sunday retracted this claim by the Home Secretary.

CfMM made submissions to the Editor's Code Review and IMPRESS's Standards Review. Stakeholder engagement with senior media executives continued with organisations like the BBC, Mirror, Express, Mail Online and all the Diversity Equity and Inclusion leads at all media outlets regarding the representation of Muslims & Islam in the media. Masterclasses were delivered to several schools of journalism as well as training to Reach plc.

The last quarter of 2023 was dedicated to all team members monitoring the media, following the October 7th attacks and Israel's subsequent war on Gaza in preparation for a major report on the media's coverage.

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TRUSTEES REPORT

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Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the organisation and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the organisation for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Treasurer followed best practice and is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the organisation will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the organisation and following best practice enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the organisation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



Mr H R Khan
Trustee

29 October 2024

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 4 to 9.

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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records
3. the financial statements 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 Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

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.

Iqbal Chowdhury FCCA
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29th October 2024

MUSLIM COUNCIL OF BRITAIN CHARITABLE FOUNDATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
<u>Income from:</u>					
Donations and legacies	2	44,093	87,900	131,993	428,261
Other income		4,751		4,751	
Total income		48,844	87,900	136,744	428,261
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Cost of Generating funds	3	2,647		2,647	74
Charitable activities	4	-	147,905	147,905	417,798
Administration costs	5	8,933		8,933	17,173
Total resources expended		11,580	147,905	159,485	435,045
Net surplus/ (deficit) for the year		37,264	(60,005)	(22,741)	(6,784)
Net movement in funds					
Fund balances at 1 January 2023		36,960	56,092	93,052	99,836
Transfer between funds		(8,295)	8,295		
Fund balances at 31 December 2023		65,929	4,382	70,311	93,052

All of the charity's activities derived from continuing operations during the above financial periods.

The charity has no recognised gains and losses other than those shown above.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Current assets			
Debtors	7	20,405	33,735
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>59,747</u>	<u>65,717</u>
		80,152	99,452
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>9,841</u>	<u>6,400</u>
Net current assets		<u>70,311</u>	<u>93,052</u>
Income funds			
Restricted funds	9	4,382	56,092
Unrestricted funds	10	<u>65,929</u>	<u>36,960</u>
		<u>70,311</u>	<u>93,052</u>
		<u>70,311</u>	<u>93,052</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on, 27 October 2024



Mr H R Khan
Trustee



Mr Navshir Jaffer
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of accounts:

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) - (Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102), and the Charities Act 2011.

Items are recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s). The functional currency for presentation is sterling, with balances rounded to the nearest pound.

1.2 Income:

Income is recognised in the period when the charity is entitled to it, the income can be measured reliably, and its probable that the income will be received.

Donations are recognised when the charity has confirmation of the amount and settlement date. Income with performance related conditions is deferred until the conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity, and probably to be fulfilled in the period.

1.3 Expenditure categories:

Expenditure is included in the statement of financial activities when incurred, and includes attributable VAT which cannot be recovered. It is categorised as below:

Fundraising expenditure:

These relate to the costs of resources in running events for public collection, as well as processing fees on donation platforms.

Charitable activity costs:

These expenditures are for deliverance of objectives set out in the Trustees' report, and relate mainly to direct charitable work conducted, in addition to direct costs incurred in facilitating those projects.

Fundraising and Administration

Fundraising costs are those associated with sourcing or the costs of appeals to raise funds to provide the entity with resources to deliver its objectives. Administration costs relate to the costs of governance, IT, finance and other activities involved in managing the organisation.

1.4 Funds:

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund.

1.5 Going concern:

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have assessed that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for at least another 12 months, thus adopting the going concern basis of accounts presentation.

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2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
General donations	43,170		43,170	39,257
Visit My Mosque			0	10,000
Media Monitoring Project		87,900	87,900	51,480
Kickstart			0	326,045
Charities Aid foundation	923		923	1,479
	<u>44,093</u>	<u>87,900</u>	<u>131,993</u>	<u>428,261</u>

3 Cost of generating funds

	2023 £	2022 £
Platform commissions and charges	647	74
Fundraising consultancy	2,000	
	<u>2,647</u>	<u>74</u>

4 Charitable activity costs

	2023 £	2022 £
Media monitoring project	120,349	37,326
Visit My Mosque		30,000
Muslim Leadership Dinner		40,000
Kickstart	27,556	310,472
	<u>147,905</u>	<u>417,798</u>

5 Administration costs

	2023 £	2022 £
Administrative expenses	4,920	4,100
Rent	1,059	10,217
Computer expenses	257	162
Light and heat	630	1,018
Subscriptions	192	32
Insurance	875	644
Accountancy	1,000	1,000
	<u>8,933</u>	<u>17,173</u>

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6 Staff emoluments	2023	2022
	£	£
Total wages and salaries	43,000	
Employer's NIC and Pensions	2,023	
	<u>45,023</u>	<u>-</u>
Direct Charitable	33,023	
Others	12,000	
	<u>45,023</u>	<u>-</u>
Avg No of employees: Admin	1	
Avg No of employees: Direct	3	
	<u>4</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>

All employment costs form part of the Media monitoring project costs in Note 4
 No employees were paid in excess of £60,000 during the current year and previous year
 No Trustees, or any persons connected to them, received any remuneration or benefits from the Charity during the year.

7 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Rent deposits	4,726	4,726
Trade debtors	1,201	14,531
Other debtors	14,478	14,478
	<u>20,405</u>	<u>33,735</u>

Other debtors include a loan with the Muslim Council of Britain, which is repayable on demand.

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
PAYE	6,976	
Pensions	1,865	
Accruals and deferred income	1,000	6,400
	<u>9,841</u>	<u>6,400</u>

9 Restricted funds

	Balance at 01/01/2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31/12/2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Media Monitoring Project	24,154	87,900	(120,349)	8,295	0
Visit My Mosque	4,382	0	-		4,382
Kickstart	27,556	0	(27,556)		0
					0
	<u>56,092</u>	<u>87,900</u>	<u>(147,905)</u>	<u>8,295</u>	<u>4,382</u>

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10 Movement in funds:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
As at 1 Jan 2022	36,960	56,092	93,052
Current year	37,264	(60,005)	(22,741)
Current year transfer	(8,295)	8,295	0
As at 31 December 2022	<u>65,929</u>	<u>4,382</u>	<u>70,311</u>

11 Taxation

The entity is a registered charity and does not undertake non-charitable activities, hence entitling it to tax exemptions.

12 Events after the reporting period

There were no significant post balance sheet events to disclose.

13 Gifts In Kind And Volunteers

During the year the charity benefited from unpaid work performed by volunteers.