Forum CIO

England & Wales · Charity number 1107013

Details

Other names	NORTH BANK FORUM FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS LTD, NORTHBANK FORUM FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS CIO, NORTHBANK FORUM FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS LTD, NORTH BANK FORUM FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS CIO
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2004-11-26
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY IN NORTH YORKSHIRE, SOUTH YORKSHIRE, WEST YORKSHIRE, THE EAST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE AND KINGSTON UPON HULL AND NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE AND NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE (HEREINAFTER CALLED "THE AREA OF BENEFIT") AND IN PARTICULAR THE PROTECTION OF HEALTH, AND THE RELIEF OF POVERTY, DISTRESS AND SICKNESS, AND IN THE FURTHERANCE OF THE SAID PURPOSES, BUT NOT FURTHER OR OTHERWISE, TO PROMOTE AND ORGANISE CO-OPERATION IN THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE SAME AND TO THAT END TO BRING TOGETHER REPRESENTATIVES OF VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND STATUTORY AUTHORITIES WITHIN THE AREA OF BENEFIT.

Activities: TO PROMOTE ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSES FOR THE COMMUNITY OF YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER. IN PARTICULAR, THE PROTECTION OF HEALTH, AND THE RELIEF OF POVERTY, DISTRESS AND SICKNESS AND TO PROMOTE AND ORGANISE CO-OPERATION IN THE

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ACHIEVEMENT OF THE SAME BY BRINGING TOGETHER REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND STATUTORY AUTHORITIES WITHIN THAT AREA OF BENEFIT.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Accommodation/housing, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** EAST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE
- Calderdale
- City Of York
- East Riding Of Yorkshire
- Kingston Upon Hull City
- North East Lincolnshire
- North Lincolnshire
- North Yorkshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£2,070,271	£2,248,326	£561,742	32
2024-03-31	£1,806,322	£1,809,019	£739,798	32
2023-03-31	£1,358,066	£1,221,544	£742,495	30
2022-03-31	£1,432,263	£1,051,023	£605,971	21
2021-03-31	£811,771	£769,274	£224,732	21

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Catherine Mary Bishop		2023-07-24
Jack Andrew Moore		2025-07-07
Kay Stevenson		2022-04-07
Petronella van der Zande		2022-04-07
Priscah Oluotch		2022-04-07

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Accounts

Charity Registration No. 1107013

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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Fawley Judge & Easton
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FORUM CIO

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	P Van Der Zande K Stevenson Ms P Oluotch Ms C Bishop
Charity number (England and Wales)	1107013
Auditor	Fawley Judge & Easton Chartered Certified Accountants 1 Parliament Street Hull East Yorkshire HU1 2AS

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

Forum's charitable objectives are:

To promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of the community in North Yorkshire, South Yorkshire, West Yorkshire, the East Riding of Yorkshire and Kingston Upon Hull, North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire (hereinafter called 'the area of benefit'), and in particular the protection of health, and the relief of poverty, distress and sickness. In the furtherance of these purposes, to promote and organise co-operation in achieving them, and to bring together representatives of voluntary organisations and statutory authorities within the area of benefit.

The Trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing Forum's aims and objectives and when planning future activities.

Forum works to raise the profile of the voluntary and community sector (VCS) at all levels and to promote the benefits of engaging with marginalised and disadvantaged communities. All Forum's projects and initiatives are designed to benefit the users, volunteers and employees of our member organisations and the communities within our area of benefit.

We work on behalf of more than 300 health and social care organisations across Yorkshire and the Humber region.

Forum seeks to ensure that:

- The independent voice of the not-for-profit sector is heard by key public sector decision-makers and funders.
- Our member organisations, and the communities we support, have the information, knowledge, skills and resources to shape, influence and deliver services.
- Strong and positive working relationships are promoted across the sector and with statutory partners.
- The views of communities, members of the public and people with lived experience are central to the development, design, delivery and review of local services.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Charitable Activities

During the year, Forum delivered a broad range of projects across our three main areas of work:

1. Supporting the voluntary and community sector

Providing governance, funding, partnership, and safeguarding support, as well as strategic representation:

- **Calderdale VSI Alliance**, funded by Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council and Calderdale Cares Partnership. This project concluded on 31 March 2025, marking the successful completion of Forum's longest-running initiative.
- **Sector Support North East Lincolnshire**, funded by North East Lincolnshire Council and the North East Lincolnshire Health and Care Partnership.
- **Sector Connect Hull**, funded by Hull City Council and delivered in partnership with Hull CVS.
- Facilitation of the **Hull VCSE Assembly** and **North East Lincolnshire Forum**, providing regular engagement opportunities for a diverse range of VCS organisations.

2. Connecting people to community-based activities

Working in a person-centred way to help people find local activities that improve their health and wellbeing:

- **Community Navigation (citywide social prescribing programme)**, funded by Hull City Council, including management of the *Live Well Hull* Community Directory.
- **Primary Care Social Prescribing Link Worker Service**, operating across the Acclaim and Haxby Primary Care Networks in Hull.

3. Engaging people and communities in service design

Gathering insight and co-producing solutions that improve local services:

- **Hull Poverty Truth Commission**, funded by Hull City Council, bringing together people with lived experience of poverty with civic and business leaders.
- **Community Engagement**, including winter planning support, Poverty Partnership facilitation, mental health engagement, and Sport England consultation.
- **Community Inclusion Project**, funded by Hull City Council through MHCLG, supporting participation and inclusion across communities.
- **Lived Experience Project**, commissioned through the Council's Changing Futures programme (MHCLG-funded), supporting people with multiple unmet needs.

Other key work:

- **Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership VCSE Collaborative**, ensuring local VCS representation in regional health and care systems.
- Administration and management of **strategic grant programmes** for VCS organisations.
- Support for the **Settling In Service (Hospital Discharge Programme)**, facilitating effective patient discharge through coordinated voluntary sector support.
- Delivery of **core services** including regular e-bulletins and briefings on local, regional and national issues.

Volunteers

Across all its projects, Forum supports hundreds of voluntary organisations, and recognises the invaluable contribution of volunteers across our member groups. Their commitment underpins the delivery and success of many of the projects we support.

Achievements and performance

2024–25 was a year of growth, collaboration, and consolidation for Forum. Key achievements include:

- **Opening of our new premises at Princes Quay (Forum@PQ)** which is now fully operational as a vibrant hub for our own projects and the wider sector, hosting Hull's VCSE Assembly and offering space for meetings, training and community events.
- Successful delivery of the **Poverty Truth Commission 'Awakening Event'** (July 2024), celebrating the achievements of commissioners and amplifying the voices of those with lived experience of poverty.
- **'Power of Voice' storytelling event** (January 2025) – Forum's first fully co-produced event with people with lived experience of multiple unmet need.
- **Representation on the Hull Safeguarding Children Executive Board**, and speaking at the "Working Together to Safeguard Children" annual conference, making Hull one of the few areas nationally with VCSE representation at this level.
- **Joint VCSE Assembly** with Hull CVS and the Smile Foundation, fostering collaboration between Hull and East Riding organisations on integrated neighbourhood health planning.
- **Coordination of the community response** to the civil unrest in Hull (summer 2024), with the Community Inclusion team playing a vital role in local recovery and reassurance.
- **Recommissioning and contract extensions** for several key projects, including *Community Navigation* and *Sector Support North East Lincolnshire*, securing continued stability for frontline services.
- **Professional development achievements**, with two staff in North East Lincolnshire gaining a *Certificate in Charity Governance* from the Chartered Governance Institute.
- Development of Forum's **first CPD-accredited Safeguarding Training Course**, enhancing local capacity for good governance and practice.
- **Creation of digital media content**, including videos showcasing the impact Forum's is able to facilitate through its partnerships, and importantly a range of community stories which otherwise may go untold.

These achievements collectively strengthened Forum's visibility, reach, and credibility as a trusted partner in health and social care transformation across Yorkshire and the Humber.

Internal and External Factors

Like many voluntary and community organisations, Forum continues to navigate a dynamic and evolving funding environment against rising operational costs. The continued shift towards partnership-based commissioning and integrated health and care delivery presents both challenges and opportunities.

Forum's focus remains on sustainable growth, effective partnership working, and ensuring that the voices of our communities inform local priorities. The Trustees and staff actively review emerging policy developments, these include the Yorkshire devolution agenda and NHS integration frameworks – to identify future opportunities aligned with Forum's strategic objectives.

Administration

Forum continuously reviews its governance, administrative and operational processes to ensure efficiency, compliance and good practice. Over the past year, several **Standard Operating Procedures** have been introduced to strengthen internal controls and staff guidance.

We continue to uphold the ethos and principles of both the **Mindful Employer** and **Fundraising Standards Board**, ensuring that our work reflects integrity, inclusivity and respect.

Forum employed **31 staff** during the year, based across our offices in Hull (Lowgate House and Princes Quay), Grimsby (Centre4) and Halifax (The Resource Centre).

The development of **Forum@PQ** has been a significant milestone, providing a visible and accessible base for the Community Navigation Service and a valuable meeting space for partners and the wider sector.

Financial review

It is Forum's policy to maintain unrestricted reserves at a level equivalent to between three and six months' expenditure.

During 2024–25, unrestricted income increased while restricted income decreased, reflecting the natural cycle of grant-funded project delivery and the completion of major long-term programmes.

Free reserves at year-end stood at **£455,659**, equivalent to just under three months' running costs, representing a modest reduction from the previous year. The Trustees consider this an appropriate and prudent level to maintain operational stability and manage unforeseen financial risks.

Reserves are reviewed quarterly by the Trustees to ensure alignment with policy and to enable reinvestment in new services where there is demonstrable community need.

Principal funding sources

The charity's principal funding sources during the year included:

- Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council and Calderdale Cares Partnership
- Hull City Council and Hull Health and Care Partnership
- North East Lincolnshire Council and North East Lincolnshire Health and Care Partnership
- West Yorkshire Combined Authority
- NHS England
- Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership
- Acclaim and Haxby Primary Care Networks (Hull)

The Trustees regularly review funding streams and monitor associated risks through the organisational Risk Register and Business Continuity Plan, both of which were updated and approved during the year.

Plans for future periods

Looking ahead, Forum aims to build on its strong foundations and sector leadership. Planned priorities include:

- Engaging proactively in opportunities arising from the **Hull and East Riding** and **Greater Lincolnshire Devolution Deals**.
- Building on our **lived experience** and **trauma-informed practice** work, ensuring community voices continue to shape service design.
- Developing and supporting **delivery collaboratives** to strengthen integrated service models across health and social care.
- Working towards the aims and outcomes of Hull's **Community Plan**, helping communities access and benefit from new funding and partnership opportunities across the city
- Delivering **Phase Two of Hull's Poverty Truth Commission**, with a renewed focus on tackling health inequalities and systemic barriers to wellbeing.

Structure, governance and management

Forum is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. It is a registered charity in England and Wales, registration number 1107013. The governing document is a constitution.

The Chief Officer and his staff report to the Trustees through discussions and written reports at meetings held on a quarterly basis.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr S Alltoft	(Resigned 1 January 2025)
Ms T A Lamb	(Resigned 1 January 2025)
P Van Der Zande	
K Stevenson	
Ms P Oluotch	
Ms C Bishop	

Trustee Recruitment and Induction

Trustees are generally appointed from within Forum's membership and are elected by members. Where additional expertise is required, Trustees may be co-opted through an open recruitment process and formally ratified by the Board or at the AGM.

Auditor

In accordance with the charity's constitution, the appointment of an auditor will be ratified at the Annual General Meeting.

Related parties

Given Forum's representative nature, Trustees are often connected with member organisations. All transactions with member organisations are conducted transparently and in accordance with the charity's **Conflict of Interest Policy**.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Ms C Bishop
Trustee

27 November 2025

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- 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; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and 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 charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF FORUM CIO

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Forum CIO (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the Trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)
TO THE TRUSTEES OF FORUM CIO

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of Trustees' responsibilities, the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Other matters

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements 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)" (as amended) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

This has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with current Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Jonathan Leathley (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Fawley Judge & Easton
Chartered Certified Accountants
Statutory Auditor
1 Parliament Street
Hull
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HU1 2AS

27 November 2025

Fawley Judge & Easton is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Income from:							
Charitable activities	3	1,599,623	467,770	2,067,393	1,015,591	788,380	1,803,971
Investments	4	2,878	-	2,878	2,351	-	2,351
Total income		1,602,501	467,770	2,070,271	1,017,942	788,380	1,806,322
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	5	1,625,614	622,712	2,248,326	941,328	867,691	1,809,019
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	(40,765)	40,765	-
Net expenditure for the year/ Net movement in funds		(23,113)	(154,942)	(178,055)	35,849	(38,546)	(2,697)
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		478,772	261,026	739,798	442,923	299,572	742,495
Fund balances at 31 March 2025		455,659	106,084	561,743	478,772	261,026	739,798

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		1,857		2,251
Current assets					
Debtors	12	381,164		89,612	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,185,696		1,493,675	
		1,566,860		1,583,287	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(1,006,975)		(845,740)	
Net current assets			559,885		737,547
Total assets less current liabilities			561,742		739,798
The funds of the charity					
Restricted income funds	14		106,084		261,026
Unrestricted funds	15		455,658		478,772
			561,742		739,798

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 27 November 2025

Ms C Bishop
Trustee



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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	18		(310,667)		528,744
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(190)		(2,290)	
Investment income received		2,878		2,351	
Net cash generated from investing activities			2,688		61
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents			(307,979)		528,805
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			1,493,675		964,870
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			1,185,696		1,493,675

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Forum CIO is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's constitution, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.5 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.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	20% on a reducing balance basis

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Charitable activities

	Charitable Contract Income 2025 £	Grant Related Income 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Charitable Contract Income 2024 £	Grant Related Income 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Services provided under contract	1,203,467	-	1,203,467	467,945	-	467,945
Grant income	-	863,926	863,926	-	1,336,026	1,336,026
	1,203,467	863,926	2,067,393	467,945	1,336,026	1,803,971
Analysis by fund						
Unrestricted funds	1,203,467	396,156	1,599,623	467,945	547,646	1,015,591
Restricted funds	-	467,770	467,770	-	788,380	788,380
	1,203,467	863,926	2,067,393	467,945	1,336,026	1,803,971

4 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Interest receivable	2,878	2,351

5 Charitable activities

	Charitable Contract Expenditure	Grant Related Expenditure	Total 2025	Charitable Contract Expenditure	Grant Related Expenditure	Total 2024
	2025	2025		2024	2024	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	876,693	145,422	1,022,115	338,347	554,181	892,528
Depreciation and impairment	584	-	584	-	-	-
Telephone	10,482	893	11,375	5,143	5,983	11,126
Postage and Stationery	1,962	113	2,075	924	826	1,750
Marketing	10,082	369	10,451	4,261	2,307	6,568
Meetings	26,161	1,942	28,103	15,127	12,896	28,023
Staff and Members Expenses	9,064	1,142	10,206	12,631	3,860	16,491
Website and IT Expenses	10,482	-	10,482	15,028	18,904	33,932
Contribution to Central expenses	106,400	38,000	144,400	-	-	-
Members Development	423,370	431,071	854,441	489,278	249,600	738,878
Furniture	8,876	-	8,876	590	-	590
	1,484,156	618,952	2,103,108	881,329	848,557	1,729,886
Share of support costs (see note 6)	118,590	3,760	122,350	59,808	-	59,808
Share of governance costs (see note 6)	22,868	-	22,868	19,325	-	19,325
	1,625,614	622,712	2,248,326	960,462	848,557	1,809,019
Analysis by fund						
Unrestricted funds	1,625,614	-	1,625,614	941,328	-	941,328
Restricted funds	-	622,712	622,712	19,134	848,557	867,691
	1,625,614	622,712	2,248,326	960,462	848,557	1,809,019

6 Support costs allocated to activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Depreciation	-	584
Insurance	7,142	4,570
Sundries	2,199	5,518
Premises Expenses	56,155	35,330
Publications	11,678	6,103
Equipment	9,534	7,181
Bank Charges	586	522
Consultancy	31,876	-
Governance costs	26,048	19,325
	145,218	79,133
Analysed between:		
Contract Related	141,458	79,133
Grant Related	3,760	-
	145,218	79,133

7 Net movement in funds

	2025 £	2024 £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the audit of the charity's financial statements	-	-
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	584	584

8 Trustees

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

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
Staff	32	32

Employment costs	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	1,022,115	892,528

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

9 Employees (Continued)

Remuneration of key management personnel
The remuneration of key management personnel was as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Aggregate compensation	148,255	139,277

The key management personnel includes the Chief Officer, Deputy Chief Officer and Operations Manager.

10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings
	£
Cost	
At 1 April 2024	17,128
Additions	190
At 31 March 2025	17,318
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 April 2024	14,877
Depreciation charged in the year	584
At 31 March 2025	15,461
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2025	1,857
At 31 March 2024	2,251

12 Debtors

	2025	2024
Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
Trade debtors	379,516	87,964
Other debtors	1,648	1,648
	381,164	89,612

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	26,199	16
Other creditors	979,556	845,724
Accruals and deferred income	1,220	-
	1,006,975	845,740

14 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	Movement in funds				Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 1 April 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Community Inclusion	-	-	-	-	-	80,000	(70,856)	9,144
West Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner Grant	-	14,500	(14,500)	-	-	13,000	(11,220)	1,780
Know Your Neighbourhood	-	-	-	-	-	80,638	(80,638)	-
Fuel Champions	-	-	-	-	-	100,000	(100,000)	-
North East Lincolnshire COVID-19 grant for distribution	8,040	69,000	(80,462)	3,422	-	-	-	-
Primary Care	-	135,015	(137,835)	2,820	-	-	-	-
Affordable Warmth	-	-	-	-	-	170,000	(169,475)	525
Humber Coast and Vale	105,442	-	-	-	105,442	-	(66,000)	39,442
SSC	-	189,038	(200,423)	11,385	-	-	-	-
Summer Cooking	-	-	-	-	-	19,132	(19,132)	-
SSNEL	-	180,573	(203,711)	23,138	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
NEL Hospital Discharge	27,975	-	(27,975)	-	-	-	-	-
Hull City Council Waiting Well Pilot	18,026	-	(9,508)	-	8,518	-	-	8,518
Winter Warmth	94	-	-	-	94	-	-	94
Community Connectors	137,784	200,254	(193,277)	-	144,761	-	(100,391)	44,370
Hull Poverty Truth	2,211	-	-	-	2,211	-	-	2,211
	299,572	788,380	(867,691)	40,765	261,026	467,770	(622,712)	106,084

15 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 April 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	478,772	1,602,501	(1,625,614)	-	455,659

Previous year:	At 1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	442,923	1,017,942	(941,328)	(40,765)	478,772

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025	Restricted funds 2025	Total 2025
	£	£	£
At 31 March 2025:			
Tangible assets	1,857	-	1,857
Current assets/(liabilities)	453,801	106,084	559,885
	455,658	106,084	561,742
Per balance sheet	455,659	106,084	561,743
Balance to allocate	1	-	1

	Unrestricted funds 2024	Restricted funds 2024	Total 2024
	£	£	£
At 31 March 2024:			
Tangible assets	2,251	-	2,251
Current assets/(liabilities)	476,521	261,026	737,547
	478,772	261,026	739,798

17 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2024 - none).

18 Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations

	2025 £	2024 £
Deficit for the year	(178,056)	(2,697)
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(2,878)	(2,351)
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	584	584
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(291,552)	94,201
Increase in creditors	161,235	439,007
Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	(310,667)	528,744

19 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no material debt during the year.

Forum CIO

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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Charity number	1107013	
Auditor	Fawley Judge & Easton Chartered Certified Accountants 1 Parliament Street Hull East Yorkshire HU1 2AS	

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

Forum's charitable objectives are:

To promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of the community in North Yorkshire, South Yorkshire, West Yorkshire, the East Riding of Yorkshire and Kingston Upon Hull and North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire (hereinafter called 'the area of benefit') and in particular the protection of health, and the relief of poverty, distress and sickness, and in the furtherance of said purposes, but not further or otherwise, to promote and organise co-operation in the achievement of the same and to that end to bring together representatives of voluntary organisations and statutory authorities within the area of benefit.

The Trustees have referred to and paid due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing Forum aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, the Trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Forum works to raise the profile of the voluntary and community sector at all levels and to promote the benefits of engaging with people and communities who are marginalised or disadvantaged. All the activities, projects and initiatives that Forum undertakes are for the benefit of the users, volunteers and employees of our member organisations and other voluntary organisations, and communities in our area of benefit. We work on behalf of more than 300 health and social care organisations operating in Yorkshire and the Humber region.

We work to ensure that:

- The independent voice of the not-for-profit sector is listened to by key public sector decision-makers and funders.
- Our member organisations and the groups and communities we support have the information, knowledge, skills and resources necessary to shape, influence and deliver services.
- Positive working relationships within and across the not-for-profit sector and other partners are promoted.
- The views of communities and members of the public are taken into account in the development, design, implementation and review of local services.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

During the financial year ending March 2024, Forum delivered the following projects:

- Calderdale VSI Alliance (voluntary sector infrastructure support), funded by Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council and the Calderdale Cares Partnership.
- Sector Support North East Lincolnshire, funded by North East Lincolnshire Council and the North East Lincolnshire Health and Care Partnership.
- Sector Connect Hull, funded by Hull City Council and delivered in partnership with Hull CVS.
- Community Navigation (citywide social prescribing programme), funded by Hull City Council.
- Hull Poverty Truth Commission, funded by Hull City Council, bringing together people with lived experience of struggling against poverty and the civic and business leaders that make decisions which impact on their lives.
- Primary Care Social Prescribing Link Worker Service, based in the Symphonie, Acclaim and Haxby Primary Care Networks in Hull.
- The Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership VCSE Collaborative, which is designed to support the voluntary and community sector in both Hull and North East Lincolnshire to influence the strategic development of the Integrated Care System. This also includes strategic representation in terms of both the Hull Health and Care Partnership and the North East Lincolnshire Health and Care Partnership and associated sub-groups. Funding has also been made available to facilitate specific pieces of work on behalf of the wider Partnership, including engagement around vaccination and immunisation and use of the NHS App.
- Forum Consultancy, which focuses on organisational development services provided directly to, and funded by, members, VCS organisations and other stakeholders in the region.
- The administration and management of a number of strategic grants programmes targeted at voluntary and community sector groups and organisations.
- Newsletters, E-Bulletins and briefing papers have been produced regularly to inform our members and subscribers of local, regional and national issues. Over the past year we have also re-branded the organisation and produced a new website as a single point of contact for individuals and groups and organisations wanting to access our services.

  Facilitating the Hull VCSE Assembly, which provides a regular network and engagement opportunity for a diverse range of voluntary and community sector groups and organisations.

- Leading on the development of the New Models of Commissioning programme, which is designed to increase and maximise opportunities for the VCSE to contribute to integrated service delivery in Hull.

- Leading on the development and management of the new Settling In Service Hospital Discharge Programme to facilitate the effective and safe discharge of patients from acute settings through co-ordinated support from a collaborative of voluntary and community sector groups and organisations.

Volunteers

Across all its projects, Forum supports hundreds of voluntary organisations and the significant contribution of the volunteers within these organisations is greatly valued. Within our work in the Calderdale VSI Alliance we directly manage the volunteer brokerage service, provide training and support to organisations around volunteering good practice and act as the key link for the mobilisation of a co-ordinated Volunteer Hub providing targeted volunteer support.

Achievements and performance

The Trustees are pleased to present their report and the financial statements for Forum-CIO for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Beyond the challenges presented by the pandemic and cited in our previous year's report, Forum CIO has continued to be presented with longer term challenges associated with the social, health and economic inequalities caused by the continued increases in the cost of living for our local communities.

Our sector has continued to adapt and innovate to respond to the challenges and change across our operational landscape. Forum CIO is proud that amidst these unprecedented times the value of our services and support remains strong and we are well-positioned to be a key player in this complex landscape.

The role the Forum CIO continues to play as a key infrastructure organisation across our area of benefit, bringing together voluntary and statutory sector organisations to tackle health and social inequalities, remains vital. It is evident the voice of the sector is becoming increasingly important in decision-making forums. Ensuring the voice is heard, and action is taken as a result, is even more vital. It is clear there is a job to do and as Trustees we are confident Forum CIO is well-positioned to do this.

Forum CIO Trustees are proud of the achievements of the organisation in the last year, in particular:

Its role in the work to develop new, integrated models of commissioning in Hull. The new commissioning principles proposed present an opportunity to increase the role of the VSCEs as key delivery partner alongside public sector

- organisations and introduce ways of working that would enable more effective partnership and collaborative arrangements.
- Maintaining the organisation's financial stability, which is reflected by the level of free reserves held throughout the year.
- The development of business continuity and risk management plans and procedures that underpin Forum's sustainability and signal its organisational maturity.

It has also been fantastic to hear of the engagement during the year with Forum CIO employees in relation to health and wellbeing activities and support. The executive team and Trustees recognise the growing importance of looking after our people to ensure we can continue to look after others.

The Trustees want to thank the senior management team and wider team for their continued support and commitment throughout this year and for ensuring Forum is future proof.

Charitable activities

Amongst the charitable activities carried out by Forum CIO during the current year are the following:

- Forum CIO has continued to provide an infrastructure support service in Calderdale by working as part of a wider voluntary and community sector Alliance. This has included the management of a volunteer brokerage service.
- Sector Support North East Lincolnshire staff have continued to provide voluntary and community sector infrastructure support services across the borough in partnership with the North East Lincolnshire VCSE Alliance. This includes focused work on developing a mental health alliance and community food initiatives.
- The Community Navigation and the Primary Care Social Prescribing Link Worker Service continue to support patients and members of the public to tackle barriers and access services across the city.
- The Chief Officer and the Sector Support North East Lincolnshire Delivery Manager act as representatives for Hull and North East Lincolnshire on the Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership VCSE Collaborative. The Chief Officer chairs the group, which has facilitated voluntary sector influence into the strategic development of the Integrated Care System and represents the wider VCSE on the system-level Integrated Care Board
- The Sector Connect Hull VCSE Infrastructure Support service provides free advice and guidance to voluntary groups, charities and social businesses in Hull.
- The Hull Poverty Truth Commission brings together a consortium of 13 organisations to recruit and work with Community Commissioners over a two-year period. The project is part of a national network of Poverty Truth Commissions, aiming to create local system changes that make a real difference and improve the lives of people struggling against poverty.
- In Calderdale, Forum CIO has supported the engagement and participation of local voluntary and community sector groups and organisations in the work of the Calderdale Cares Board. This will provide opportunities for the integration of voluntary and community sector service provision into new health and social care arrangements via the development of a VCSE Assembly and other networks.
- Through the development of our community engagement portfolio and the administration of small grant programmes we have supported local groups and organisations to deliver targeted activity to their members, aimed at improving health and social care outcomes for communities experiencing health inequalities. We have adopted a development and empowerment model to support this work.

Internal and external factors

In common with all voluntary and community organisations, Forum CIO continues to seek sustainable funding for its core and project-based activities to build on the strong foundations it has developed, particularly over the period of review and growth that it has undergone in the past six years. While the charity continues to receive the majority of its funding by delivering commissioned services, staff and trustees will consider all new and relevant opportunities that arise from identified need in the communities we operate in, as well as changes in local, regional or national priorities.

Administration

Forum CIO continuously reviews its administrative policies and procedures and has developed a number of Standard Operating Procedures over the past year. We are proactive in supporting both the Mindful Employer and the Fundraising Standards Board ethos and protocols.

During the year Forum CIO has employed a staff team of thirty-one, divided between Lowgate House (Hull), Centre 4 (Grimsby) and The Resource Centre (Halifax).

Forum CIO has also secured additional premises in Hull in order to develop a separate meeting and events space within the Princes Quay shopping centre. The Community Navigation Service operates from this site in order to provide easy access to members of the public and the space is also available for hire by both voluntary and community sector partners. The development of Forum@PQ has been a significant achievement, and the site has been well-utilised over the past year.

Financial review

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three- and six-months' expenditure. In the 2023-2024 financial year, Forum CIO continued to see a rise in income. As within previous years this was due in part to the management of restricted grant funds on behalf of the sector. Free reserves stand at £478,772, equating to approximately four months' running costs; this level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The Trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, the charity's current activities can continue to run while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

Reserves are monitored on a quarterly cycle by the trustee body to ensure that the charity works consistently towards the level set out in the policy, and to ensure that reserves are put to work and invested in new services where a need is identified.

Principal funding sources

The principal funding sources for the Organisation are;

- Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council and the Calderdale Cares Partnership
- Hull City Council and the Hull Health and Care Partnership
- North East Lincolnshire Council and the North East Lincolnshire Health and Care Partnership
- West Yorkshire Combined Authority
- NHS England
- Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership
- Symphonie, Acclaim and Haxby Primary Care Networks (Hull)

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks. Both the organisational risk register and the organisational Business Continuity Plan have been reviewed and updated by Trustees over the past year.

Plans for future periods

Amongst the future plans of the organisation are the following activities:

- Further our involvement in the Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership VCSE Collaborative. This will include ensuring that the voluntary and community sector is integrated into new and emerging structures at both a system and place level, maximising future service opportunities.
- Supporting the integration of the voluntary and community sector into a co-ordinated community service offer in both Hull and North East Lincolnshire..
- Identifying future development opportunities on a local and regional level linked to enhancing the capacity and capability of the sector to deliver services in a changing strategic landscape.
- Expanding Forum CIO's portfolio of charged-for services to the voluntary and community sector, funders and statutory agencies.
- Expanding our role in supporting co-ordinated community engagement activity, ensuring that all groups and communities have an opportunity to contribute to the development of emerging plans and services.
- Contributing to the development of both the lived experience and trauma informed agendas in Hull.
- Working with groups and organisations to develop strong service delivery collaboratives to collectively deliver integrated services as part of wider health and social care service transformation.
- Leading on the delivery of the Community Inclusion Plan.
- Designing and developing the second phase of Hull's Poverty Truth Commission, with a focus on communities experiencing health inequalities.
- Supporting the development of a strategic Poverty Partnership to bring together initiatives working on food, fuel and finance to develop a co-ordinated approach to working pro-actively with our most vulnerable communities.
- Work around the voluntary and community sector's digital maturity and the development of first stage of a voluntary and community sector data dashboard.
- Strengthening and developing VCSE networking opportunities including the VCSE Assembly model in Hull and North East Lincolnshire.

Structure, governance and management

Forum is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. It is a registered charity in England and Wales, registration number 1107013. The governing document is a constitution.

The Chief Officer and his staff report to the Trustees through discussions and written reports at meetings held on a quarterly basis.

The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr S Alltoft
Ms T A Lamb
P Van Der Zande
K Stevenson
Ms P Oluotch
Ms C Bishop (Appointed 23 July 2023)

Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees

Trustees are generally appointed from within the membership of the charity, and by the members of the charity. Trustees can be co-opted to supply additional expertise not found within the membership. Where this is deemed necessary, trustee recruitment will be undertaken through an open process and ratified through the annual general meeting, or a meeting held for that purpose.

None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the company, unless where allowable in the governing document and stated in related party transactions.

Organisational structure

The Chief Officer and his staff report to the Trustees via personal discussions and meetings held on a quarterly basis.

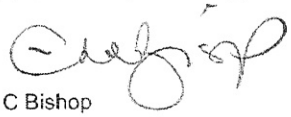
Induction and training of new Trustees

New trustees are given a full induction programme designed by the company's management and all trustees are given access to all training materials.

Related parties

Forum, by its nature, works with member organisations. The Trustees are generally drawn from this membership. Any transactions with member organisations are carried out within the criteria established for each project and in line with the organisation's Conflict of Interest policy.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Ms C Bishop
Trustee

12 December 2024

FORUM CIO

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

- 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; and

- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and 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 charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

FORUM CIO

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF FORUM CIO

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Forum CIO (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the Trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF FORUM CIO

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of Trustees' responsibilities, the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

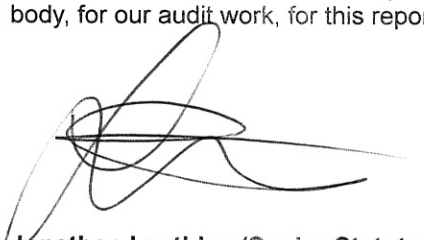
A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Other matters

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements 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)" (as amended) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

This has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with current Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Jonathan Leathley (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Fawley Judge & Easton

12 December 2024

Chartered Certified Accountants
Statutory Auditor
1 Parliament Street
Hull
East Yorkshire

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Fawley Judge & Easton is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

FORUM CIO

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Income from:							
Charitable activities	3	1,015,591	788,380	1,803,971	750,831	606,261	1,357,092
Investments	4	2,351	-	2,351	974	-	974
Total income		1,017,942	788,380	1,806,322	751,805	606,261	1,358,066
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	5	941,328	867,691	1,809,019	855,018	366,526	1,221,544
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		76,614	(79,311)	(2,697)	(103,213)	239,735	136,522
Gross transfers between funds		(40,765)	40,765	-	(24,372)	24,372	-
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		35,849	(38,546)	(2,697)	(127,585)	264,107	136,522
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		442,923	299,572	742,495	570,507	35,466	605,973
Fund balances at 31 March 2024		478,772	261,026	739,798	442,922	299,573	742,495

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

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FORUM CIO

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		2,251		545
Current assets					
Debtors	12	89,612		183,813	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,493,675		964,870	
		1,583,287		1,148,683	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(845,740)		(406,733)	
Net current assets			737,547		741,950
Total assets less current liabilities			739,798		742,495
Net assets excluding pension liability			739,798		742,495
The funds of the charity					
Restricted income funds	14		261,026		299,573
Unrestricted funds			478,772		442,922
			739,798		742,495

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 12 December 2024

Ms C Bishop
Trustee

FORUM CIO

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	18		528,744		201,054
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(2,290)		-	
Investment income received		2,351		974	
Net cash generated from investing activities			61		974
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			528,805		202,028
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			964,870		762,843
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			1,493,675		964,870

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Forum CIO is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's constitution, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.5 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.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	20% on a reducing balance basis

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Charitable activities

	Charitable Contract Income 2024 £	Grant Related Income 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Charitable Contract Income 2023 £	Grant Related Income 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Services provided under contract	1,187,325	-	1,187,325	936,296	-	936,296
Performance related grants	547,646	69,000	616,646	-	420,796	420,796
	1,734,971	69,000	1,803,971	936,296	420,796	1,357,092
Analysis by fund						
Unrestricted funds	1,015,591	-	1,015,591	750,831	-	750,831
Restricted funds	719,380	69,000	788,380	185,465	420,796	606,261
	1,734,971	69,000	1,803,971	936,296	420,796	1,357,092

4 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Interest receivable	2,351	974

5 Charitable activities

	Charitable Contract Expenditure	Grant Related Expenditure	Total 2024	Charitable Contract Expenditure	Grant Related Expenditure	Total 2023
	2024 £	2024 £	£	2023 £	2023 £	£
Staff costs	892,528	-	892,528	707,990	50,746	758,736
Telephone	11,126	-	11,126	8,803	547	9,350
Postage and Stationery	1,750	-	1,750	955	108	1,063
Marketing	6,568	-	6,568	9,082	2,041	11,123
Meetings	28,023	-	28,023	12,166	8,082	20,248
Staff and Members Expenses	16,491	-	16,491	4,966	3,938	8,904
Website and IT Expenses	33,932	-	33,932	36,249	-	36,249
Members Development	669,878	69,000	738,878	5,303	262,835	268,138
Furniture	590	-	590	4,800	-	4,800
	1,660,886	69,000	1,729,886	790,314	328,297	1,118,611
Share of support costs (see note 6)	59,808	-	59,808	74,473	4,607	79,080
Share of governance costs (see note 6)	19,325	-	19,325	23,478	375	23,853
	1,740,019	69,000	1,809,019	888,265	333,279	1,221,544
Analysis by fund						
Unrestricted funds	941,328	-	941,328	855,018	-	855,018
Restricted funds	798,691	69,000	867,691	33,247	333,279	366,526
	1,740,019	69,000	1,809,019	888,265	333,279	1,221,544

6 Support costs allocated to activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation	584	126
	4,570	4,181
	5,518	349
	35,330	52,773
	6,103	4,250
	7,181	16,935
	522	466
Governance costs	19,325	23,853
	79,133	102,933
Analysed between:		
Contract Related	79,133	97,951
Grant Related	-	4,982
	79,133	102,933

7 Net movement in funds

	2024	2023
	£	£
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	584	126

8 Trustees

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

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
Staff	32	28

Employment costs	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	892,528	758,736

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

9 Employees (Continued)

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel was as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Aggregate compensation	139,277	132,300

10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings
	£
Cost	
At 1 April 2023	14,838
Additions	2,290
At 31 March 2024	17,128
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 April 2023	14,293
Depreciation charged in the year	584
At 31 March 2024	14,877
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2024	2,251
At 31 March 2023	545

12 Debtors

	2024	2023
Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
Trade debtors	87,964	182,200
Other debtors	1,648	1,613
	89,612	183,813

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	16	5,635
Other creditors	845,724	401,098
	845,740	406,733

14 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	Movement in funds					Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 April 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
West Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner Grant	-	-	(4,677)	4,677	-	14,500	(14,500)	-	-
North East Lincolnshire COVID-19 grant for distribution	-	21,344	(13,303)	-	8,040	69,000	(80,462)	3,422	-
Primary Care	-	-	-	-	-	135,015	(137,835)	2,820	-
Humber Coast and Vale	-	113,100	(7,658)	-	105,442	-	-	-	105,442
SSC	-	-	-	-	-	189,038	(200,423)	11,385	-
SSNEL	-	-	-	-	-	180,573	(203,711)	23,138	-
NEL Hospital Discharge	-	27,975	-	-	27,975	-	(27,975)	-	-
Hull City Council Waiting Well Pilot	35,466	14,750	(32,190)	-	18,026	-	(9,508)	-	8,518
Green Social Prescribing	-	10,565	(30,259)	19,694	-	-	-	-	-
Asylum Seekers	-	33,000	(33,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Winter Warmth	-	199,844	(199,750)	-	94	-	-	-	94
Community Connectors	-	171,031	(33,247)	-	137,784	200,254	(193,277)	-	144,761
Hull Poverty Truth	-	14,652	(12,441)	-	2,211	-	-	-	2,211
	35,466	606,261	(366,525)	24,371	299,572	788,380	(867,691)	40,765	261,026

15 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	442,923	1,017,942	(941,328)	(40,765)	478,772

Previous year:	At 1 April 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	570,507	751,805	(855,018)	(24,372)	442,922

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024	Restricted funds 2024	Total 2024
	£	£	£
At 31 March 2024:			
Tangible assets	2,251	-	2,251
Current assets/(liabilities)	476,521	261,026	737,547
	478,772	261,026	739,798

	Unrestricted funds 2023	Restricted funds 2023	Total 2023
	£	£	£
At 31 March 2023:			
Tangible assets	545	-	545
Current assets/(liabilities)	442,377	299,573	741,950
	442,922	299,573	742,495

17 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023 - none).

18	Cash generated from operations	2024 £	2023 £
	(Deficit)/surpus for the year	(2,697)	136,522
	Adjustments for:		
	Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(2,351)	(974)
	Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	584	126
	Movements in working capital:		
	Decrease/(increase) in debtors	94,201	(76,678)
	Increase in creditors	439,007	142,058
	Cash generated from operations	528,744	201,054

19 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no material debt during the year.

Forum CIO

England & Wales - Charity number 1107013

Accounts

Charity Registration No. 1107013

FORUM CIO

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Charity number	1107013	
Auditor	Fawley Judge & Easton Chartered Certified Accountants 1 Parliament Street Hull East Yorkshire HU1 2AS	

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

Forum's charitable objectives are:

To promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of the community in North Yorkshire, South Yorkshire, West Yorkshire, the East Riding of Yorkshire and Kingston Upon Hull and North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire (hereinafter called 'the area of benefit') and in particular the protection of health, and the relief of poverty, distress and sickness, and in the furtherance of said purposes, but not further or otherwise, to promote and organise co-operation in the achievement of the same and to that end to bring together representatives of voluntary organisations and statutory authorities within the area of benefit.

The Trustees have referred to and paid due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing Forum aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, the Trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Forum works to raise the profile of the voluntary and community sector at all levels and to promote the benefits of engaging with people and communities who are marginalised or disadvantaged. All of the activities, projects and initiatives that Forum undertakes are for the benefit of the users, volunteers and employees of our member organisations and other voluntary organisations, and communities in our area of benefit. We work on behalf of more than 300 health and social care organisations operating in Yorkshire and the Humber region.

We work to ensure that;

- The independent voice of the not-for-profit sector is listened to by key public sector decision-makers and funders.
- Our member organisations and the groups and communities we support have the information, knowledge, skills and resources necessary to shape, influence and deliver services.
- Positive working relationships within and across the not-for-profit sector and other partners are promoted.
- The views of patients and members of the public are taken into account in the development, design, implementation and review of local health and social care services.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

During the financial year ending March 2023, Forum delivered the following projects:

• Calderdale VSI Alliance (voluntary sector infrastructure support), funded by Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council and the Calderdale Cares Partnership.

• Sector Support North East Lincolnshire, funded by North East Lincolnshire Council and the North East Lincolnshire Health and Care Partnership.

• Sector Connect Hull, funded by Hull City Council and delivered in partnership with Hull CVS.

• Community Navigation (citywide social prescribing programme), funded by Hull City Council (commenced July 2022).

• Green Social Prescribing pilot, funded through Smile Foundation via the NHS and the Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership as part of a national test and learn programme (ended March 2023).

• Hull Poverty Truth Commission, funded by Hull City Council, bringing together people with lived experience of struggling against poverty and the civic and business leaders that make decisions which impact on their lives.

• Primary Care Social Prescribing Link Worker Service, based in the Symphonie and Haxby Primary Care Networks in Hull.

• The Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership VCSE Collaborative, funded by NHS England, which is designed to support the voluntary and community sector in both Hull and North East Lincolnshire to influence the strategic development of the Integrated Care System. This also includes strategic representation in terms of both the Hull Health and Care Partnership and the North East Lincolnshire Health and Care Partnership and associated sub-groups.

• Forum Consultancy, which focuses on organisational development services provided directly to, and funded by, members, VCS organisations and other stakeholders in the region.

- Forum continues to act as the strategic lead for the Building Forward Together Programme, a strategic transformation programme designed to develop a new relationship between Hull's voluntary and community sector and its public sector partners.
- Co-ordinating diverse community engagement activity to support the development and implementation of Hull's emerging Community Plan.
- The administration and management of strategic grants programmes around winter warmth initiatives.
- Through the Community Vaccine Champions programme we have commenced a wide-ranging piece of engagement activity with local groups and organisations to promote take up of vaccines, self-care over the winter period and use of the NHS App.
- Newsletters, E-Bulletins and briefing papers have been produced regularly to inform our members and subscribers of local, regional and national issues. Over the past year we have also re-branded the organisation and produced a new website as a single point of contact for individuals and groups and organisations wanting to access our services.

Volunteers

Across all its projects, Forum supports hundreds of voluntary organisations and the significant contribution of the volunteers within these organisations is greatly valued. Within our work in the Calderdale VSI Alliance we directly manage the volunteer brokerage service, provide training and support to organisations around volunteering good practice and act as the key link for the mobilisation of a co-ordinated Volunteer Hub providing targeted volunteer support.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Achievements and performance

The Trustees are pleased to present their report and the financial statements for Forum-CIO for the year ended 31st March 2023.

There's no doubt that Forum's overarching vison for people, communities, and the voluntary sector to have the opportunities, support, and services they need to thrive, has become even more important over the last few years. With the only just emerging long-term impact of the coronavirus pandemic and the escalating cost-of-living crisis we see substantial demands placed on the voluntary sector.

People and organisations have continued to adapt, step up and innovate to meet new needs. We can all take inspiration from the continuing strength, resilience, and courage of those working and volunteering in the sector, so, with our partners and members, we continue to advocate for greater value and equity for the voluntary sector.

The role Forum has played as an infrastructure organisation, bringing together voluntary and statutory sector organisations to tackle these challenges, thus far has been of vital importance. Small charities, many of which are on Forum's membership list, have been particularly vulnerable to the cost-of-living crisis. As a result, we have stepped up our work directly supporting the small charity community. We are working hard to utilise our connections and reach out in the best ways, by listening and responding to the support needs of smaller organisations to enable a way forward. We listen to members and provide the right knowledge, tools, and resources when it matters, so they can focus on delivering for people and communities.

The Forum Trustees are proud of the achievements of the organisation in the last year, in particular:

- Continuing work for the VCSE Workstream within the developing Integrated Care System and the building forward together programme.
- The VCSE Assembly, providing a valuable networking space and a chance to share good practice, designed to share information across a diverse membership that includes large organisations and smaller community-based groups, with a focus on developing new opportunities around future service delivery and working in partnership to improve outcomes for local people.
- Forum's involvement in developing a Citywide approach to Health Inequalities including leading the co-ordination of a 'pilot' delivery programme involving a number of key VSCE organisations.
- Successfully recruiting additional employees to the role of community connectors

We genuinely recognise the worth and value our staff make to our successes and wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their contributions. The resilience shown during increasingly challenging times and the creative and innovative approaches have most certainly contributed to the positive outcomes achieved during this year.

We are also proud of the strong financial performance achieved. The Trustees are satisfied that there is appropriate management of resources, that Forum has robust and realistic financial plans, with effective management controls and systems in place. Looking ahead to 2023-24, the socio-economic climate will no doubt impose a further degree of financial challenge in an already turbulent operating environment. However, financial projections indicate that the Association can continue to meet its liabilities as they fall due, having been subjected to scrutiny to give assurance in respect of business resilience. Accordingly, the Trustees continue to have a reasonable expectation that Forum-CIO has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, and for this reason will continue to adopt the going concern basis in the preparation of its financial statements.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Charitable activities

Amongst the charitable activities carried out by Forum during the current year are the following:

- Forum has continued to provide an infrastructure support service in Calderdale by working as part of a wider voluntary and community sector Alliance. This has included the management of a volunteer brokerage service.
- Sector Support North East Lincolnshire staff have continued to provide voluntary and community sector infrastructure support services across the borough in partnership with the North East Lincolnshire VCSE Alliance. This includes focused work on developing a mental health alliance and community food initiatives.
- The Community Navigation and the Primary Care Social Prescribing Link Worker Service continue to support patients and members of the public to tackle barriers and access services across the city.
- The Chief Officer and the Sector Support North East Lincolnshire Delivery Manager act as representatives for Hull and North East Lincolnshire on the Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership VCSE Collaborative. The Chief Officer chairs the group, which has facilitated voluntary sector influence into the strategic development of the Integrated Care System and represents the wider VCSE on the system-level Integrated Care Board
- The Sector Connect Hull VCSE Infrastructure Support service provides free advice and guidance to voluntary groups, charities and social businesses in Hull.
- The Hull Poverty Truth Commission brings together a consortium of 13 organisations to recruit and work with Community Commissioners over a two-year period. The project is part of a national network of Poverty Truth Commissions, aiming to create local system changes that make a real difference and improve the lives of people struggling against poverty.
- In Calderdale, Forum have supported the engagement and participation of local voluntary and community sector groups and organisations in the work of the Calderdale Cares Board. This will provide opportunities for the integration of voluntary and community sector service provision into new health and social care arrangements via the development of a VCSE Assembly and other networks.
- Through the development of our community engagement portfolio and the administration of small grant programmes we have supported local groups and organisations to deliver targeted activity to their members, aimed at improving health and social care outcomes for communities experiencing health inequalities. We have adopted a development and empowerment model to support this work.

Internal and external factors

In common with all voluntary and community organisations, Forum continues to seek sustainable funding for its core and project-based activities to build on the strong foundations it has developed, particularly over the period of review and growth that it has undergone in the past six years. While the charity continues to receive the majority of its funding by delivering commissioned services, staff and trustees will consider all new and relevant opportunities that arise from identified need in the communities we operate in, as well as changes in local, regional or national priorities.

Administration

Forum continuously reviews its administrative policies and procedures. We are proactive in supporting both the Mindful Employer and the Fundraising Standards Board ethos and protocols.

During the year Forum has employed a staff team of twenty-nine, divided between Lowgate House (Hull), Centre 4 (Grimsby) and The Resource Centre (Halifax). In June 2022, Forum's Head Office moved into new premises at Lowgate House in Hull, allowing all Hull-based staff to be co-located in the same space for the first time. Lowgate House also provides an opportunity to offer free meeting space for our members in a city centre location.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Financial review

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three- and six-months' expenditure. In the 2022-2023 financial year, Forum continued to see a rise in income. As within previous years this was due in part to the management of restricted grant funds on behalf of the sector. Free reserves stand at £442,922, equating to approximately four months' running costs; this level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The Trustees considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

Reserves are monitored on a quarterly cycle by the trustee body to ensure that the charity works consistently towards the level set out in the policy, and to ensure that reserves are put to work and invested in new services where a need is identified.

Principal funding sources

Principal funding sourcesThe principal funding sources for the Organisation are;

- Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council and the Calderdale Cares Partnership
- Hull City Council and the Hull Health and Care Partnership
- North East Lincolnshire Council and the North East Lincolnshire Health and Care Partnership
- West Yorkshire Combined Authority
- NHS England
- Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership
- Symphonie and Haxby Primary Care Networks (Hull)
- Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Plans for future periods

Amongst the future plans of the organisation are the following activities:

- Further our involvement in the Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership VCSE Collaborative. This will include ensuring that the voluntary and community sector is integrated into new and emerging structures at both a system and place level, maximising future service opportunities.
- Further work on implementing the recommendations and actions arising from the Building Forward Together programme in Hull, which seeks to establish improved cross-sector relationships and arrangements.
- Identifying future development opportunities on a local and regional level linked to enhancing the capacity and capability of the sector to deliver services in a changing strategic landscape.
- Expanding Forum's portfolio of charged for services to the voluntary and community sector, funders and statutory agencies.
- Expanding our role in supporting co-ordinated community engagement activity, ensuring that all groups and communities have an opportunity to contribute to the development of emerging plans and services.
- Contributing to the development of the Trauma Informed City work in Hull and supporting a citywide approach to lived experience.
- Working with groups and organisations to develop strong service delivery collaboratives to collectively deliver integrated services as part of wider health and social care service transformation.
- Implementing the outcomes of our current work around social inclusion and the Poverty Truth Commission.
- Strengthening and developing VCSE networking opportunities including the VCSE Assembly model in Hull and North East Lincolnshire.

Structure, governance and management

Forum is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. It is a registered charity in England and Wales, registration number 1107013. The governing document is a constitution.

The Chief Officer and his staff report to the Trustees through discussions and written reports at meetings held on a quarterly basis.

The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr S Alltoft	
Ms T A Lamb	
Ms G C Emerton	(Resigned 7 April 2022)
P Van Der Zande	
K Stevenson	
Ms P Oluotch	(Appointed 7 April 2022)

Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees

Trustees are generally appointed from within the membership of the charity, and by the members of the charity. Trustees can be co-opted to supply additional expertise not found within the membership. Where this is deemed necessary, trustee recruitment will be undertaken through an open process and ratified through the annual general meeting, or a meeting held for that purpose.

None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the company, unless where allowable in the governing document and stated in related party transactions.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Organisational structure

The Chief Officer and his staff report to the Trustees via personal discussions and meetings held on a quarterly basis.

Induction and training of new Trustees

New trustees are given a full induction programme designed by the company's management and all trustees are given access to all training materials.

Related parties

Forum, by its nature, works with member organisations. The Trustees are generally drawn from this membership. Any transactions with member organisations are carried out within the criteria established for each project and in line with the organisation's Conflict of Interest policy.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

P Van Der Zande
Trustee

Date: 12. 12. 2023

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

- 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; and

- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and 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 charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF FORUM CIO

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Forum CIO (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the Trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF FORUM CIO

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of Trustees' responsibilities, the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Other matters

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements 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)" (as amended) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

This has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with current Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Fawley Judge & Easton .....

Chartered Certified Accountants
Statutory Auditor
1 Parliament Street
Hull
East Yorkshire

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF FORUM CIO

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Fawley Judge & Easton is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Income from:							
Charitable activities	3	750,831	606,261	1,357,092	1,048,769	383,087	1,431,856
Investments	4	974	-	974	407	-	407
Total income		751,805	606,261	1,358,066	1,049,176	383,087	1,432,263
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	5	855,018	366,526	1,221,544	690,930	360,093	1,051,023
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers		(103,213)	239,735	136,522	358,246	22,994	381,240
Gross transfers between funds		(24,372)	24,372	-	-	-	-
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds		(127,585)	264,107	136,522	358,246	22,994	381,240
Fund balances at 1 April 2022		570,507	35,466	605,973	212,261	12,470	224,731
Fund balances at 31 March 2023		442,922	299,573	742,495	570,507	35,464	605,971

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

FORUM CIO

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		545		671
Current assets					
Debtors	11	183,813		107,132	
Cash at bank and in hand		964,870		762,843	
		1,148,683		869,975	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(406,733)		(264,675)	
Net current assets			741,950		605,300
Total assets less current liabilities			742,495		605,971
Income funds					
Restricted funds	13		299,573		35,464
Unrestricted funds			442,922		570,507
			742,495		605,971

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on ...9th October 2023

P Van Der Zande
Trustee

FORUM CIO

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	16		201,054		318,318
Investing activities					
Investment income received		974		407	
Net cash generated from investing activities			974		407
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			202,028		318,725
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			762,843		444,118
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			964,870		762,843

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Forum CIO is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's constitution, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.5 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.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	20% on a reducing balance basis

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

3 Charitable activities

	Charitable Contract Income	Grant Related Income	Total 2023	Charitable Contract Income	Grant Related Income	Total 2022
	2023	2023		2022	2022	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Services provided under contract	936,296	-	936,296	1,048,769	-	1,048,769
Performance related grants	-	420,796	420,796	-	383,087	383,087
	936,296	420,796	1,357,092	1,048,769	383,087	1,431,856
Analysis by fund						
Unrestricted funds	750,831	-	750,831	1,048,769	-	1,048,769
Restricted funds	185,465	420,796	606,261	-	383,087	383,087
	936,296	420,796	1,357,092	1,048,769	383,087	1,431,856

4 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Interest receivable	974	407

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

5 Charitable activities

	Charitable Contract Expenditure	Grant Related Expenditure	Total 2023	Charitable Contract Expenditure	Grant Related Expenditure	Total 2022
	2023	2023		2022	2022	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	707,990	50,746	758,736	570,001	5	570,006
Telephone	8,803	547	9,350	7,144	-	7,144
Postage and Stationery	955	108	1,063	83	-	83
Marketing	9,082	2,041	11,123	1,924	-	1,924
Meetings	12,166	8,082	20,248	2,457	210	2,667
Staff and Members Expenses	4,966	3,938	8,904	19,178	207,419	226,597
Website and IT Expenses	36,249	-	36,249	16,362	-	16,362
Members Development	5,303	262,835	268,138	-	150,923	150,923
Furniture	4,800	-	4,800	-	-	-
Contribution to Central Expenses	-	-	-	-	1,000	1,000
	790,314	328,297	1,118,611	617,149	359,557	976,706
Share of support costs (see note 6)	74,473	4,607	79,080	43,534	-	43,534
Share of governance costs (see note 6)	23,478	375	23,853	30,247	536	30,783
	888,265	333,279	1,221,544	690,930	360,093	1,051,023
Analysis by fund						
Unrestricted funds	855,018	-	855,018	690,930	-	690,930
Restricted funds	33,247	333,279	366,526	-	360,093	360,093
	888,265	333,279	1,221,544	690,930	360,093	1,051,023

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

6 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2023	Support costs	Governance costs	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Depreciation	126	-	126	157	-	157
Insurance	4,181	-	4,181	3,417	-	3,417
Sundries	349	-	349	866	-	866
Premises Expenses	52,773	-	52,773	22,322	-	22,322
Publications	4,250	-	4,250	2,095	-	2,095
Equipment	16,935	-	16,935	14,196	-	14,196
Bank Charges	466	-	466	481	-	481
Accountancy	-	3,000	3,000	-	3,000	3,000
Legal and professional	-	20,853	20,853	-	27,783	27,783
	79,080	23,853	102,933	43,534	30,783	74,317
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	79,080	23,853	102,933	43,534	30,783	74,317

7 Trustees

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

8 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Staff	-	21

Employment costs	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	758,736	570,006

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxationof Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings
	£
Cost	
At 1 April 2022	14,838
At 31 March 2023	14,838
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 April 2022	14,167
Depreciation charged in the year	126
At 31 March 2023	14,293
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2023	545
At 31 March 2022	671

11 Debtors

	2023	2022
Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
Trade debtors	182,200	105,519
Other debtors	1,613	1,613
	183,813	107,132

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	5,635	-
Other creditors	401,098	264,675
	406,733	264,675

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13 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds				Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 April 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 1 April 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
West Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner Grant	3,000	7,500	(10,500)	-	-	(4,677)	4,677	-
Calderdale COVID-19 grant for distribution	2,000	-	(2,000)	-	-	-	-	-
North East Lincolnshire COVID-19 grant for distribution	-	50,000	(50,000)	-	21,344	(13,303)	-	8,041
Hull COVID-19 grant for distribution	4,970	155,593	(160,564)	-	-	-	-	-
Humber Coast and Vale	2,500	-	(2,500)	-	113,100	(7,658)	-	105,442
NHS Hull	-	45,000	(45,000)	-	-	-	-	-
Calderdale MBC	-	250	(250)	-	-	-	-	-
NEL Hospital Discharge	-	6,000	(6,000)	-	27,975	-	-	27,975
Hull City Council Waiting Well Pilot	-	45,000	(9,535)	35,466	14,750	(32,190)	-	18,026
LGC Ltd	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-	-	-	-
Two Ridings Community Foundation	-	60,000	(60,000)	-	-	-	-	-
Green Social Prescribing	-	3,744	(3,744)	-	10,565	(30,259)	19,694	-
Asylum Seekers	-	-	-	-	33,000	(33,000)	-	-
Winter Warmth	-	-	-	-	199,844	(199,750)	-	94
Community Connectors	-	-	-	-	171,031	(33,247)	-	137,784
Hull Poverty Truth	-	-	-	-	14,652	(12,441)	-	2,211
	12,470	383,087	(360,093)	35,466	606,261	(366,525)	24,371	299,573

During the course of the 2023 year the trustees made the decision to spend more on Green Social Prescribing than had been funded, recruiting two staff and purchasing twice the cost of equipment. This was to be funded from Forums reserves.

There was a decision by the trustees to spend more funds on the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner activity which was to be absorbed by Forums reserves.

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13 Restricted funds **(Continued)**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2023	Restricted funds 2023	Total 2023	Unrestricted funds 2022	Restricted funds 2022	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2023 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	545	-	545	671	-	671
Current assets/(liabilities)	447,054	294,896	741,950	556,330	48,970	605,300
	447,599	294,896	742,495	557,001	48,970	605,971

15 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2022 - none).

16 Cash generated from operations

	2023	2022
	£	£
Surplus for the year	136,522	381,240
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(974)	(407)
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	126	157
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase) in debtors	(76,678)	(98,823)
Increase in creditors	142,058	36,151
Cash generated from operations	201,054	318,318

17 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no debt during the year.

Forum CIO

England & Wales - Charity number 1107013

Accounts

Charity Registration No. 1107013

Company Registration No. 05206464 (England and Wales)

NORTHBANK FORUM FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS CIO

TRADING AS FORUM

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Fawley Judge & Easton
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NORTHBANK FORUM FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS CIO TRADING AS FORUM
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr S Alltoft	
	Ms T A Lamb	
	Ms G C Emerton	
	P Van Der Zande	(Appointed 1 February 2022)
	K Stevenson	(Appointed 1 January 2022)
Charity number	1107013	
Company number	05206464	
Registered office	Ground Floor Office Lowgate House Lowgate Hull HU1 1EL	
Auditor	Fawley Judge & Easton Chartered Certified Accountants 1 Parliament Street Hull East Yorkshire HU1 2AS	

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NORTHBANK FORUM FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS CIO TRADING AS FORUM

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "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)".

Conversion to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation

In February 2022, Forum completed the conversion from a charitable company (a registered charity which is also a company limited by guarantee) to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. This decision was the result of a written resolution by members at the 2021/2022 Annual General Meeting and paperwork subsequently filed with the Charity Commission.

Conversion does not change Forum's status as a registered charity, but means it is no longer a company limited by guarantee (former company number 05206464), and as such, is no longer required to report to Companies House. Its trustees are no longer Company Directors and its governing document is now a constitution. Because of the conversion processes that are now in place for charities wishing to make this change, the charity registration number (1107013) remains unchanged and the financial history is retained on the Charity Commission entry.

In accordance with this conversion, the charity is now Northbank Forum for Voluntary Organisations CIO, trading as Forum CIO.

Objectives and activities

Forum's charitable objectives are:

To promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of the community in North Yorkshire, South Yorkshire, West Yorkshire, the East Riding of Yorkshire and Kingston Upon Hull and North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire (hereinafter called 'the area of benefit') and in particular the protection of health, and the relief of poverty, distress and sickness, and in the furtherance of said purposes, but not further or otherwise, to promote and organise co-operation in the achievement of the same and to that end to bring together representatives of voluntary organisations and statutory authorities within the area of benefit.

The Trustees have referred to and paid due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing Forum aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, the Trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Forum works to raise the profile of the voluntary and community sector at all levels and to promote the benefits of engaging with people and communities who are marginalised or disadvantaged. All of the activities, projects and initiatives that Forum undertakes are for the benefit of the users, volunteers and employees of our member organisations and other voluntary organisations, and communities in our area of benefit. We work on behalf of more than 300 health and social care organisations operating in Yorkshire and the Humber region.

We work to ensure that;

- The independent voice of the not-for-profit sector is listened to by key public sector decision-makers and funders.
- Our member organisations and the groups and communities we support have the information, knowledge, skills and resources necessary to shape, influence and deliver services.
- Positive working relationships within and across the not-for-profit sector and other partners are promoted.
- The views of patients and members of the public are taken into account in the development, design, implementation and review of local health and social care services.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

During the financial year ending March 2022, Forum delivered the following projects:

- Calderdale VSI Alliance (voluntary sector infrastructure support), funded by Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council and NHS Calderdale Clinical Commissioning Group
- Sector Support North East Lincolnshire, funded by North East Lincolnshire Council and NHS North East Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group
- Sector Connect Hull, funded by Hull City Council and delivered in partnership with Hull CVS (*commenced January 2022*)
- Connect Well Hull (citywide social prescribing programme), funded by NHS Hull Clinical Commissioning Group and Hull City Council and delivered in partnership with Citizens Advice Hull and East Riding
- The Humber Social Enterprise Accelerator programme, funded by the Humber Business Growth Hub to provide tailored support to social businesses in the region (*finished June 2021*)
- Green Social Prescribing pilot, funded through Smile Foundation via the NHS and integrated care system as part of a national test and learn programme (*commenced February 2022*)
- The Hull Together social inclusion programme, funded by Hull City Council through the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government to undertake research into community cohesion and develop a social inclusion strategy for the city
- Hull Poverty Truth Commission, funded by Hull City Council; a new project to bring together people with lived experience of struggling against poverty and the civic and business leaders that make decisions which impact on their lives (*commenced October 2021*)
- Link Worker project, funded by Symphonie Primary Care Network to host two link workers based in GP practices
- The Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership VCSE Collaborative, funded by NHS England, which is designed to support the voluntary and community sector in both Hull and North East Lincolnshire to influence the strategic development of the Integrated Care System
- Forum Consultancy – organisational development services provided directly to, and funded by, members, VCS organisations and other stakeholders in the regionFollowing on from the work undertaken during the first year of the Covid-19 pandemic, Forum has continued its role as a leading voluntary and community sector infrastructure organisation in the coordination of recovery work in Hull, North East Lincolnshire and Calderdale. This has included coordination of sector support activity, the management and administration of public sector grants to frontline organisations and ongoing support and communication to member organisations and stakeholders.

In Hull, Forum continues to have a leading role in the development of the *Building Forward Together* Programme, a strategic transformation programme delivered on behalf of the Hull Place Board. One of the workstreams of this programme led to the commissioning of a new partnership project between Forum and Hull CVS, bringing funded infrastructure support to the city for the first time in 10 years. The Sector Connect Hull programme commenced January 2022, offering a range of advice

Newsletters, E-Bulletins and briefing papers have been produced regularly to inform our members and subscribers of local, regional and national issues.

Volunteers

Across all of its projects, Forum supports hundreds of voluntary organisations and the significant contribution of the volunteers within these organisations is greatly valued. Even as the Covid-19 restrictions were reduced over the year, volunteers continued to play a vital role in vaccination programmes and activities to promote community recovery and reduce the isolation that the pandemic brought about.

Achievements and performance

The challenges presented by the Covid-19 pandemic have continued to impact on communities over the past year. In responding to these challenges, the profile of the voluntary sector has been raised considerably, highlighting its potential to contribute to the recovery phase. This raised profile has also contributed to the sector's involvement in the development of integrated care systems, as well as facilitating improved cross-sector partnership work and collaboration.

The Forum Trustees are proud of the achievements of the organisation in the last year, in particular:

- The role of the Link Workers, hosted by Forum and working in Primary Care Networks, in the vaccination programme. Forum's two Link Workers covered a total of 98 vaccination clinics, including weekends and bank holidays. Time spent at the clinics equates to 34 days, or 820 hours, or 492000 minutes
- The role the charity has played in ensuring the VCSE sector is fully engaged in the development of Integrated Care, at a system level as well as at place
- The strong financial performance achieved through working in collaboration with partners including Hull CVS and Two Ridings Community Foundation
- Setting up a new, patient-focused Green Social Prescribing Project as part of a national test and learn approach, in partnership with HEY Mind
- The support offered to staff teams as they continued to adapt to working from home, returning to offices and establishing hybrid working patterns, and the ability of staff to adapt to new working practices with efficiency and professionalism
- Undertaking a whole-staff exercise to understand and develop our organisational values, which included an exploration of good working environments through staff workshops and discussions
- Migration to a new, comprehensive online HR portal that eliminates the need for paper records and increases organisational efficiency
- Undertaking a conversion from a charitable company to a Charitable Incorporated organisation, which modernises the charity's structure and reduces some of the administration involved in reporting

We genuinely recognise the worth and value our staff make to our successes; and wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their contributions. The support of staff and member organisations has been outstanding during difficult and challenging times. We have been impressed by the high quality of work, the creative and innovative thinking that has been put into support for each other, and the communities and organisations whom we serve.

The relationship between the Trustees and the Senior Management team continues to develop and has contributed to the positive outcomes achieved during this year. The Trustees are satisfied that there is appropriate management of resources; and that Forum has robust and realistic financial plans, with effective management controls and systems.

As Covid-19 restrictions began to lift, the senior management team worked with staff to develop an approach to hybrid working that would meet business needs while recognising individual staff needs and the operating environment. A hybrid working policy was introduced in February 2022 and this will be reviewed on a six-monthly basis. The Trustees welcome this flexible approach.

Charitable activities

Amongst the charitable activities carried out by Forum during the current year are the following:

- Forum has continued to provide an infrastructure support service in Calderdale by working as part of a wider voluntary and community sector Alliance. This has included the management of a volunteer brokerage service.
- Sector Support North East Lincolnshire staff have continued to provide voluntary and community sector infrastructure support services across the borough in partnership with the North East Lincolnshire VCSE Alliance. This includes focused work on developing a mental health alliance and community food initiatives.
- Connect Well Hull and the Link Workers (social prescribing) – Wellbeing Co-ordinators and practice-based Link Workers continued to support patients and members of the public to tackle barriers and access services across the city. The Connect Well Hull Grants Officer provided administration for the final round of the Connect Well Hull Grants programme and provided support for grant recipients.
- The Chief Officer and Deputy Chief Officer acted as representatives for Hull and North East Lincolnshire on the Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership VCSE Coolaborative. The Chief Officer chairs the group, which has facilitated voluntary sector influence into the strategic development of the Integrated Care System.
- The Hull Together social inclusion project moved onto the final stages of developing of a Social Inclusion Strategy for Hull.
- The Sector Connect Hull service began in partnership with Hull CVS, providing free advice and guidance to voluntary groups, charities and social businesses in Hull
- The Hull Poverty Truth Commission commenced, bringing together a consortium of 13 organisations to recruit and work with Community Commissioners over a two-year period. The project is part of a national network of PTCs, aiming to create local system changes that make a real difference and improve the lives of people struggling against poverty
- In Calderdale, Forum have supported the engagement and participation of local voluntary and community sector groups and organisations in the work of the Calderdale Cares Board. This will provide opportunities for the integration of voluntary and community sector service provision into new health and social care arrangements via the development of a VCSE Assembly and other networks.
- In Calderdale the responsibility for the management and operation of the Virtual Volunteer Hub was transferred into the VSI Alliance, where Forum leads on developing the local volunteer offer. In the past year, there were over 250 requests for support to help with shopping, prescription collection, dog walking and emergency food parcels. Volunteers also supported the preparation work for the Healthy Holiday Activities Scheme for local children.

Internal and external factors

In common with all voluntary and community organisations, Forum continues to seek sustainable funding for its core and project-based activities to build on the strong foundations it has developed, particularly over the period of review and growth that it has undergone in the past five years. While the charity continues to receive the majority of its funding by delivering commissioned services, staff and trustees will consider all new and relevant opportunities that arise from identified need in the communities we operate in, as well as changes in local, regional or national priorities.

Administration

Forum continuously reviews its administrative policies and procedures. We continue to be Disability Confident and display its symbol with pride. We are proactive in supporting both the Mindful Employer and the Fundraising Standards Board ethos and protocols.

During the year Forum has employed a staff team of twenty-one, divided between Goodwin Community Hub (Hull), Centre 4 (Grimsby), The Wilson Centre (Hull), and The Resource Centre (Halifax). During the Covid-19 lockdown period the majority of staff successfully worked from home in line with national restrictions and guidelines. Link Workers were based at home when necessary but also worked from their GP practice base. There was no disruption to business-as-usual activity for the organisation throughout this period.

Financial review

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three- and six-months' expenditure. In the 2021-2022 financial year, Forum continued to see a rise in income; as with the previous year this was due in part to the management of restricted grant funds on behalf of the sector and related to Covid-19. Free reserves stand at £557,002, equating to approximately four months' running costs; this level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The Trustees considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

Reserves are monitored on a quarterly cycle by the trustee body to ensure that the charity works consistently towards the level set out in the policy, and to ensure that reserves are put to work and invested in new services where a need is identified.

Principal funding sources

The principal funding sources for the Organisation are;

- Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council
- NHS Calderdale Clinical Commissioning Group
- Hull City Council
- NHS Hull Clinical Commissioning Group
- North East Lincolnshire Council
- NHS North East Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group
- West Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner
- NHS England and NHS Improvement (via the Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership)
- Humber Business Growth Hub (Humber LEP)
- Symphonie Primary Care Network (Hull)
- National Lottery Community Fund (via Voluntary Action Leeds)

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Plans for future periods

Amongst the future plans of the organisation are the following activities;

- Further our involvement in the Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership VCSE Collaborative funded by NHS England. This will include ensuring that the voluntary and community sector is integrated into new and emerging structures at both a system and place level, maximising future service opportunities
- Further work on implementing the recommendations and actions arising from the *Building Forward Together* programme in Hull, which seeks to establish improved cross-sector relationships and arrangements
- Identifying future development opportunities on a local and regional level linked to enhancing the capacity and capability of the sector to deliver services in a changing strategic landscape
- Expanding Forum's portfolio of charged for services to the voluntary and community sector, funders and statutory agencies
- Investment in a new website for the whole organisation as part of a review of communication and engagement, which will involve formally asking members to vote on changing the name of the charity to Forum CIO
- Moving the head office of the charity from its current location in the Goodwin Community Hub to larger premises to accommodate an increase in staff numbers
- Reviewing senior management structures and operating arrangements as part of the planning for the retirement of the Business Support Manager. Ali Middle has been with the organisation for over twenty years and her contribution to the support and development of Forum over this period has been significant. The Trustees would like to formally thank her for her contribution and wish her well for her retirement and what other challenges lay ahead.

Structure, governance and management

At the start of the financial year in review, Forum was a company limited by guarantee as defined by the Companies Act 2006 and a registered charity. The guarantee of each member was £1. The governing document was the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the company and members of the Board of Trustees were the Members and Directors of the company.

After February 9th, 2022, Forum became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. It is a registered charity in England and Wales, registration number 1107013. The governing document is a constitution.

The Chief Officer and his staff report to the Trustees through discussions and written reports at meetings held on a six-weekly basis.

The Trustees, who from the period of 1st April 2021 to 9th February 2022 were also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year were:

The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr S Alltoft	
Ms T A Lamb	
Ms G C Emerton	
Ms T M Dearing	(Resigned 1 June 2021)
Ms W C Bennett	(Resigned 21 April 2021)
P Van Der Zande	(Appointed 1 February 2022)
K Stevenson	(Appointed 1 January 2022)

NORTHBANK FORUM FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS CIO TRADING AS FORUM

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees

Trustees are generally appointed from within the membership of the charity, and by the members of the charity. Trustees can be co-opted to supply additional expertise not found within the membership. Where this is deemed necessary, trustee recruitment will be undertaken through an open process and ratified through the annual general meeting, or a meeting held for that purpose.

A recruitment process was undertaken at the 2021/2022 Annual General Meeting and this resulted in the successful recruitment of two new trustees. A third additional trustee was recruited through organisational contacts to bring wider experience in communications and engagement to the Board.

None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the company, unless where allowable in the governing document and stated in related party transactions.

Organisational structure

The Chief Officer and his staff report to the Trustees via personal discussions and meetings held on a six weekly basis.

Induction and training of new Trustees

New trustees are given a full induction programme designed by the company's management and all trustees are given access to all training materials.

Related parties

Forum, by its nature, works with member organisations. The Trustees are generally drawn from this membership. Any transactions with member organisations are carried out within the criteria established for each project and in line with the organisation's Conflict of Interest policy.

Auditor

In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that Fawley Judge & Easton be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put at a General Meeting.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

P Van Der Zande
Trustee

Date: 08.12.2022

NORTHBANK FORUM FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS CIO TRADING AS FORUM

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The Trustees, who are also the directors of Northbank Forum For Voluntary Organisations CIO for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and

- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies 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.

NORTHBANK FORUM FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS CIO TRADING AS FORUM

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF NORTHBANK FORUM FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS CIO

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Northbank Forum For Voluntary Organisations CIO (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2022 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

TO THE TRUSTEES OF NORTHBANK FORUM FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS CIO

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the Trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of Trustees' responsibilities, the Trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF NORTHBANK FORUM FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS CIO

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Jonathan Leathley (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Fawley Judge & Easton 25 October 2022

Chartered Certified Accountants
Statutory Auditor
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Fawley Judge & Easton is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

NORTHBANK FORUM FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS CIO TRADING AS FORUM

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Income from:							
Charitable activities	3	1,048,769	383,087	1,431,856	647,186	164,585	811,771
Investments	4	407	-	407	-	-	-
Total income		1,049,176	383,087	1,432,263	647,186	164,585	811,771
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	5	690,930	360,093	1,051,023	614,222	155,052	769,274
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	(2,938)	2,938	-
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		358,246	22,994	381,240	30,026	12,471	42,497
Fund balances at 1 April 2021		212,261	12,470	224,731	182,235	-	182,235
Fund balances at 31 March 2022		570,507	35,464	605,971	212,261	12,471	224,732

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	9		671		828
Current assets					
Debtors	10	107,132		8,310	
Cash at bank and in hand		762,843		444,118	
		869,975		452,428	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(264,675)		(228,524)	
Net current assets			605,300		223,904
Total assets less current liabilities			605,971		224,732
Income funds					
Restricted funds	12		35,464		12,471
Unrestricted funds			570,507		212,261
			605,971		224,732

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2022, although an audit has been carried out under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 08.12.2022

P Van Der Zande
Trustee

Company registration number 05206464

NORTHBANK FORUM FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS CIO TRADING AS FORUM

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	**14**		318,319		263,328
Investing activities					
Investment income received		407		-	
Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities			407		-
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			318,726		263,328
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			444,118		180,790
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			762,843		444,118

1 Accounting policies

Charity information
Northbank Forum For Voluntary Organisations CIO is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Ground Floor Office, Lowgate House, Lowgate, Hull, HU1 1EL.

1.1 Accounting convention
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's [governing document], the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern
At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds
Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income
Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.5 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.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	20% on a reducing balance basis

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

Basic financial liabilities
Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities
Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits
The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Charitable activities

	Charitable Contract Income	Grant Related Income	Total 2022	Charitable Contract Income	Grant Related Income	Total 2021
	2022	2022		2021	2021	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Services provided under contract	1,048,769	-	1,048,769	731,835	-	731,835
Performance related grants	-	383,087	383,087	-	79,936	79,936
	1,048,769	383,087	1,431,856	731,835	79,936	811,771
Analysis by fund						
Unrestricted funds	1,048,769	-	1,048,769	647,186	-	647,186
Restricted funds	-	383,087	383,087	84,649	79,936	164,585
	1,048,769	383,087	1,431,856	731,835	79,936	811,771

4 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Total
	2022	2021
	£	£
Interest receivable	407	-

5 Charitable activities

	Charitable Contract Expenditure 2022 £	Grant Related Expenditure 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Charitable Contract Expenditure 2021 £	Grant Related Expenditure 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Staff costs	570,001	5	570,006	534,432	11,504	545,936
Telephone	7,144	-	7,144	10,244	-	10,244
Postage and Stationery	83	-	83	2,677	-	2,677
Marketing	1,924	-	1,924	2,982	600	3,582
Meetings	2,457	210	2,667	8,004	-	8,004
Staff and Members Expenses	19,178	207,419	226,597	70,497	63,620	134,117
Website and IT Expenses	16,362	-	16,362	7,811	-	7,811
Members Development	-	150,923	150,923	57	-	57
Contribution to Central Expenses	-	1,000	1,000	1,000	-	1,000
	617,149	359,557	976,706	637,704	75,724	713,428
Share of support costs (see note 6)	43,534	-	43,534	39,669	-	39,669
Share of governance costs (see note 6)	30,247	536	30,783	16,177	-	16,177
	690,930	360,093	1,051,023	693,550	75,724	769,274
Analysis by fund						
Unrestricted funds	690,930	-	690,930	614,222	-	614,222
Restricted funds	-	360,093	360,093	79,328	75,724	155,052
	690,930	360,093	1,051,023	693,550	75,724	769,274

6 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2022	Support costs	Governance costs	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Depreciation	157	-	157	196	-	196
Insurance	3,417	-	3,417	2,208	-	2,208
Sundries	866	-	866	1,119	-	1,119
Premises Expenses	22,322	-	22,322	20,399	-	20,399
Publications	2,095	-	2,095	4,214	-	4,214
Equipment	14,196	-	14,196	11,154	-	11,154
Bank Charges	481	-	481	379	-	379
Accountancy	-	3,000	3,000	-	1,800	1,800
Legal and professional	-	27,783	27,783	-	14,377	14,377
	43,534	30,783	74,317	39,669	16,177	55,846
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	43,534	30,783	74,317	39,669	16,177	55,846

7 Trustees

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

8 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
Staff	21	21

Employment costs	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	570,006	545,936

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings
	£
Cost	
At 1 April 2021	14,838
At 31 March 2022	14,838
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 April 2021	14,010
Depreciation charged in the year	157
At 31 March 2022	14,167
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2022	671
At 31 March 2021	828

10 Debtors

	2022	2021
Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
Trade debtors	105,519	6,649
Other debtors	1,613	1,661
	107,132	8,310

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	4,967
Other creditors	264,675	223,557
	264,675	228,524

12 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2022	Restricted funds 2022	Total 2022	Unrestricted funds 2021	Restricted funds 2021	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2022 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	671	-	671	828	-	828
Current assets/ (liabilities)	556,330	48,970	605,300	211,433	12,471	223,904
	557,001	48,970	605,971	212,261	12,471	224,732

13 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2021 - none).

14 Cash generated from operations	**2022**	**2021**
	£	£
Surplus for the year	381,240	42,497
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(407)	-
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	157	196
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(98,822)	60,979
Increase in creditors	36,151	159,656
Cash generated from operations	318,319	263,328

15 Analysis of changes In net funds

The charity had no debt during the year.

Forum CIO

England & Wales - Charity number 1107013

Accounts

Charity Registration No. 1107013

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NORTHBANK FORUM FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS LTD

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ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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NORTHBANK FORUM FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS LTD TRADING AS FORUM
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Company number	05206464
Registered office	Community College 63-71 Anlaby Road Hull HU3 2LL
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NORTHBANK FORUM FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS LTD TRADING AS FORUM

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

Forum's charitable objectives are:

To promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of the community in North Yorkshire, South Yorkshire, West Yorkshire, the East Riding of Yorkshire and Kingston Upon Hull and North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire (hereinafter called 'the area of benefit') and in particular the protection of health, and the relief of poverty, distress and sickness, and in the furtherance of said purposes, but not further or otherwise, to promote and organise co-operation in the achievement of the same and to that end to bring together representatives of voluntary organisations and statutory authorities within the area of benefit.

The Trustees have referred to and paid due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing Forum aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, the Trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Forum actively champions the voluntary and community sector at all levels and continues to promote the benefits of engaging with those from the most disadvantaged backgrounds. All Forum activities are for the benefit of the users, volunteers and employees of our member organisations and other voluntary organisations and communities in our area of benefit. We work on behalf of more than 300 health and social care organisations operating in Yorkshire and the Humber region.

We work to ensure that;

- The independent voice of the not-for-profit sector is listened to by key public sector decision-makers and funders.
- Our member organisations and the groups and communities we support have the information, knowledge, skills and resources necessary to shape, influence and deliver services.
- Positive working relationships within and across the not-for-profit sector and other partners are promoted.
- The views of patients and members of the public are taken into account in the development, design, implementation and review of local health and social care services.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Forum has delivered the following projects:

- Calderdale VSI Alliance (voluntary sector infrastructure support), funded by Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council and NHS Calderdale Clinical Commissioning Group
- Sector Support North East Lincolnshire, funded by North East Lincolnshire Council and NHS North East Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group
- Connect Well Hull (citywide social prescribing programme), funded by NHS Hull Clinical Commissioning Group and Hull City Council and delivered in partnership with Citizens Advice Hull and East Riding
- The Humber Social Enterprise Accelerator programme, funded by the Humber Business Growth Hub to provide tailored support to social businesses in the region
- The Hull Together social inclusion programme, funded by Hull City Council through the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government to undertake research into community cohesion and develop a social inclusion strategy for the city
- Link Worker project, funded by Symphonie Primary Care Network to host two link workers based in GP practices
- The Humber, Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership VCSE Leadership Programme, funded by NHS England, which is designed to support the voluntary and community sector in both Hull and North East Lincolnshire to influence the strategic development of the Integrated Care System
- Forum Consultancy – organisational development services provided directly to, and funded by, members, VCS organisations and other stakeholders in the region

Additionally, throughout the financial year 2020-2021, Forum has acted as the lead voluntary and community sector infrastructure organisation in the coordination of the wider sector Covid-19 response across Hull, North East Lincolnshire and Calderdale. This has included coordination of sector support activity, the management and administration of public sector grants to frontline organisations and ongoing support and communication to member organisations and stakeholders.

In Hull, Forum has been the lead organisation in the development of the *Building Forward Together* Programme. This is a strategic transformation programme delivered on behalf of the Hull Place Board, designed to support the development of a new relationship between the public and voluntary and community sectors.

Newsletters, E-Bulletins and briefing papers have been produced regularly to inform our members and subscribers of local, regional and national issues.

Volunteers

Across all of its projects, Forum supports hundreds of voluntary organisations and the significant contribution of the volunteers within these organisations is greatly valued. The voluntary and community sector response to the Covid-19 pandemic, including ongoing support to vulnerable communities and the successful roll out of both testing and vaccination programmes across all sites, involved the coordination of volunteers from communities and member organisations. This included people who were volunteering for the first time. Forum also acted as a host organisation to community volunteers in Calderdale, and worked closely with volunteer hub organisation Blue Lights Brigade CIC in North East Lincolnshire. Sustaining the input of volunteers where feasible and maintaining coordination activities remain priorities over the next year.

Achievements and performance

The last year and the COVID 19 pandemic have presented Forum with significant challenges; it has also created valuable opportunities on which we have built with our voluntary and community sector partners.

The Forum Trustees are proud of the achievements of the organisation in the last year. We genuinely recognise the worth and value our staff make to our successes; and wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their contributions. The support of staff and member organisations has been outstanding during difficult and challenging times. We have been impressed by the high quality of work, the creative and innovative thinking that has been put into support for each other, and the communities and organisations whom we serve.

The relationship between the Trustees and the Senior Management team continues to develop and has contributed to the positive outcomes achieved during this year. The Trustees are satisfied that there is appropriate management of resources; and that Forum has robust and realistic financial plans, with effective management controls and systems.

Forum has continued to manage a flexible and creative approach to home working. This is reviewed according to Government guidance and staff have received appropriate communications as guidance has been updated. This active management of a changing situation has ensured high levels of support to groups and organisations across Hull, North East Lincolnshire and Calderdale.

Forum remains at the forefront of mobilising appropriate responses to the pandemic and the consequential needs. We continue to work to enable and facilitate local voluntary and community sector services to support our most vulnerable communities.

Charitable activities

Amongst the charitable activities carried out by Forum during the current year are the following;

- Forum has continued to provide an infrastructure support service in Calderdale by working as part of a wider voluntary and community sector Alliance. This has included the management of a volunteer brokerage service. Staff have also supported the development of local community safety initiatives, including work around knife crime and equality and diversity, through activities funded by the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner
- Sector Support North East Lincolnshire staff have continued to provide voluntary and community sector infrastructure support services across the borough in partnership with the North East Lincolnshire VCSE Alliance. This includes focused work on digital inclusion, cultural development, Community Asset Transfer and improved joint working with the statutory sector. A Community Food Co-ordinator was recruited in August 2020 through funding from NEL Council, and this role was integral to supporting the Covid-19 response, as well as developing a range of grant-funded food initiatives.
- Connect Well Hull and the Link Workers (social prescribing) – Wellbeing Co-ordinators and practice-based Link Workers continued to support patients and members of the public to tackle barriers and access services across the city. The Connect Well Hull Grants Officer continued to provide the administration and promotion of the Connect Well Hull Grants programme
- Forum staff assisted in the coordination of the voluntary and community sector response to the Covid-19 pandemic across Hull, North East Lincolnshire and Calderdale, and in particular Forum acting as an administrative body for the distribution of Local Authority grant allocations for funds including the Winter Support Grant and Hardship grants
- The Chief Officer and Deputy Chief Officer acted as representatives for Hull and North East Lincolnshire on the Humber, Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership VCSE Leadership Programme. The Chief Officer chairs the group, which has facilitated voluntary sector influence into the strategic development of the Integrated Care System. Activities in this period include a successful bid for a Green Social Prescribing programme, recruitment of a Programme Director, delivery of themed events and the commissioning of mapping and research work.
- The first stage of the Hull Together social inclusion project was delivered with the assistance of a freelance researcher. The project staff carried out 14 focus groups with migrants in Hull, 8 focus groups with UK-born Hull residents and 25 stakeholder interviews. A city-wide survey was conducted, and the findings from all primary research were analysed and collated into a report to inform the next stage – development of a Social Inclusion Strategy for Hull
- Staff provided tailored support to 12 social businesses in the Humber region through training and one-to-one advice through the Humber Social Enterprise Accelerator Programme
- Staff in Calderdale provided advice and guidance to VCS organisations on safeguarding practice, through the delivery of the Regional Safeguarding Training programme funded by the National Lottery Community Fund

Internal and external factors

In common with all voluntary and community organisations, Forum continues to seek sustainable funding for its core and project-based activities to build on the strong foundations it has developed, particularly over the period of review and growth that it has undergone in the past five years. While the charity continues to receive the majority of its funding by delivering commissioned services, staff and trustees will consider all new and relevant opportunities that arise from identified need in the communities we operate in, as well as changes in local, regional or national priorities.

Administration

Forum continuously reviews its administrative policies and procedures. We continue to be Disability Confident and display its symbol with pride. We are proactive in supporting both the Mindful Employer and the Fundraising Standards Board ethos and protocols.

During the year Forum has employed a staff team of twenty-one, divided between Goodwin Community Hub (Hull), Centre 4 (Grimsby), The Wilson Centre (Hull), and The Resource Centre (Halifax). During the Covid-19 lockdown period the majority of staff have successfully worked from home in line with national restrictions and guidelines. Link Workers were based at home when necessary but also worked from their GP practice base. There was no disruption to business-as-usual activity for the organisation throughout this period.

Financial review

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three- and six-months' expenditure. In a typical year, this equates to approximately £140,000-£275,000. In the 2020-2021 financial year, Forum saw a rise in income due in part to the management of restricted grant funds on behalf of the sector and related to Covid-19. Free reserves currently equate to just over three months' running costs at the 2020-2021 income level; this level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The Trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

Reserves are monitored on a quarterly cycle by the trustee body to ensure that the charity works consistently towards the level set out in the policy, and to ensure that reserves are put to work and invested in new services where a need is identified.

Principal funding sources

The principal funding sources for the Organisation are;

- Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council
- NHS Calderdale Clinical Commissioning Group
- Hull City Council
- NHS Hull Clinical Commissioning Group
- North East Lincolnshire Council
- NHS North East Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group
- West Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner
- NHS England and NHS Improvement (via the Humber, Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership)
- Humber Business Growth Hub (Humber LEP)
- Reckitt
- Symphonie Primary Care Network (Hull)
- National Lottery Community Fund (via Voluntary Action Leeds)

The Trustees has assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

FUTURE PLANS

Amongst the future plans of the organisation are the following activities;

- Further our involvement in the Humber, Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership VCSE Leadership Programme funded by NHS England. This will include ensuring that the voluntary and community sector is integrated into new and emerging structures at both a system and place level, maximising future service opportunities
- Delivering the final stages of the Social Inclusion work in Hull, including the development of a citywide Social Inclusion Strategy in partnership with stakeholders, and developing a training programme
- Further work on Implementing the recommendations and actions arising from the *Building Forward Together* programme in Hull, which seeks to establish improved cross-sector relationships and arrangements
- Identifying future development opportunities on a local and regional level linked to enhancing the capacity and capability of the sector to deliver services in a changing strategic landscape.
- Expanding Forum's portfolio of charged for services to the voluntary and community sector, funders and statutory agencies
- Consulting with members and implementing the necessary changes to convert Forum from a charitable company to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, a resolution that will be taken to the members in the 2021 AGM

Structure, governance and management
Forum is a company limited by guarantee as defined by the Companies Act 2006. It has no share capital and is a charity registered with the Charity Commission. The guarantee of each member is £1. The governing document is the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the company and members of the Board of Trustees are the Members and Directors of the company.

The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:
Mr S Alltoft
Ms T A Lamb
Ms G C Emerton
Ms T M Dearing
Ms W C Bennett

Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees

Trustees are generally appointed from within the membership of the charity, and by the members of the charity. Trustees can be co-opted to supply additional expertise not found within the membership. Where this is deemed necessary, trustee recruitment will be undertaken through an open process and ratified through the annual general meeting, or a meeting held for that purpose.

None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the company, unless where allowable in the governing document and stated in related party transactions. All of the Trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

Organisational structure

The Chief Officer and his staff report to the Trustees via personal discussions and meetings held on a six weekly basis.

Induction and training of new Trustees

New trustees are given a full induction programme designed by the company's management and all trustees are given access to all training materials.

Related parties

Forum, by its nature, works with member organisations The Trustees are generally drawn from this membership. Any transactions with member organisations are carried out within the criteria established for each project and in line with the organisation's Conflict of Interest policy.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Ms G C Emerton
Trustee
Dated: 7 July 2021

NORTHBANK FORUM FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS LTD TRADING AS FORUM

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF NORTHBANK FORUM FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS LTD

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Northbank Forum For Voluntary Organisations Ltd (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity 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 the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of , 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 that in any material respect:

1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or

2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

3 the financial statements 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 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 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 financial statements to be reached.

Jonathan Leathley
Fawley Judge & Easton
Chartered Certified Accountants
1 Parliament Street
Hull
East Yorkshire
HU1 2AS

Dated: 7 July 2021

NORTHBANK FORUM FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS LTD TRADING AS FORUM

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
Income from:							
Charitable activities	3	647,186	164,585	811,771	563,633	6,845	570,478
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	4	614,222	155,052	769,274	549,649	7,819	557,468
Net incoming resources before transfers		32,964	9,533	42,497	13,984	(974)	13,010
Gross transfers between funds		(2,938)	2,938	-	(7,907)	7,907	-
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		30,026	12,471	42,497	6,077	6,933	13,010
Fund balances at 1 April 2020		182,235	-	182,235	176,158	(6,933)	169,225
Fund balances at 31 March 2021		212,261	12,471	224,732	182,235	-	182,235

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

NORTHBANK FORUM FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS LTD TRADING AS FORUM

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8		828		1,024
Current assets					
Debtors	9	8,310		69,289	
Cash at bank and in hand		444,118		180,790	
		452,428		250,079	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(228,524)		(68,868)	
Net current assets			223,904		181,211
Total assets less current liabilities			224,732		182,235
Income funds					
Restricted funds	11		12,471		-
Unrestricted funds			212,261		182,235
			224,732		182,235

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the 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 company.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 7 July 2021

Ms G C Emerton
Trustee

Company Registration No. 05206464

NORTHBANK FORUM FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS LTD TRADING AS FORUM

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	14		263,328		19,617
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-		(42)	
Net cash used in investing activities			-		(42)
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			263,328		19,575
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			180,790		161,215
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			444,118		180,790

1 Accounting policies

Charity information
Northbank Forum For Voluntary Organisations Ltd is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Community College, 63-71 Anlaby Road, Hull, HU3 2LL.

1.1 Accounting convention
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's [governing document], the Companies Act 2006 and "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)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern
At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds
Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income
Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.5 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.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	20% on a reducing balance basis

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Charitable activities

	Charitable Contract Income 2021 £	Grant Related Income 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Charitable Contract Income 2020 £	Grant Related Income 2020 £	Total 2020 £
Services provided under contract	731,835	-	731,835	564,978	-	564,978
Performance related grants	-	79,936	79,936	-	5,500	5,500
	731,835	79,936	811,771	564,978	5,500	570,478
Analysis by fund						
Unrestricted funds	647,186	-	647,186	563,633	-	563,633
Restricted funds	84,649	79,936	164,585	1,345	5,500	6,845
	731,835	79,936	811,771	564,978	5,500	570,478

4 Charitable activities

	Charitable Contract Income	Grant Related Income	Total 2021	Charitable Contract Income	Grant Related Income	Total 2020
	2021	2021		2020	2020	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	534,432	11,504	545,936	450,149	3,600	453,749
Telephone	10,244	-	10,244	6,072	-	6,072
Postage and Stationery	2,677	-	2,677	605	-	605
Marketing	2,982	600	3,582	672	1,037	1,709
Meetings	8,004	-	8,004	11,667	1,465	13,132
Staff and Members Expenses	70,497	63,620	134,117	15,894	22	15,916
Website and IT Expenses	7,811	-	7,811	3,181	-	3,181
Members Development	57	-	57	330	-	330
Contribution to Central Expenses	1,000	-	1,000	-	350	350
	637,704	75,724	713,428	488,570	6,474	495,044
Share of support costs (see note 5)	39,669	-	39,669	43,992	-	43,992
Share of governance costs (see note 5)	16,177	-	16,177	18,432	-	18,432
	693,550	75,724	769,274	550,994	6,474	557,468
Analysis by fund						
Unrestricted funds	614,222	-	614,222	549,649	-	549,649
Restricted funds	79,328	75,724	155,052	1,345	6,474	7,819
	693,550	75,724	769,274	550,994	6,474	557,468

5 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2021	Support costs	Governance costs	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Depreciation	196	-	196	245	-	245
Insurance	2,208	-	2,208	2,158	-	2,158
Sundries	1,119	-	1,119	5,294	-	5,294
Premises Expenses	20,399	-	20,399	32,067	-	32,067
Publications	4,214	-	4,214	2,244	-	2,244
Equipment	11,154	-	11,154	1,191	-	1,191
Training	-	-	-	342	-	342
Bank Charges	379	-	379	451	-	451
Accountancy	-	1,800	1,800	-	1,800	1,800
Legal and professional	-	14,377	14,377	-	16,632	16,632
	39,669	16,177	55,846	43,992	18,432	62,424
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	39,669	16,177	55,846	43,992	18,432	62,424

6 Trustees

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

7 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2021 Number	2020 Number
Staff	21	19

Employment costs	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	545,936	453,749

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

8 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings
	£
Cost	
At 1 April 2020	14,838
At 31 March 2021	14,838
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 April 2020	13,814
Depreciation charged in the year	196
At 31 March 2021	14,010
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2021	828
At 31 March 2020	1,024

9 Debtors

	2021	2020
Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
Trade debtors	6,649	68,819
Other debtors	1,661	470
	8,310	69,289

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	4,967	1,700
Other creditors	223,557	67,168
	228,524	68,868

11 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds		Movement in funds		
	Incoming resources	Balance at 1 April 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 March 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
BAME Covid Network	-	-	11,504	(11,504)	-
West Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner Grant	-	-	6,000	(3,000)	3,000
NSPCC small grants for distribution	-	-	1,050	(1,050)	-
Calderdale COVID-19 grant for distribution	-	-	17,320	(15,320)	2,000
North East Lincolnshire COVID-19 grant for distribution	-	-	38,388	(38,388)	-
Hull COVID-19 grant for distribution	-	-	40,649	(35,678)	4,971
Reckitt Benckiser	-	-	48,900	(48,900)	-
Humber Coast and Vale activities	-	-	5,000	(2,500)	2,500
SSC	-	-	1,212	(1,212)	-
	-	-	170,023	(157,551)	12,471

12 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2021	Restricted funds 2021	Total 2021	Unrestricted funds 2020	Restricted funds 2020	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2021 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	828	-	828	1,024	-	1,024
Current assets/ (liabilities)	211,433	12,471	223,904	181,211	-	181,211
	212,261	12,471	224,732	182,235	-	182,235

13 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2020 - none).

14	**Cash generated from operations**	**2021**	**2020**
		£	**£**
	Surplus for the year	42,497	13,010
	Adjustments for:		
	Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	196	245
	Movements in working capital:		
	Decrease/(increase) in debtors	60,979	(59,739)
	Increase in creditors	159,656	66,101
	Cash generated from operations	263,328	19,617

15 **Analysis of changes in net funds**
The charity had no debt during the year.