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TRUSTEES' REPORT &
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31 March 2025

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Report and accounts
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BIRMINGHAM ASIAN RESOURCE CENTRE STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

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

Trustees

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BIRMINGHAM ASIAN RESOURCE CENTRE
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TRUSTEES' REPORT

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Introduction

The Birmingham Asian Resource Centre (BARC) continues to be a key social welfare agency that serves the wider Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) communities of Birmingham. Our mission remains focused on providing essential support, guidance, and services in a range of Asian languages including Punjabi, Hindi, Urdu, and Bengali. This multilingual approach allows us to offer culturally

Achievements and Performance

This year presented significant challenges as many in our community faced increased hardships due to the cost of living crisis. With rising energy bills, food and fuel prices, and prescription charges, the decline in clients' morale and mental health was palpable. BARC's services became more crucial than ever in addressing pressing issues like men's mental health, women's health (with a focus on breast cancer awareness and peri-menopause), and the plight of hidden carers and older adults.

A key issue we addressed was the financial abuse of older adults, many of whom are living in inadequate housing and forced to make difficult choices between heating and eating. These struggles underscored the urgent need for the Centre's continued work in providing both practical and emotional support to the most vulnerable.

Supporting the Community

BARC served around 4,000 people this year, with services extending to key programmes such as badminton for youth, in partnership with "Sports England". However, we regret to announce the conclusion of our Golden Age Warm Hub programme, supported by Independent Age Grant. Despite this, our partnerships with Thrive Together, Cadent Foundation, Heart of England, Lottery Funding, National Energy Action, and the Canal and River Trust enabled us to deliver valuable services and projects, including those targeting youth, older adults, and hidden carers.

Challenges and Response

Operating with a small team and the vital assistance of volunteers, delivering our broad range of programmes under significant resource constraints has been demanding. Nonetheless, the unwavering dedication of our staff, volunteers, and partners ensured that BARC continued to meet its objectives, offering confidential, impartial, and culturally relevant services to the community.

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Looking Ahead: Future Strategy

We aim to expand our Information, Advice, and Guidance (IAG) services, which remain central to our work. Alongside this we will continue our mission of "improving health and wellbeing, instilling dignity and respect." Moving forward, we will continue to operate from our primary location on Lozells Road and our secondary hub at St Silas Church. A major focus for the future will be supporting our aging population, who are living longer but not necessarily healthier lives. Ensuring they have access to services that improve their lifestyle and wellbeing will be a priority.

We have strengthened our team with the addition of a Business Development Officer whose focus is ensuring the long-term sustainability of the Centre. This marks a strategic step forward in our journey towards becoming more self-sufficient while continuing to provide top-tier advice and guidance.

Conclusion

We extend our deepest gratitude to the trustees, our funders, partners, and volunteers for their invaluable support throughout the year. Their contributions have been integral to our ability to serve the community and address the evolving needs of Birmingham's BME population. As we move into next year, BARC remains committed to enhancing the health, dignity, and wellbeing of the community.

**BIRMINGHAM ASIAN RESOURCE CENTRE
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2025**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Birmingham Asian Resource Centre ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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 I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the ACCA, 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.



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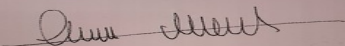
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BIRMINGHAM ASIAN RESOURCE CENTRE
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted funds - General	Unrestricted funds - Designated	Restricted Income funds	2025 £	2024 £
Income and endowments from					
Donations and legacies	21238		95169	116,407	192,574
Investments	2346			2,346	5,642
	<u>23584</u>		<u>95169</u>	<u>118,753</u>	<u>198,216</u>
Raising funds				-	-
Charitable activities	2		147361	147,361	79,960
Support Costs	3		32737	32,737	22,330
Other	4		4599	4,599	1,884
Total			<u>184697</u>	<u>184,697</u>	<u>104,174</u>
Net Surplus/(Deficit)					
	<u>23584</u>		<u>-89528</u>	<u>-65944</u>	<u>94042</u>
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds b/f	171919	400000	160292	732,211	638,169
Total funds c/f	<u>195503</u>	<u>400000</u>	<u>70764</u>	<u>666,267</u>	<u>732,211</u>

BIRMINGHAM ASIAN RESOURCE CENTRE
Registered number:
BALANCE SHEET
as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	5	6,797	7,553
Current assets			
Debtors	6	-	26,419
Restricted Fund		189,752	210,426
Unrestricted Fund		137,867	535,521
Designated Investment Fund		400,000	-
Cash at bank and in hand		727,619	772,366
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(42,730)	(22,289)
Net current assets		684,889	750,077
Total assets less current liabilities		691,686	757,630
Provisions for liabilities	8	(25,419)	(25,419)
Total Net Assets		666,267	732,211
Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted Fund		595,503	571,919
Restricted Income Fund		70,764	160,292
Shareholders' funds		666,267	732,211



Mr Haroon Majid
Trustee

Approved by the board on 26 January 2026

**BIRMINGHAM ASIAN RESOURCE CENTRE
STATEMENT OF CHARITY FUND
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

	Charity Fund account £	Total £
At 1 April 2023	638,169	638,169
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	94,042	94,042
At 31 March 2024	<u>732,211</u>	<u>732,211</u>
At 1 April 2024	732,211	732,211
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>(65,944)</u>	<u>(65,944)</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>666,267</u>	<u>666,267</u>

BIRMINGHAM ASIAN RESOURCE CENTRE
NOTES OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

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

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.

Taxation

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

Provisions

Provisions (ie liabilities of uncertain timing or amount) are recognised when there is an obligation at the reporting date as a result of a past event, it is probable that economic benefit will be transferred to settle the obligation and the amount of the obligation can be estimated reliably.

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.

Pensions

Contributions to defined contribution plans are expensed in the period to which they relate.

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Going concern

The Trustees have prepared financial projections, taking into consideration the current economic conditions and have, at the time of approving these accounts, a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

2 Expenditure on Charitable Activities	2025	2024
	£	£
Legal/professional fees	0	0
Staff costs	119789	70763
Support Costs	27572	9197
	<u>147,361</u>	<u>79,960</u>

3 Support Costs	2025	2024
	£	£
Advertising and marketing	11599	145
Printing and stationery	506	426
Rent, property repairs and Maintenance	13587	12344
Charity running costs	4940	6945
Legal/Professional fees	0	670
Accountants fees	1500	1800
Telephone and internet	605	0
	<u>32,737</u>	<u>22,330</u>

4 Other Expenditure	2025	2024
	£	£
Cost		
Other Expenditure	3844	940
Depreciation Charge	755	944
	<u>4,599</u>	<u>1,884</u>

5 Tangible fixed assets	Plant and machinery etc
	£
Cost	
At 1 April 2024	22,861
At 31 March 2025	<u>22,861</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2024	15,308
Charge for the year	756
At 31 March 2025	<u>16,064</u>
Net book value	
At 31 March 2025	<u>6,797</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>7,553</u>

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6 Debtors	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade debtors	-	26,419
7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2025	2024
	£	£
AOE	702	-
Pension	218	-
Trade creditors	378	584
Taxation and social security costs	38,245	11,550
Other creditors	3,187	10,155
	<u>42,730</u>	<u>22,289</u>
8 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	2025	2024
	£	£
Provision for liabilities	<u>25,419</u>	<u>25,419</u>

9 Other information

BIRMINGHAM ASIAN RESOURCE CENTRE is a private company limited by shares and incorporated in England. Its registered office is:

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10 Investment Fund

£400,000 that has been invested, is ring fenced by the charity for the purchase of new premises once identified.