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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1093457

Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025
for
Muslim Educational Consultative
Committee (MECC TRUST)

**MUSLIM EDUCATIONAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE
YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2025**

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**MUSLIM EDUCATIONAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE**

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, have pleasure in presenting their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered charity name	Muslim Educational Consultative Committee
Charity registration number	1093457
Company registration number	3974795
Principal office	93 Court Road Balsall Heath Birmingham B12 9LQ
Registered office	93 Court Road Balsall Heath Birmingham B12 9LQ

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

THE TRUSTEES

Chairman Board of Trustees	Mr Mazar Dad
Secretary	Dr Khuram Bashir
Treasurer	Mr Mahmood Zahid Khan
Trustees	Mr Parwez Ahmed Mr Mohammed Zulfiqar Mr Ashfaq Ahmed (Obs)
Accountants	NEXTIN Chartered Certified Accountants Suite 38-P, Alum Rock Road, Birmingham B8 1JA.

2. Structure, Governance and Management

MECC Trust is constituted of five members serving as office bearers, each elected for a three-year term at the Annual General Meeting. The Board of Trustees holds overall responsibility for governance, strategic leadership and policy oversight. Trustees are appointed to ensure a balanced mix of skills, experience and perspectives that support the charity's legal duties and long-term development. In addition, one appointed observer attends Board meetings to provide further scrutiny and insight, strengthening transparency and supporting effective decision-making.

The Board recognises the importance of expanding Trustee membership. However, recruitment remains challenging, reflecting wider pressures across the voluntary sector. Despite this, the Board remains committed to identifying and engaging suitably experienced individuals to strengthen governance capacity.

Operational responsibility is delegated to the Centre Manager, supported by a team of six to eleven staff and a variable number of volunteers who contribute to service delivery throughout the year. Together, they oversee day-to-day operations and implement the charity's programme of services, projects and community activities.

To enhance organisational effectiveness, MECC Trust engages qualified professional advisors and specialist consultants where required. Support includes legal and regulatory compliance, fundraising, project management, communications, strategy development and business planning. These external inputs ensure the charity benefits from appropriate expertise, strengthens decision-making and maintains high standards of delivery.

Substantial decisions remain the responsibility of the Board of Trustees, while operational implementation is delegated to the Centre Manager in line with established procedures.

In December 2024, both the Centre Manager and Senior Advisor retired following more than twenty-five years of dedicated service. The Board records its sincere appreciation for their exceptional contribution to the charity and the community. Their departure created an immediate need to secure operational continuity, particularly given the cultural, linguistic, religious and community knowledge required to manage one of the city's busiest IAG centres.

Following careful consideration, the Board concluded that a period of consolidation and stabilisation was necessary. Given the Chair's extensive working knowledge of the charity's projects, long-standing collaboration with the previous Centre Manager, and his professional background in local government, community development, project management, staffing and fundraising, the Board appointed him to assume the duties of Chief Operating Officer on an interim basis.

His mandate includes establishing clear strategic priorities, refreshing the business plan and reviewing governance and operational arrangements. Quarterly Board meetings continue to monitor the interim structure, with a formal review scheduled for mid-2026 to determine the long-term leadership model.

Risk Management

Risk oversight is undertaken by the Executive Committee, comprising the Chair, Vice-Chair and Treasurer. The Trust maintains a Risk Assessment, updated most recently in December 2024 and reviewed formally every three years, with interim updates as necessary. MECC Trust holds Public Liability, Employer's Liability and motor insurance and continues to review all compliance requirements, including DBS checks, in line with legislation and best practice.

Acknowledgements

The Board would like to place on record its appreciation for the commitment shown by staff, volunteers and partners during a year of notable transition. Their resilience and dedication have ensured continuity of critical services and upheld the Trust's reputation for reliability and community support. The Trustees also acknowledge the professionalism and determination shown across the organisation, which has helped maintain stability during a challenging period and supported the charity's long-term direction.

3. Objectives and Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Charitable Objectives

MECC Trust's core objectives, aligned with recognised charitable purposes, are to:

- Relieve financial hardship by maximising client income through access to welfare benefits, in-work entitlements and financial support schemes, including advocacy for clients facing complex benefit-related issues.
- Support individuals transitioning into work, particularly those who may experience difficulties adjusting to new routines or financial circumstances.
- Reduce the impact of fuel poverty through advice, signposting and practical assistance.
- Advance education and improve employability through personalised one-to-one guidance, counselling and structured support.
- Assist individuals experiencing short or long-term unemployment to return to the labour market.
- Facilitate assessments to help clients access further education, vocational training and skills development.
- Promote digital literacy and support individuals to confidently use online services, digital tools and technology essential for everyday life.
- Support clients facing language barriers by providing culturally competent guidance and signposting to ESOL and language support services.

- Advance health and wellbeing by promoting healthy living and improving access to wellbeing initiatives.
- Maintain strict confidentiality and comply fully with Data Protection legislation.
- Provide personalised contact and ongoing support to maintain continuity of assistance.
- Support the training, development and wellbeing of staff and volunteers.
- Work in partnership with local and national public-sector organisations and community bodies to align with wider policy priorities and promote social inclusion.
- Contribute to environmental sustainability priorities by embedding responsible resource use and supporting community awareness of sustainable living.
- Provide an accessible, independent and inclusive support service for all members of the community.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Current Projects:

MECC Trust is dedicated to fostering a safe and inclusive environment where everyone in the community can thrive. Our mission is to advocate and support communities, with a special focus on disadvantaged or vulnerable individuals of all ages. We are committed to enhancing lives by providing community services tailored to the needs of residents in a warm and welcoming manner. Our goal is to address deprivation by offering personalised, relevant services to the local community.

Key Achievements:

1. **Brum Energy:** "During the 2024/25 year, MECC Trust continued its participation as a key partner in the Brum Energy consortium led by BVSC. Our role focused on engaging hard to reach community members, delivering tailored workshops on home-energy efficiency and benefits entitlements, and providing onward referral into the wider Brum Energy services. We contributed to the expansion of the programme by supporting the rollout of 'Centres for Warmth', increasing the number of households assisted, and raising awareness of sustainable living practices within our client base. Over the year we helped in excess of 6,000 clients households reduce energy costs, accessed 4000 benefit entitlements worth in excess to £250k and provided digital literacy support to enable clients to utilise online energy-saving tools. Going forward, we will build on this foundation to deepen our reach, enhance collaboration with local agencies, and align our work with national energy efficiency and fuel poverty objectives."

3. **Health and Social Project**

Our Health and Social Project[s] have continued to play a vital role in supporting community members experiencing mental health challenges, financial instability and social isolation. Recognising the complex and evolving wellbeing needs within our communities, we have broadened our approach to deliver more comprehensive and proactive support.

Over the past year, we have developed a deeper understanding of local wellbeing issues through direct engagement, feedback and collaborative work with residents and professionals. This has enabled us to expand our health-focused activities, including the continuation of our Park Walk initiative, supported by our mobile outreach van. These sessions provide safe, informal opportunities for physical activity, social connection and wellbeing advice, particularly for individuals who may not engage with traditional health services.

We have also strengthened our emphasis on healthy lifestyles, offering guidance around diet, exercise and general wellbeing. In addition, we have increased our collaboration with local GP practices, enabling better signposting, early-intervention support and improved access to services for those with unmet health needs.

Looking ahead, we aim to build on this foundation by expanding partnership working with GP surgeries, hospitals, NHS bodies and specialist health organisations. Our ambition is to contribute more directly to city-wide efforts to reduce health inequalities, promote preventative care and support the long-term wellbeing of the communities we serve.

4. Financial Assistance

In response to rising financial pressures, we strengthened our Financial Assistance offer to help individuals improve stability and manage their circumstances more effectively. While we do not provide regulated debt advice, we continue to offer practical guidance and signposting, including increased referrals to trusted FCA-regulated debt-advice organisations.

Our advisors have advocated on behalf of clients with agencies and energy providers to secure fairer payment arrangements and, in some cases, achieve reductions or clearance of arrears. A key achievement this year was helping nearly 1,000 clients access the Household Support Fund, securing around £200k for households, in addition to the tens of thousands of pounds in eligible benefits and financial support accessed by families through our guidance.

Our focus remains on improving financial resilience, strengthening referral pathways and ensuring clients receive the right help at the right time.

5. Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG)

MECC Trust continues to provide clear, accessible Information, Advice and Guidance to help residents navigate the complexities of the welfare system. Our advisors remain up to date with current policies and procedures, ensuring individuals receive accurate and timely support with benefit entitlement, applications and related enquiries.

Over the past year, demand for welfare and benefits guidance has increased, particularly among clients facing digital, language or confidence barriers. In response, we have expanded our IAG offer to provide more personalised support, including assistance with online forms, understanding entitlement changes and liaising with agencies where needed making

appropriate referrals to specialist organisations and advocate on clients' behalf to remove barriers and secure fair outcomes.

Our IAG service works alongside our Health and Social Project to improve financial stability, wellbeing and access to essential services. This combined approach continues to help create a more connected, informed and confident community.

6. Income Maximisation Fund (IMF)

The Income Maximisation Fund continued to make a significant impact during the period, supporting hundreds of residents across the community. As the project overlapped the financial year, the funding provided vital stability and enabled us to create new job opportunities and deliver additional training for our advisors. This strengthened our overall service capacity and ensured clients received timely and accurate guidance.

Through the IMF, we helped individuals access a wide range of eligible benefits, grants and financial support, resulting in financial gains exceeding £1million for clients over the duration of the programme. This has delivered substantial added value to the community, improving financial resilience and supporting people through a particularly challenging economic period.

7. Lottery Cost of Living Project

This year marked the final phase of the Lottery Cost of Living Project, which continued to provide vital support to individuals and families struggling with rising day-to-day expenses. As this funding also overlapped two financial years, the project allowed us to maintain continuity of support while helping residents manage increasing financial pressures.

The initiative focused on alleviating immediate cost-of-living challenges, strengthening financial awareness and ensuring that households facing hardship received timely assistance. As part of this work, MECC Trust also collaborated with BVSC to deliver the Household Support Fund (HSF), enabling eligible residents to access one of funding for essentials. This final year of funding contributed significantly to improving financial stability for hundreds of local families.

8. Employment and Training Support

MECC Trust's Employment and Training Support service continued to provide essential guidance to individuals seeking work or wishing to improve their skills. Over the year, we supported clients with online job searches, understanding employment-related benefits and developing the skills needed to compete in a challenging labour market. We also offered tailored assistance to those facing language barriers, digital exclusion or limited IT confidence, ensuring they were not disadvantaged when accessing employment opportunities. Our

approach remained focused on improving employability, increasing confidence and connecting individuals to appropriate learning, training and work pathways.

9. Enterprising Hub (Business Incubation)

The MECC Enterprising Hub continued to support early-stage entrepreneurs and individuals exploring self-employment through our business-incubation model. The hub provides a supportive environment where individuals can develop ideas, build confidence and access practical guidance on business planning, marketing, digital skills and the early stages of enterprise development.

This year, one of our participants successfully secured their own premises and moved out of incubation in January 2025, progressing to secure orders and begin manufacturing. This is an encouraging outcome that reflects both their commitment and the value of sustained support. Another participant, a newly qualified solicitor, continues to receive structured mentoring, professional guidance and signposting from our leadership team as they establish themselves in the sector. We are also supporting a number of emerging entrepreneurs in digital, creative media and social-media content creation, helping them refine their ideas and prepare for future enterprise activity.

The Enterprising Hub plays a small but important role in contributing to a local circular economy, by helping individuals develop sustainable business ideas, encouraging resource-efficient models and supporting enterprises that reinvest skills, creativity and economic activity back into the community. Through mentoring, capacity-building and access to development opportunities, the Hub will continue to nurture local talent and promote inclusive economic participation.

10. Social Integration

To address social isolation and strengthen community cohesion, MECC Trust continued to deliver a range of activities that encourage participation, connection and a sense of belonging. Our regular social gatherings at the centre, particularly the Friday afternoon sessions, provide a welcoming space for residents to meet, engage and build supportive relationships. Throughout the winter months, we also saw many individuals visiting simply to warm up due to cost-of-living pressures, with staff often offering a hot drink and a friendly conversation as part of our commitment to creating a safe and inclusive environment.

We continue to provide volunteer and school placement opportunities and community outreach that promote active involvement and support personal wellbeing. A distinctive feature of our work has been the presence of our mobile outreach van in Cannon Hill Park, which has become an iconic fixture with its own community following. The van has enabled informal, positive interactions between residents, staff and volunteers, strengthening trust and increasing access to support in an approachable and familiar setting.

Through these combined efforts, MECC Trust remains a trusted space where people can connect, feel supported and maintain social contact during challenging times.

11. Community Engagement and Faith-Related Support (Regulatory Clarification)

We wish to clarify an error in last year's report regarding the nature of our faith-related activity. Although MECC Trust has long served members of the Muslim community, alongside residents of many other backgrounds, our recent work has not focused on expanding Islamic activities, delivering religious instruction or promoting religious practice. These have not been part of our charitable purposes for many years, and we remain fully aligned with the organisation's stated objects and community-support mission.

Over the past decade, as a wide range of Islamic institutions and organisations have grown across the city, MECC Trust has naturally shifted its focus toward cost-of-living support, welfare, health and wellbeing, digital inclusion, employment support and community cohesion. These are the areas where our services continue to provide the greatest benefit and meet our charitable objectives.

Any faith-related support we provide today is incidental and demand-led, such as the occasional distribution of literature when requested, informal signposting, or participation in interfaith and intercultural dialogue when invited. These activities are supplementary, not core functions, and do not constitute religious advancement.

We also continue to host women's learning groups, where participants focus on Arabic, English and basic digital skills. These sessions are centred on language development, confidence-building and community participation, and are not delivered as religious education, although at time referred to as Quranic classes.

Our overall approach remains firmly rooted in:

- inclusivity,
- meeting community need,
- supporting all residents regardless of faith, and
- delivering services aligned with our charitable objects and public benefit obligations.

12. Arts & Cultural Project

While this year may not have carried quite the same excitement or scale as some of our previous cultural projects, understandable given the increased focus on cost-of-living support and organisational sustainability, our Arts & Cultural work continued to provide real value to the community.

MECC Trust collaborated with the National Memorial Arboretum on exhibitions exploring the contributions of Kashmiri soldiers in the World Wars and the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic

on Birmingham communities. The 2023/24 exhibition, created with the support of MECC volunteers and local elders, attracted over 4000 visitors, demonstrating continued public interest and the importance of preserving community stories.

We also maintained a steady programme of community arts activity, through our energy cafés, hosting workshops for residents. These sessions, led by local co-ordinators and supported by volunteers, offered a much-needed creative outlet during a challenging year. Collaborative projects encouraged participants to work together, producing artwork that reflects community identity and shared experience.

Even in a year where our priority was supporting people through financial hardship, the arts remained an important way of fostering connection, expression and community pride.

Future Development Goals

MECC Trust's forward strategy builds on the progress made this year and reflects our commitment to strengthening community resilience, expanding economic opportunity, and supporting residents across Balsall Heath and surrounding areas. Our development priorities for the year ahead focus on sustainable growth, improved service delivery, and greater community impact.

Income-Generating and Community-Led Initiatives

We will continue developing sustainable projects that create practical opportunities for local people to improve their financial independence. These initiatives aim to support unemployed and disadvantaged residents with real, long-term pathways to increased stability.

Strengthening Workforce and Volunteer Capacity

A review of staffing and volunteer structures will ensure we have the right skills and resources to deliver our programmes effectively. Volunteer recruitment and retention remain ongoing challenges; however, we will continue to provide training, incentives, and structured pathways to encourage long-term involvement.

Service Evaluation and Expansion

We will assess our current services and explore new areas of delivery that respond to emerging community needs, including digital inclusion, energy resilience, and decarbonisation awareness. This ensures our support remains relevant, flexible, and responsive.

Partnership and Stakeholder Engagement

Collaboration remains central to our approach. We will continue strengthening relationships with local organisations, funders, and public-sector partners to achieve wider reach and shared impact across the community.

Improving Communication and Visibility

We will enhance our marketing, communication, and social media presence to raise awareness of our services, increase engagement, and ensure residents can easily access support. Clearer, more consistent communication will also help demonstrate the impact of our work.

Digital Transformation and Data Improvement

We will invest in improving digital systems and data processes to support more accurate monitoring and reporting. This includes addressing current limitations and modernising internal procedures to improve efficiency and evidence-based decision-making.

Infrastructure and Asset Development

Building on our recent decarbonisation work and successful mobile outreach activity, we will continue to strengthen our physical and mobile assets to support long-term community engagement and programme delivery.

Governance, Sustainability, and Strategic Planning

We will continue to review and update our policies, governance arrangements, and long-term business plan. Sustainability, financial, operational, and environmental, will remain a key focus as we plan for future growth and stability.

Community Voice and Co-Design

We will develop stronger mechanisms for capturing resident feedback and involving the community in shaping future services, ensuring our work remains grounded in local needs and lived experience.

Accounts

MECC Trust engages *Nextin Chartered Certified Accountants* to provide accountancy and payroll services and to prepare the annual financial statements. Quarterly financial management meetings ensure strong oversight and robust financial controls.

The Trust has strengthened its approach to budgeting and forecasting, placing greater emphasis on forward planning to ensure resources are used effectively and remain aligned with strategic priorities. Monthly expenditure during 2024/25 was approximately £12,000 and is expected to rise to around £19,000 over the next 12 months as service delivery expands.

In reviewing its reserves strategy, the Board considered the level of financial resilience required to protect operations and manage unforeseen pressures. The Board's aspiration going into 2025/26 is to build reserves to a level of £150,000, which is considered an appropriate balance to cover six months of projected operating costs and provide a responsible contingency for unexpected expenditure. This reflects a prudent and well-reasoned approach to financial sustainability.

The Trust also recognises the ongoing capital and maintenance requirements associated with 91 Court Road. As the premises are currently leased from the Council, work continues to explore the potential for a Community Asset Transfer, which would provide long-term stability and enable future investment in the building for community benefit.

Support and Appreciation

MECC Trust and its Board of Trustees extend sincere thanks to the organisations and individuals whose financial and practical support has made this year's work possible. The contribution of our funders and partners has been central to sustaining our programmes, strengthening community impact and enabling us to respond effectively to local needs.

We are particularly grateful to the many funding bodies whose grants have supported our projects throughout the year. These include national, regional and local partners whose collective investment has enabled MECC Trust to deliver advice services, energy support initiatives, community development projects and targeted assistance to vulnerable households. Their commitment has ensured continuity of services and allowed the Trust to deliver high-quality, community-centred work across Balsall Heath and the wider area.

We also recognise the crucial contribution of partner organisations that have collaborated with us throughout the year. Their shared expertise, operational support and strategic engagement have strengthened service delivery and enhanced our reach. These partnerships continue to play an important role in shaping our work and supporting innovation across the Trust's programmes.

The Trust looks forward to continuing these valued relationships as we move into 2025/26, building on a strong foundation of cooperation, shared purpose and community benefit.


Small company provisions

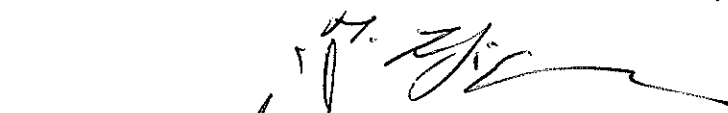
This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies' regime under the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

Mazar Dad (Chairman)

Date: 15/12/2025


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Mohammad Zulfiqar.


M. K. Zahid
Treasurer

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Muslim Educational Consultative Committee

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 set out on pages 7 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of Sections 394 and 395 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities
- have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Nadeem Umer (IFA)
Nextin Accountants
38-P Alum Rock Road
Birmingham, B8 1JA

Date:15/12/2025.....

Muslim Educational Consultative Committee

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	31.3.25 Total funds	31.3.24 Total funds
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary & Project income	2	10,259	216,201	226,460	236,220
Investment income	3	<u>1,244</u>		1,244	<u>525</u>
Total incoming resources		11,503	216,201	227,704	236,745
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable activities					
General and project costs		110,019	71,389	181,408	125,255
Governance costs		<u>8,112</u>	<u>-</u>	8,112	<u>26,350</u>
Total resources expended		118,131	71,389	189,520	151,605
NET INCOMEING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFRS					
		(106,628)	144,812	38,184	85,140
Gross transfers between funds	9	<u>106,628</u>	<u>(106,628)</u>		
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		(0)	38,184	38,184	85,140
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		225,321	60,000	285,321	200,181
Transfer of funds	-	<u>52,500</u>	<u>52,500</u>	<u>-</u>	
		172,821	150,684	323,505	285,321
Revaluation Reserve brought forward			160,000	160,000	160,000
Revaluation Reserve increase during the year			<u>115,000</u>	115,000	
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		172,821	425,684	598,505	445,321

Muslim Educational Consultative Committee
Balance Sheet
At 31 March 2025

	Notes	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	6	319,876	206,924
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	6a	-	-
Cash in hand and at bank		293,526	244,603
		293,526	244,603
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors	7	(9,048)	(6,206)
		284,478	238,397
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		604,355	445,321
ACCRUALS AND DEFERRED INCOME	8	(5,850)	0
NET ASSETS		<u>598,505</u>	<u>445,321</u>
FUNDS	10		
Unrestricted funds		172,821	225,321
Restricted funds		150,684	60,000
Revaluation reserve		275,000	160,000
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>598,505</u>	<u>445,321</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 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 special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).


The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 15/12/2025 and were signed on its behalf by:


Mazar Dad (Chairman)

The notes form part of these financial statements

Muhammad ZULFIQAR

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M.K. ZAHID
Treasurer

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015), the Companies Act 2006 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

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.

Reserves policy

The Board of Trustees have adopted a reserve policy to hold a minimum reserve of approximately £150,000, to meet legal & staff contingencies and to allocate capital funds.

Tangible fixed assets

All fixed assets are reported by using Historical Cost Convention. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

- FF & Equipment 18% WDV
- Plant & Machinery 18% WDV

Land and Building is revalued at £195,547 in the previous accounting years and a Revaluation

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.

2. VOLUNTARY & PROJECT INCOME	31.03.25	31.03.24
	£	£
Donations	59	79
Project	9,270	7,840
Grants	217,131	228,301
Others	-	-
	226,460	236,220

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

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

	31.03.25	31.03.24
		£
NGED S WE PLC National Grid		8,380
DoD GRP Midland		2,195
Small Health Community Forum		12,183
E on ES		2,347
Heart of England		32,142
Community Organisation		74,746
Acivico DCFM Ltd		20,315

St Paul Community Grant		630	
Thrive Togetehr Birmingham Grant		300	
Groundwaor UK R/C Grant	(Restricted)	54,220	
The Rowland Trust	(Restricted)	2,360	-
BVSC - Lead Warm Home Project	(Restricted)	19,340	-
SWT - Income Maximization Project	(Restricted)	23,715	-
The Barrow Cadbury Trust	(Restricted)	5,000	-
Garfield Weston Foundation Grant	(Restricted)	20,000	-
Bhm Voluntary	(Restricted)	91,566	75,993

217,131	228,301
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-Donations received, included in the above, are as follows:

Members Donations	-	-
Easy Funding	59	79
	59	79

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.03.25	31.03.24
	£	£
Deposit account interest	1,244	525

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024 .

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Notes to the Financial Statements-continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

S. STAFF COSTS

	31.03.25	31.03.24
	£	£
Wages and salaries	86,156	77,472

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

31.03.25	31.03.24
10	6

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

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	land and Building	Furniture, Fixture and Equipment	Plant & Machinery (Van)	Total £
COST				
At 1 April 2024	195,547	720	16,200	212,467
Additions	-			-
Revaluation of the Property	115,000			115,000
At 31 March 2025	310,547	720	16,200	327,467
Accumulated Depreciation				
At 1 April 2024	-	236	5,307	5,543
Depreciation for the year	-	87	1,961	2,048
At 31 March 2025	-	323	7,268	7,591
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2025	310,547	397	8,932	319,876
At 31 March 2024	195,547	484	10,893	206,924

6a. Debtors

	31.03.25	31.03.24
	£	£
Prepaid Insurance	-	-
Prepaid Rent for 91 Court Road	-	-
Prepaid Rates	-	-

7. CREDITORS

	£	£
PAYE payable	731	3,240
Wages payable	8,000	1,975
Pension payable	317	991
Other taxex and social security payable	9,048	6,206

8. ACCRUALS AND DEFERRED INCOME

Accruals and deferred income	5,850	3,321
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**Notes to the Financial Statements-continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

9. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

			31.03.25	31.03.24
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted fund	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	319,876	-	319,876	206,924
Current assets	142,842	150,684	293,526	244,603
Creditors	(9,048)	-	9,048	- 6,206
Accruals and deferred income	(5,850)	-	5,850	-
	<u>447,821</u>	<u>150,684</u>	<u>598,505</u>	<u>445,321</u>

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 31.03.24	Net Movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31.03.25
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	225,321	(106,628)	106,628	225,321
Revaluation Reserve	275,000			275,000
Restricted funds				-
Restricted Grant Income	60,000	144,812	- 106,628	98,184
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>560,321</u>	<u>38,184</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>598,505</u>

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

	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	11,503	- 118,131	- 106,628
Restricted funds			
Restricted Grant Income	216,201	- 71,389	144,812
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>227,704</u>	<u>- 189,520</u>	<u>38,184</u>

11. CLOSING FUNDS POSITION

		Balance at 31.03.25
		£
Unrestricted Funds - General	(Available for use)	22,821
Unrestricted Funds - Designated	(Contingency)	150,000
Restricted Funds	(Project specific)	150,684
Revaluation Reserves	(Fixed Assets Revaluation)	275,000
Total Funds		<u>598,505</u>

Muslim Educational Consultative Committee

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	31.03.25	31.03.24
	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Donations and fundraising	59	79
Project income	9,270	7,840
Grants	-	228,301
Grants (Unrestricted)	930	-
Grants (Restricted)	216,201	-
HMRC Grants	-	-
	<u>226,460</u>	<u>236,220</u>
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	<u>1,244</u>	<u>525</u>
Total incoming resources	227,704	236,745
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Project costs		
Total project costs	71,389	22,228
Charitable activities		
Wages	86,156	77,472
Postage and stationery	849	798
Sundries	393	2,774
Telephone and internet	1,630	1,984
Heat and light	3,714	3,749
Insurance	1,439	1,367
Rent and rates	5,163	4,925
Water rates	1,423	318
Web costs	-	207
Repairs and maintenance	3,015	5,620
Cleaning	1,563	1,243
Advertising costs	2,555	-
Depreciation	2,048	2,497
Bank charges	<u>71</u>	<u>73</u>
	<u>110,019</u>	<u>103,028</u>
Governance costs		
Accountancy	886	660
Legal and professional	1,710	4,084
Fundraising costs & Consultancy	5,457	18,325
Bank charges	<u>60</u>	<u>60</u>
	<u>8,112</u>	<u>23,129</u>
Total resources expended	189,520	148,384
Net income/(deficit)	38,184	88,361