

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

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Company number	05206464	
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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.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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 region. Following 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.

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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.

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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 Collaborative. 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.

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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.

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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)

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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.

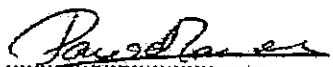
Related parties

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
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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.

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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.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

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.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)
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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.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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

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 £	£	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	
		<u>869,975</u>		<u>452,428</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(264,675)</u>		<u>(228,524)</u>	
Net current assets			605,300		223,904
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>605,971</u>		<u>224,732</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	12		35,464		12,471
Unrestricted funds			570,507		212,261
			<u>605,971</u>		<u>224,732</u>

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 9.8.12.2022


P Van Der Zande
Trustee

Company registration number 05206464

NORTHBANK FORUM FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS CIO
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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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.

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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
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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.

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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.

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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
	<u>1,048,769</u>	<u>383,087</u>	<u>1,431,856</u>	<u>731,835</u>	<u>79,936</u>	<u>811,771</u>
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
	<u>1,048,769</u>	<u>383,087</u>	<u>1,431,856</u>	<u>731,835</u>	<u>79,936</u>	<u>811,771</u>

4 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Total
	2022	2021
	£	£
Interest receivable	<u>407</u>	<u>-</u>

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5 Charitable activities

	Charitable Contract Expenditure	Grant Related Expenditure	Total 2022	Charitable Contract Expenditure	Grant Related Expenditure	Total 2021
	2022 £	2022 £	£	2021 £	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
	<u>617,149</u>	<u>359,557</u>	<u>976,706</u>	<u>637,704</u>	<u>75,724</u>	<u>713,428</u>
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
	<u>690,930</u>	<u>360,093</u>	<u>1,051,023</u>	<u>693,550</u>	<u>75,724</u>	<u>769,274</u>
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
	<u>690,930</u>	<u>360,093</u>	<u>1,051,023</u>	<u>693,550</u>	<u>75,724</u>	<u>769,274</u>

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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
	<u>43,534</u>	<u>30,783</u>	<u>74,317</u>	<u>39,669</u>	<u>16,177</u>	<u>55,846</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>43,534</u>	<u>30,783</u>	<u>74,317</u>	<u>39,669</u>	<u>16,177</u>	<u>55,846</u>

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	2021
	Number	Number
Staff	<u>21</u>	<u>21</u>
Employment costs	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	<u>570,006</u>	<u>545,936</u>

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

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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

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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
	<u>557,001</u>	<u>48,970</u>	<u>605,971</u>	<u>212,261</u>	<u>12,471</u>	<u>224,732</u>

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	<u>318,319</u>	<u>263,328</u>

15 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no debt during the year.