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WADAJIR SOMALI COMMUNITY CENTRE (WSCC)

(Registered Charity & Company Limited by guarantee)

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022**

**TRUSTEES:**

Ms. Sahra Digaleh	Chair
Ms. Agram Shira Musa	Treasurer
Ms Luul Mohamed Jama	Member
Mrs. Hodan Ahmed Liban	Member

Ms. Agram Shira Musa

Secretary

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FYE 31.3.2022

## STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

### **Constitution:**

Wadajir Somali Community Centre is a registered charity and a Company Limited by Guarantee. The charity is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, which were established and adopted on the 15th of April 2004.

Developing legal structure:

The organisation had been successfully operating as a registered charity for many years when members of the charity voted for incorporation (to achieve charitable company status) in 2005/6, following an annual meeting.

Trustees Responsibilities:

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity, enabling them to comply with regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding charity assets and thus for taking steps towards the prevention and detection of error, fraud and other irregularities.

Trustee board members are expected to follow the highest levels of good governance, which include:

- Understanding their role
- Ensuring delivery of organisational purpose
- Working effectively both as individuals and as a team
- Exercising effective control
- Behaving with integrity
- Being open and accountable.

### **Governance:**

Wadajir Somali Community Centre is governed by a Board of Trustees consisting of a chair, vice chair, treasurer and members. They have the overall responsibility for the governance and management of the charity. Wadajir Somali Community Centre has five trustee members, all of which are women. They are required to undertake constant development in order to maintain skills and their appropriateness to govern. Trustees govern the organisation through quarterly board meetings with the support of the Executive Director. All elected board members are retired from office at the annual general meeting, but are eligible for reappointment. The Board of Trustees meet four times a year to make decisions about the governance of the charity and key policies. When a decision cannot be reached at the meeting it is delegated to a specific group of trustees, and the result communicated by the chair and announced at the next meeting. The officers meet regularly between the meetings of the full board to discuss any immediate issues and to offer support to the Executive Director.

Recruitment and appointment of The Board of Trustees:

Trustee recruitment is undertaken openly and transparently. During the recruitment process a skills audit is conducted with the nominated board members, so that a diverse board is recruited with a range of skills which contributes to the development of the charity. We believe that it is important to have a board that resembles the community we serve. In addition, as a user led organisation we ensure that 40% of our board members are previous or current service users. This approach enables the charity to assess the current needs of the community we support and helps us to continuously assess and make improvements to the quality of services we provide.

Trustee induction and training:

Our trustees have a good understanding of and are familiar with the practical aspects of the charity's work. New trustees are required to attend induction meetings where we provide them with the charity's governing documents, as well as, full background information of both the purpose and the operational aspects of the charity. In addition, both the new and the existing trustees are kept informed regularly about organisational developments and any changes through meetings, training and away days.

Risk management:

The trustees have a risk management strategy, comprising of the following areas:

- An annual review of the risks the charity may face;
- The establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified in the plan;
- The implementation of such procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

The Board of Trustees regularly review and identify any major risks to which the charity may be exposed. Through continuous monitoring, appropriate procedures are established to moderate the risks the charity faces.

**Quality:**

Wadajir Somali Community Centre has policies in place to safeguard all those who use the service. Wadajir has successfully achieved the Matrix Quality Standard for information, advice and guidance and annual reviews are conducted to maintain the standards. This has ensured that our service remains both effective and efficient and meets the needs of the members. Policies and procedures adopted and implemented by the Charity are periodically reviewed to ensure they continue to meet the needs of the charity and the high standards expected by our users.

**Organisational structure:**

The Board of Trustees of Wadajir Somali Community Centre meets quarterly, and they are involved in each step of the decision making process and provide strategic direction for the charity. Day to day management is delegated to the Executive Director and they provide monthly reports to the Board of Trustees. They carry out individual supervision, skilled auditing and a developmental plan for all staff and volunteers.

**Objectives and activities:**

The charity's objects are to improve the quality of life, through the advancement of:

- Educational activities
- Promotion of health
- Welfare information and guidance
- The provision of social, cultural and recreational activities through the following:

- a) The provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation and interests of social welfare with objects it for moving the quality of the said inhabitants
- b) Provision of supplementary education for mothers and the children
- c) The provision of practical support services information advice and activities to promote welfare of the said inhabitants
- d) Support and advice to charitable organisations established for similar purposes in the area of benefit
- e) Participate in the planning and delivery of services for the said inhabitants and assisting users to contribute to this process
- f) Working to ensure access to services for the said inhabitants

**Our Vision:**

Wadajir's vision is to improve the quality of life for disadvantaged, isolated and marginalised members of the Somali community and refugees, migrants, asylum seekers and other ethnic minority communities, covering all age groups and sexes, ensuring people are given equal rights to education, health and well-being, living conditions, legal justice, recreational and adequate economic advancement.

**Mission**

Wadajir Somali Community Centre is a user led voluntary organisation operating in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. WSCC are striving to support and empower Somali people living in the borough.

We deliver our services in a holistic way, through our work we wish to make a lasting difference to the Somali community.

### Aims

- To build the confidence of the Somali community
- To the breakdown of barriers and encourage greater participation within their own community and mainstream regeneration activities.
- To increase the skills of the Somali community by offering a range of seminars and workshops
- To increase the economic capacity amongst the Somali community, leading to improved employment prospects
- To encourage and provide opportunities for the community to develop positive self-awareness and identity

### The Charity's Services include:

- Elderly lunch club
- Advice drop-in
- Food bank

### Wadajir Elderly Lunch Club

Our Elderly Luncheon Club is open four days a week, from Monday to Friday 10am to 2 pm. The service users will be provided with a freshly cooked, high quality, halal meal prepared locally to reflect the religious and health requirements of our service users.

Wadajir Elderly Lunch Club provides solace and togetherness for Somali women over 50. The project provides a safe and enjoyable environment for these women and thereby reducing the isolation and loneliness they feel. Most of our attendees do not attend any other projects, they are a very hard to reach segment of society that is often forgotten. Wadajir is uniquely equipped to reach out and engage with these women as we understand their religious and cultural sensitivities. We also use our sessions as a way of signposting those that attend to alternative support services to meet their needs. Attending our session helps reduce stress and anxiety which has a positive effect on physical and mental health.

As most of our older service users are of Somali ethnicity, Somali dance sessions are popular and are often launched spontaneously when members push back chairs and start to dance. We encourage them to join in regular physical activities and organise regular exercise sessions while reminding members of the importance of regular exercise for their physical and mental health. Healthy eating workshops complement discussion at meals where we work to provide a traditional food with improvements for healthy eating. Crafts and traditional skills are also shared to help members stay active, engaged and improve their mental wellbeing. We also invite speakers monthly to give health talks or to encourage service users to keep active through volunteering, exercising and staying active. During the last year we provided support to 30 people through the Elderly Lunch Club and other activities aimed at older people.

### Wadajir's Advice Drop-in

Wadajir's advice drop-in service is the organisations longest running project, it is at the heart of what we do as a charity. The majority of our service users have come to the UK as refugees; they have very basic English skills and thus require help accessing services and overcoming everyday issues for example housing concerns which include overcrowding, repairs and utilities companies. Our organisation provides free advice sessions with a trained and qualified advice worker, as well as volunteers, for two days a week. The sessions are not pre booked, they provide our clients the opportunity to come with any issues they may have. If the advice worker is unable to provide the level of support that's needed the person will be sign posted to a more appropriate service. The drop-in sessions have given us a great deal of insight into the key issues that affect the Somali community, allowing us to build and mould our service around the needs of the community. Wadajir has the Matrix quality standard for information, advice and guidance demonstrating its ability to provide effective, appropriate, accurate and efficient support meeting the needs of service users. With our limited resources, we have supported users with a range of issues which included welfare rights, housing, education and financial issues. The service is

oversubscribed and due to various welfare reforms initiated at a national government level we expect the demand to continue to rise.

### Wadajir's Food Bank Project

Wadajir's food bank project came out of a need to tackle the spike in poverty and food insecurity in the immediate aftermath of the pandemic. The Somali community in Tower Hamlets was already isolated due to social and economic barriers before the pandemic; these included having low levels of English proficiency, facing high levels of poverty, and some of the worst unemployment nationwide. This crisis exacerbated these problems by decimating the job market, creating health risks nearly 4 times higher than average (Public Health England), and isolating already vulnerable people. The pandemic, coupled with the subsequent cost of living crisis has put a huge financial strain on our community, resulting in the need to keep the food bank open. Wadajir works in collaboration with the Tower Hamlets food hub and Fair Share to deliver food parcels to vulnerable families and individuals in the borough. We receive deliveries of fresh fruits, vegetables, bread, dairy products, and some canned goods. These are organised into parcels and made available for collection, elderly and disabled participants have theirs delivered to their homes by volunteers.

### Future Plans

Wadajir is still recovering from the effects of the pandemic, as are many members of the community. Future plans involve greatly increasing fundraising efforts, community engagement and collaborative work to strengthen the Charity's ability to meet the needs of its services users. The charity expects to continue providing its core services with plans to develop projects to increase youth development, community cohesion and health and wellbeing.

### Financial review

The Trustees with support from the staff and volunteers are continuing to explore fundraising opportunities which contribute positively to the sustainability of the charity. Alternative fundraising activities which include partnership bids, public fundraising and commissioning are to be further explored. A fundraising strategy which complements the strategic plan will be developed which details the required finance to effectively deliver the priorities identified. To bolster fundraising efforts, Wadajir aims to collaborate with bid writing organisations and outside advisors to strengthen applications and increase the number of successful bids.

### Reserves Policy

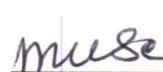
The Charity has a reserves policy that we plan to continue in the future for office expenses and equipment as well as for the purposes of free reserves to account for other risks.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



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Ms. Sahra Digaleh  
Chair



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Ms. Agram S. Musa  
Treasurer

17<sup>th</sup> Nov 2022

## STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITY

The Management Committee are responsible for preparing the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Charity's Act in England and Wales required the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year.

In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

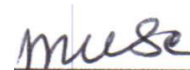
- a) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- b) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- c) State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- d) Prepare the financial statement on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time during the financial year of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



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Ms. Sahra Digaleh  
Chair



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Ms. Agram S. Musa  
Treasurer

Dated: 17<sup>th</sup> Nov 2022



INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF WADAJIR SOMALI COMMUNITY CENTRE

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022, which are set out on pages 10 - 16.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The trustees, who are also the directors of WADAJIR SOMALI COMMUNITY CENTRE for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The 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 needed.

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:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- (ii) 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
- (iii) state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of 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 statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
  - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of 396 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
- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Mr. A Abdulahi BA AFA**  
**Incorporated Financial Accountant**



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**Anderson Pierce & Co**  
**Accountants & Business Advisors**



14 Alexandria Road  
London W13 0NR

Dated: 17<sup>th</sup> Nov 2022

**Wadajir Somali Community Centre**  
**Statement of Financial Activities for Year ended 31 March 2022**

			2022	2021
	Unrestricted	Restrict ed	Total £	Total £
<b>Grants and Donations</b>				
Donations	31,260	16,270	47,530	53,927
<b>Administrative expenses</b>				
Employee costs:				
Wages and salaries	1,031	1,000	2,031	26,628
Employer's NI		-	-	1,064
Volunteer Expenses	2,430	130	2,560	2,276
Covid 19 response	3,000	640	3,640	10,999
Staff training and welfare	6,444	-	6,444	1,539
Travel Expenses	3,053	-	3,053	3,478
	<b>16,651</b>	<b>1,077</b>	<b>17,728</b>	<b>45,984</b>
Premises costs:				
Rent & Rates	3,950	-	3,950	3,844
Light and heat	1,897	-	1,897	1,700
Cleaning	426	-	426	1,643
	<b>6,273</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,273</b>	<b>7,187</b>
General administrative expenses:				
Telephone and fax	968	-	968	1,605
General Office Expense	-	1,474	1,474	-
Stationery and printing	530	-	530	1,267
Events and Activities	-	10,843	10,843	1,800
Bank charges	-	93	93	485
Equipment expensed	-	-	-	1,358
Repairs and maintenance	1,620	12	1,632	1,900
Depreciation	2,090	-	2,090	2,090
	<b>5,208</b>	<b>12,422</b>	<b>17,630</b>	<b>10,505</b>
Legal and professional costs:				
Accountancy fees	-	800	800	1,000
Consultancy fees	-	500	500	3,454
Other legal and professional	-	693	693	924
	<b>-</b>	<b>1,993</b>	<b>1,993</b>	<b>5,378</b>
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>28,132</b>	<b>15,492</b>	<b>43,624</b>	<b>69,054</b>

**Other operating income**

Other operating income	-	-	-	11,600
<b>Surplus/ (deficit)</b>	<b>3,128</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>3,906</b>	<b>(3,527)</b>
Balance brought Forward	-	12,944	12,944	16,471
<b>Balance Carried Forward</b>	<b>3,128</b>	<b>13,722</b>	<b>16,850</b>	<b>12,944</b>

**Wadajir Somali Community Centre**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**as at 31 March 2022**

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	3	2,484	4,574
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		16,829	12,599
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	4	(2,463)	(4,229)
<b>Net current assets</b>		14,366	8,370
<b>Net assets</b>		16,850	12,944
<b>Reserves</b>			
Income and expenditure	5	16,850	12,944
<b>Total Funds</b>		16,850	12,944

The director is satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The member has not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The director acknowledges his responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

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Agram S Muse  
Director

Approved by the board on 17 November 2022

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2022

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The company's accounting policies are as follows:-

#### (a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention, with the exception of investment, which are included at market value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005) issued in March 2005, applicable UK Accounting Standards and the Companies Act 1985. The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

#### (b) Incoming Resources

Voluntary Incoming including donations, gifts and legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of general nature are recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipts and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability. Such income is only deferred when:

- The Donor specified that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods; or
- The donor has imposed donations, which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

Income from commercial trading activities is recognised as earned (as the related goods and services are provided)

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Income from charitable activities includes income received under contract or where entitlement to grant funding is subject to specific performance conditions is recognised as earned (as the related goods or services are provided). Grant income includes in the category provided funding to support performance activities and is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipts and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability. Income is deferred when:

- Admission fees or performance related grants are received in advance of the performances or event to which they relate.

#### (c) Volunteering and donated services and facilities

The value of services provided by volunteering in not these financial statements. Further details of the contribution made by volunteers can be found in the trustees' annual report.

Where services are provided to the charity as a donation that would normally be purchased from our suppliers, this contribution is included in the financial statements of the charity.

**(d) Resources expanded**

Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred. Contractual arrangements and performance related grants are recognised as goods or services are supplied. Other grant payments are recognised when a constructive obligation arises that result in the payment being unavoidable.

- Cost of generating funds are those costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.
- Charitable activities including expenditure associated with the activities are included the direct costs and support costs relating to these activities.
- Governance Costs include those incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets and the primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements. These are no Costs associated with the Governance throughout the year.
- Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categorised on a basis consistent with the use of resources, e.g. allocating property costs by the floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

**(e) Irrecoverable VAT**

All resources expanded are classified under activity headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category or resources expended for which it was incurred: Wadajir Somali Community Centre is not VAT register so cannot recover any VAT incurred.

**(f) Tangible Fixed Assets**

Fixed Assets are classified as Computers, Office Equipments, Fixture and Fittings, The Charity recognised all Fixed Assets with any individual price and categorised in the Balance Sheet as follows:

Plant & Machinery, Fixture & Fitting,

**(g) Funds structure**

The Trusts has its main grants as restricted income funds to account for situations where a donor requires that a donation must be spent on a particular purpose or where funds have been raised for a specific purpose.

Other funds are classified as unrestricted Income funds. The Trustees intend to use part of the unrestricted funds for the development of the Charity to expanded and advance its services.

**(h) Pensions**

Employees of the charity are entitled to join the County Pension Scheme, but at the present time there is no employee volunteer to take any Pension Scheme.

**(i) Restricted Funds**

Restricted funds are to be used for specified purposes as lay down by the funder. Direct and support expenditure, which meets these criteria, is identified to the fund together with a fair allocation of other costs.

**(j) Unrestricted Funds**

Unrestricted funds are funds received which have no restrictions placed in their use and are available as general funds.

**(k) Designated Funds**

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the committee of management for particular purposes.

**(l) Revenue Income**

Revenue grants are credited to incoming resources on the earlier of when they are received or when they are due.

**(m) Allocation Costs**

Costs are allocated directly to projects where they can be identified as relating solely to that project. Other costs are allocated between the funds based on staff time spent on the fund activities or other appropriate criteria.

**(n) Depreciation:**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant and Machinery: 20% straight line

**(o) Legal Status of the Trust**

The Trust is Company Limited by Guarantee and registered Charity with Charity Commission and also. The liability of each member in the event of winding is limited to £10.

**2. Management Committee**

None of the Management Committee (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2022	2021
3. Accountancy Fees	-	-	-	-
Accountancy Fees – March 2022	800	-	800	800
	<u>800</u>	<u></u>	<u>800</u>	<u>800</u>

**3****Operating profit**

	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	<u>2,090</u>	<u>2090</u>

**4 Tangible fixed assets**

	Plant and machiner y etc £
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 April 2021	10,448
Additions	<u>0</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>10,448</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>	
At 1 April 2021	5874
Charge for the year	<u>2,090</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>7,964</u>
<b>Net book value</b>	
At 31 March 2022	<u>2,484</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>4,574</u>

**5 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	2022 £	2021 £
Other taxes and social security costs	1663	2,324
Other creditors	<u>800</u>	<u>1,905</u>
	<u>2463</u>	<u>4229</u>

**6 Income and Expenditure**

	2022 £
At 1 April 2021	12,944
Deficit for the year	<u>3906</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>16,850</u>

**7. Analysis of staff costs:**

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2022 £	2021 £
Wages & Salaries	1031	1000	2031	26,628
Total Staff Cost	<u>1031</u>	<u>1000</u>	<u>2031</u>	<u>26,628</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000.

**Trustees Remuneration**

No Trustee received any remuneration or claimed any expenses during the year or the preceding year. No trustee or other person related the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year of the preceding year.

**8. Grants and Donations**

Date	Details	Amount
	East End COMM FUND GRANT	16270
	Other donations from public	31260
	<u>Total Income for the year</u>	<u>47,530</u>