

ABERTOTS PLAY

England & Wales · Charity number 1113739

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2006-04-10

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE AIM OF THE ASSOCIATION SHALL BE TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN BELOW COMPULSORY SCHOOL AGE IN TOWER HAMLETS.A) PROVIDING SAFE AND SATISFYING GROUP PLAY, IN WHICH PARENTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO TAKE PART;B) ENCOURAGING OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES THROUGH WHICH PARENTS MAY HELP THE CHILDREN.

Activities: Abertots Playgroup is a weekday sessional provision (8.30-11.30 or 12-3) which runs during term time only. We provide activities for 2-5 year olds in accordance to the Early Years Foundation Stage, which encourages each child to development as an individual and at their own pace.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** TOWER HAMLETS
- Tower Hamlets

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£129,276	£124,218	-	-
2024-03-31	£78,955	£105,142	-	-
2023-03-31	£59,696	£145,275	-	-
2022-03-31	£110,453	£79,593	-	-
2021-03-31	£109,280	£87,198	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Jeanie Harrison	Chair	2018-09-09
Christine Patricia Rollinson		2022-10-06
Rujina Ali		2022-10-06

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Accounts

Abertots AGM

Thursday 23rd November 2025

Abertots AGM meeting minutes

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Agenda

- **Committee roles explained**

- **Committee appointments**

- **Treasurer report**

- **Nursery manager's report**

- **Nursery building**

- **Nursery spaces**

- **Staffing**

- **Gardening partnership**

- **Other**

- **Ofsted**

- **Poplar HARCA merger update**

- **Any other business**

Abertots AGM meeting minutes

Thursday 23rd November 2025

Present: Jeanie Harrison, Stacey Allen, Rujina Ali, Christine Rollinson, Salma Hudo, Chelsea Harris, Saieha Akther, Maimoun Diallo and Victoria Croakley.

- **Committee roles explained**

Before beginning the AGM Jeanie Harrison introduced herself as the current chair of Abertots Play's management committee and then went around the room for everyone to introduce themselves to the group. She then went on to explain the role the management committee plays in the running of Abertots play. The chair also explained before we start the meeting the roles of chair, treasurer and secretary need to be nominated and voted on by everyone present and how this process takes place. The manager of the nursery Stacey Allen passed around information sheets about the different committee roles, and everyone was given a few minutes to read over the information, everyone was also the opportunity to ask any questions regarding the roles and responsibilities of the committee.

- **Committee appointments**

The nominations for the roles of chair, secretary and treasurer commence:

- Stacey Allen nominated Jeanie Harrison as chair, Salma Huda seconded it. **Jeanie Harrison is Chair of Abertots management committee.**
- Christine Rollinson nominated Rujina Ali as Treasurer; Chelsea Harris seconded it. **Rujina Ali is Treasurer of Abertots management committee.**
- Victoria Croakley nominated Christine Rollinson as secretary, Rujina Ali seconded it. **Christine Rollinson is secretary of Abertots management committee.**

- **Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer presented the accounts.

She explained that this year has seen an increase in the money coming in and that the accounts are looking healthy, plus we have had a few donations from a few other groups who have closed down recently.

- **Nursery manager's report**

- ***Nursery Building***

Everyone is still lovely the space and it works well and supports the children's individual learning needs, however, we are struggling with the heating as its an old building with wooden window and door frames which means there are lots of drafts in the winter. Conversations have been had with Poplar HARCA our landlord about the issue, and they have submitted an application to their capital works plan to have the windows and doors replaced with double glazing.

- ***Nursery spaces***

The take up of spaces since September has increased and we are currently full, we still have a lot of families coming over to us from the Aberfeldy and returning families, but we are also seeing an increase of children attending from our local area. We have also started an Abertots Facebook page which see a lot of interest.

- ***Staffing***

Unfortunately, Ruksana decided to resign in February as we could not fulfil her religious needs and maintain our ratio's, her last day was 23rd February. Lexie completed her level 3 apprenticeship with Best Practice in September, our experience with this apprenticeship has been fantastic and Lexie is looking to continue to her Level 5 hopefully in January 2026. Rukia is currently an unqualified member of staff as her level 3 course ceased mid-way through the course back in March 2020 due to Covid-19, we plan to place Rukia on a Level 3 apprenticeship in January.

- **Gardening Partnership**

The partnership with the gardening group is going well and Stacey meets up with them one to two times a time, this academic year Stacey has shared Abertots long term plan with the gardening group so that we can work on some projects together, this is likely to take place in the spring and summer. This year the gardening group donated some daffodil bulbs to us and the children planted and grew them for their mums for Mother's Day.

- **Other**

Poplar HARCA have approached Stacey regarding the opportunity for Abertots to take on a second site in Bow, this site will be for full daycare and is likely to become available from March 2026, Stacey will keep the committee updated on this opportunity.

- **Ofsted**

Stacey explained that Abertots were Ofsted in March and we were graded a 'GOOD' and the Ofsted inspector praised our ability to adapt our activities and learning objectives to the individual needs of all our children, ranging from non-verbal children to children who are forming sentences for 4-5 words. This Ofsted was our post registration inspection as we had to register when we moved site.

- **Poplar HARCA merger**

Jeanie explained that the merger between Abertots Play and Poplar HARCA, has been approved by Poplar HARCAs board and Abertots now need to find legal support to help us with the transfer of Assets to poplar HARCA.

- **Any other business**

There was no other business, so the meeting was brought to a close.

ABERTOTS PLAYGROUP
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

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Independent Examiner:

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Secretary: Christine Rollinson

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- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. You are also responsible for safeguarding the assets and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Committee on: Thursday 14th November 2025

Chair: J Harrison Jeanie Harrison.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF ABERTOTS PLAYGROUP
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025, which are set out on pages 3 to 5.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiners

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year -under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act)- and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Act).
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission - under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, as amended- and
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Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

	2025 (£)	2024 (£)
Opening balances 31 st March (note 4)	<u>98,748</u>	<u>124,935</u>
<u>Add: Receipts</u>		
LBTH - 2,3,4-year funding	109,948	64,099
- SEN	1,371	8,492
- Supplementary grant	2,512	3,589
Fees	-	2,775
HARCA staff cover	8,833	
Donations (note 9)	6,612	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>129,276</u>	<u>78,955</u>
<u>Less: Payments</u>		
Wages and National Insurance (note 3)	96,249	76,045
Secondment	17,931	16,755
Ofsted/DBS	137	384
Insurance	343	460
Telephone	376	565
Equipment and materials	2,037	4,151
Refreshments	1,026	1,309
Postage and stationery	38	80
Independent examination fee	575	575
Rent	3,000	3,000
Parties and outings	562	154
Cleaning	93	164
Training	430	-
Recruitment	-	300
Payroll fee	1,400	1,200
Miscellaneous	21	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>124,218</u>	<u>105,142</u>
Closing balances 31 st March (note 4)	<u>103,806</u>	<u>98,748</u>

ABERTOTS PLAYGROUP

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AT 31st MARCH 2025

	2025 (£)	2024 (£)
<u>MONETARY ASSETS</u>		
Cash at bank	100,302	98,219
Cash held by EYNTH	3,504	529
TOTAL CASH	<u>103,806</u>	<u>98,748</u>
<u>OTHER ASSETS</u>		
The charity owns numerous items of play equipment (note 2)	3,050	3,900
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>106,856</u>	<u>102,648</u>
<u>Less: LIABILITIES</u>		
Creditors (note 8)	625	575
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>625</u>	<u>575</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>106,231</u>	<u>102,073</u>
Represented by:		
Equipment funds (note 2)	3,050	3,900
Designated funds (note 5)	61,000	60,000
Unrestricted funds (note 7)	42,181	38,173
	<u>106,231</u>	<u>102,073</u>

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3. Wages

Early Years Network Tower Hamlets administer playgroup salaries. The EYNTH records have been independently audited, and I have accepted assurances as to the accuracy of the salaries and grant statement provided to me.

4. Cash Balances

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Cash at bank and hand	100,302	98,219
Cash held by EYNTH	3,504	529
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5. Designated Funds

Sick pay and cover	20,000	20,000
Redundancy	36,000	35,000
Equipment	5,000	5,000
	<u>61,000</u>	<u>60,000</u>

6. Independent Examiner's Remuneration

Independent Examiner's remuneration included in accounts - £625 (£575 - 2024)

7. Reserves

The Management Committee have set aside funds to cover for sickness, as well as a redundancy fund. The unrestricted funds are necessary to cover for fluctuations in income and to ensure adequate cash flow.

8. Creditors

	2025 (£)	2024 (£)
Independent Examination	625	575
	<u>625</u>	<u>575</u>

9. Donations

Tower Hamlets Opportunity Group	5,000	-
Mile End Nursery	965	-
Miscellaneous	647	-
	<u>6,612</u>	-

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Accounts

C Zielinski AIPFM
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1st February 2025

Dear Management Committee,

I have pleasure attaching the playgroup's accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024.

I note that the 31st March 2023 annual return and accounts are still to be submitted to the Charity Commission and the 2024 will also be slightly late if submitted immediately.

May I suggest you try to complete 31st March 2025 accounts earlier, so they can be submitted on time, as the Charity Commission and funders will act if returns are consistently late.

I would also like to say the books and records are maintained to an excellent standard by Stacey.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Zielinski

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024

	2024 (£)	2023 (£)
Opening balances 31st March (note 4)	<u>124,935</u>	<u>210,514</u>
<u>Add: Receipts</u>		
LBTH - 2,3,4 year funding	64,099	59,371
- SEN	8,492	
- Supplementary grant	3,589	
Fees	2,775	325
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>78,955</u>	<u>59,696</u>
<u>Less: Payments</u>		
Wages and National Insurance (note 3)	76,045	65,486
Secondment	16,755	15,777
Ofsted/DBS	384	50
Insurance	460	460
Telephone	565	628
Equipment and materials	4,151	8,774
Refreshments	1,309	1,098
Postage and stationery	80	9
Independent examination fee	575	550
Rent	3,000	4,740
Parties and outings	154	287
Cleaning	164	54
Education and training	-	700
Recruitment	300	-
Payroll fee	1,200	1,200
Building work (new centre)	-	45,438
Miscellaneous	-	24
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>105,142</u>	<u>145,275</u>
Closing balances 31st March (note 4)	<u>98,748</u>	<u>124,935</u>

ABERTOTS PLAYGROUP

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AT 31st MARCH 2024

	2024 (£)	2023 (£)
<u>MONETARY ASSETS</u>		
Cash at bank	98,219	124,534
Cash held by EYNTH	529	401
TOTAL CASH	<u>98,748</u>	<u>124,935</u>
<u>OTHER ASSETS</u>		
The charity owns numerous items of play equipment (note 2)	3,900	4,400
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>102,648</u>	<u>129,335</u>
<u>Less: LIABILITIES</u>		
Creditors (note 8)	575	575
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>575</u>	<u>575</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>102,073</u>	<u>128,760</u>
Represented by:		
Equipment funds (note/2)	3,900	4,400
Designated funds (note 5)	60,000	75,000
Unrestricted funds (note7)	38,173	49,360
	<u>102,073</u>	<u>128,760</u>

Approved by Committee: _____

Date: _____

7. Reserves

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4. Cash Balances

	2024 (£)	2023 (£)
Cash at bank and hand	98,219	124,534
Cash held by EYNTH	529	401
	<u>98,748</u>	<u>124,935</u>

5. Designated Funds

	2024 (£)	2023 (£)
Sick pay and cover	20,000	35,000
Redundancy	35,000	35,000
Equipment	5,000	5,000
	<u>60,000</u>	<u>75,000</u>

6. Independent Examiner's Remuneration

Independent Examiner's remuneration included in accounts - £575 (£575 - 2023)

Thursday 21st November 2024

Abertots AGM

Present: Jeanie Harrison, Stacey Allen, Rujina Ali, Christine Rollinson, Stephanie Jones, Caitlin Warren, Salma Huda, Vicky Croakley.

Before the AGM began Jeanie Harrison introduced herself as the current chair of Abertots Play management committee and went around the room asking everyone to introduce themselves to the group. Once everyone had introduced themselves, Jeanie went on to explain the role the management committee plays in the running of Abertots play and that the first thing we need to do is nominate and vote on the committee roles which are the chair, treasurer and secretary. The manager of Abertots, Stacey Allen passed around information sheets about the different committee roles and everyone was given a few minutes to read over the information. Everyone was then given an opportunity to ask any questions regarding the roles and responsibilities of the committee.

The nominations for the roles of chair, secretary and treasurer commence:

- Christine Rollinson nominated Jeanie Harrison as chair, Stephanie Jones seconded it. **Jeanie Harrison is Chair of Abertots management committee.**
- Vicky Croakley nominated Rujina Ali as Treasurer; Caitlin Warren seconded it. **Rujina Ali is Treasurer of Abertots management committee.**
- Rujina Ali nominated Christine Rollinson as secretary, Salma Huda seconded it. **Christine Rollinson is secretary of Abertots management committee.**

Stacey Allen the manager of Abertots play presented her report

Staffing had been ok this year, we recruited for a deputy in May and recruited Marissa Connelly at the beginning of June the week after Whitsun bank holiday. Marissa is learning quickly and adapting well being back to working in a playgroup setting after spending many years in a school's early years department. Back in September we had a member of staff request to go and pray at 12.30pm as the times for Muslim members of staff have changed, it was explained that due to the nature of our job it is difficult to release staff during session times due to maintaining ratio's, however, if ratio's permitted her to be able to leave the staff we were happy for her to leave the session and pray as long as the time was made up at the end of the day.

The new space is working well, and the staff, children and families are enjoying working/playing in a lovely fresh well-maintained space. Poplar HARCA are still responding well to any issues we have with the building and the partnership with the gardening group after a few teething problems.

Children's numbers continue to be low since the move, we still believe this is because we are now not based on the Aberfeldy estate where we were well known in the community, but also the drop in birthrates nationally and children not being sent through via tower hamlets early learning service have also affected our numbers. When we are able to release staff, they are continuing to do outreach including visits to the children's and families' centre. We are continuing to see a high number of children with special educational needs; children are mainly being assessed for ASD.

The treasurer presented the accounts.

We continue to be ok financially and have continued to see a slight drop in funds due to the cost of everything increasing, from snack to resources and equipment, most food items have since 50-100% increase in cost (a box of cornflour was £0.90p three years ago, we are now paying £1.80p per box). Staffing is our biggest cost and will continue to be but hopefully the number of children attending will increase soon.

Jeanie the chair updates the AGM attendees on the possible merger of Abertots play with Poplar HARCA. She explained that there have been a few teething problems with Ofsted as the initial EY2 form was rejected due to the early years provisions manager for Poplar HARCA not being the nominated person with Ofsted. Poplar HARCA are now in the process of changing this, however, the process is not straight forward.

There was no other business, so the AGM was ended.

ABERTOTS PLAY

England & Wales - Charity number 1113739

Accounts

Friday 25th November 2022

Abertots AGM

Present: Jeanie Harrison, Stacey Allen, Rujina Ali, Christine Rollinson, Stephanie Jones, Farhana Begum, Tanzil Islam, Nabil Ali, Vicky Croakley.

Before the AGM began Jeanie Harrison introduced herself as the current chair of Abertots Play management committee and went around the room asking everyone to introduce themselves to the group. Once everyone had introduced themselves Jeanie went on to explain the role the management committee plays in the running of Abertots play and that the first thing we need to do is nominate and vote on the committee roles which include the chair, treasurer and secretary. The manager of Abertots, Stacey Allen passed around information sheets about the different committee role and everyone was given a few minutes to read over the information. Everyone was then given an opportunity to ask any questions in regards to the roles and responsibilities of the committee.

The nominations for the roles of chair, secretary and treasurer commence:

- Rujina Ali nominated Jeanie Harrison as chair, Farhana Begum seconded it. Jeanie Harrison is the Chair of Abertots management committee.
- Tanzil Islam nominated Rujina Ali as Treasurer, Stephanie Jones seconded it. Rujina Ali is now treasurer of Abertots play.
- Nabil Ali nominated Christine Rollinson as Secretary, Vicky Croakley seconded it. Christine Rollinson is now Secretary of Abertots play.

Stacey Allen the manager of Abertots play presented her report.

The recovery from Covid-19 has been ok as children have started to attend and families have been placing their children on our waiting list. However, we have noticed an increase in the number of children who need additional support. This is due to a number of children having speech and language delay and being identified as having Special Educational needs (mainly Autism), which adds to staff already heavy work load as there is currently a 18-24 month delay in accessing speech and language services. Tower hamlets special educational needs co-ordinators have also reduced the amount of support they offer to settings as budgets have been cut and number of children with additional needs has increased.

Stacey is still working for PoplarHarca and is being seconded to manage Abertots play. We continued to struggle with staffing at the beginning of this year but managed to fill one of our positions on November 2021, once all relevant checks were completed and we had received the references Shahanara Begum started with us. Then in December 2021 we managed to fill our second position and Ruksana Begum started with us in January once all her relevant checks and references came back. Lexie finally received her level 2 certificate in 'Children and young people's workforce' on 21st June 2022, her journey hasn't been easy on the apprenticeship due to functional skills test results being lost and her tutors/advisors need being very accessible during the pandemic.

In the beginning of this year home visits were still not taking place as both staff and families were reluctant to have home visits, staff did not want to go into different homes and families did not want unfamiliar adults in their homes. Then in September we only had returning children due to the new building.

In April I met with a new contract as our previous one had let us down, we were happy with the quote and agreed that the work would take place May. However, the work was delayed but started in June after the half term, the contractors worked well and completed everything by the beginning of the summer holidays. Due to the delay in starting the work the cost of the building work had also increase due the cost of the materials going up, this meant we were quoted £37,644.00 for the works but cost went up to £45,438.00. In July Stacey as well as lots of family volunteers moved all the equipment and resources over to the new site, Stacey spent most of the summer holiday's sorting out the new space and informed Ofsted of the change of address were she was informed by Ofsted that she needed to complete an EY2 form (registering a new setting). At the end of August Stacey arranged an open day for new and old families to come and see the new setting. On Monday 5th September Stacey received an email from Ofsted to say that they were now looking through our application and no children were allow on site until they had completed all their relevant checks, this meant that we were not able to open. So we decided to move some of our resources and equipment back to the Aberfeldy centre until our new registration came through and that we would only provide a service for children who were returning to us from before the summer. Stacey is in continuous contact with Ofsted for updates and to date we have still not received our registration for Burchem street but are hoping to have it by January

Children's numbers have been good and we were at full capacity before the summer holiday. However, since September we have only had returning children due to the registration of Burcham street, which has meant numbers are low.

The treasurer presented the accounts.

Abertots has spent a great deal of money on the major works at Burcham Street and purchasing all new furniture, which was much needed. This has had an impact on our finances however we are still in a good financial position going forward. Please see attached accounts.

Stacey and the team are looking forward to finally getting into Burcham street and having a new space to nurture our new children.

There was no other business, so the AGM was brought to a close.

ABERTOTS PLAYGROUP
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

Registered charity No. 1113739

Independent Examiner:

C Zielinski AIPFM
15 Hill Street
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ABERTOTS PLAYGROUP
TRUSTEES AND ADVISORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

Chairperson: Jeanie Harrison

Treasurer: Tazul Islam

Secretary: Jannatul Furzzara

Independent Examiner: C Zielinski AIPFM

Bankers: Lloyds TSB Bank PLC
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STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMITTEE

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of financial statements for each financial year which gives a true and fair view of the charity's incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended. In preparing those financial statements, you are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. You are also responsible for safeguarding the assets and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Committee on: _____

Chair: _____

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF ABERTOTS PLAYGROUP
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2022, which are set out on pages 3 to 5.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiners

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year -under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act)- and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission - under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, as amended- and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
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- To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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December 2022

ABERTOTS PLAYGROUP

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

	2022 (£)	2021 (£)
Opening balances 31st March (note 4)	<u>179,654</u>	<u>157,572</u>
<u>Add: Receipts</u>		
LBTH - 2,3,4 year funding	110,003	107,728
Fees	450	1,552
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>110,453</u>	<u>109,280</u>
<u>Less: Payments</u>		
Wages and National Insurance (note 3)	63,475	75,641
Agency staff	7,324	
Ofsted/DBS	114	178
Insurance	413	365
Telephone	547	540
Equipment and materials	2,126	3,581
Refreshments	1,110	688
Postage and stationery	291	77
Independent examination fee	525	505
Rent	1,785	2,590
Parties and outings	223	93
Cleaning	55	639
Education and training	105	1,072
Repairs	-	29
Recruitment	300	-
Payroll fee	1,200	1,200
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>79,593</u>	<u>87,198</u>
Closing balances 31st March (note 4)	<u>210,514</u>	<u>179,654</u>

ABERTOTS PLAYGROUP

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AT 31st MARCH 2022

	2022 (£)	2021 (£)
<u>MONETARY ASSETS</u>		
Cash at bank	211,507	177,686
Cash held by EYNTH	(993)	1,968
TOTAL CASH	<u>210,514</u>	<u>179,654</u>
<u>OTHER ASSETS</u>		
The charity owns numerous items of play equipment (note 2)	2,600	3,150
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>213,114</u>	<u>182,804</u>
<u>Less: LIABILITIES</u>		
Creditors (note 8)	2,550	2,699
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>2,550</u>	<u>2,699</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>210,564</u>	<u>180,105</u>
Represented by:		
Equipment funds (note 2)	2,600	3,150
Designated funds (note 5)	150,000	132,000
Unrestricted funds (note 7)	57,964	44,955
	<u>210,564</u>	<u>180,105</u>

Approved by Committee: _____

Date: _____

ABERTOTS PLAYGROUP
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

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Sick pay and cover	60,000	65,000
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Equipment	20,000	15,000
New premises	40,000	-
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6. Independent Examiner's Remuneration

Independent Examiner's remuneration included in accounts - £550 (£525 - 2021)

7. Reserves

The Management Committee have set aside funds to cover for sickness, as well as a redundancy fund. The unrestricted funds are necessary to cover for fluctuations in income and to ensure adequate cash flow.

8. Creditors

	2022 (£)	2021 (£)
Rent	2000	825
Independent Examination	550	525
Agency staff	-	1,349
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Friday 19th November 2021

Abertots AGM

Present: Jeanie Harrison, Jannatul Furzzara, Tanzil Islam, Stacey Allen, Vicky Crockley, Rajia Munni, Christine Rollinson, Farhana Islam, Kerry whitelock, Rujina Ali, Md Ayan Miah

Jeanie Harrison introduced herself to everyone and asked everybody to introduce themselves to the group. She then went on to explain the role of the management committee within Abertots and that the first thing that needed to be done was the nominations and votes for the committee roles of chair, treasurer and secretary. Stacey Allen manager of Abertots play handed out information sheet on the role and responsibilities of the various roles within the committee, everyone was given a number of minutes to read over the information. Jeanie then asked if anyone had any questions in relation to the committee roles, everyone was happy and had no further questions so Jeanie continued on to the committee nominations.

The nominations for the roles of chair, secretary and treasurer commence:

- Kerry Whitelock nominated Jeanie Harrison as Chair, Md Ayan Miah seconded it. Jeanie Harrison is the Chair of Abertots Management committee.
- Vicky Crockley nominated Jannatul Furzzara as Secretary, Rajia Munni seconded it. Jannatul Furzzara is the Secretary of Abertots Management committee.
- Christine Rollinson nominated Tazul Islam as Treasurer and Jeanie Harrison seconded it. Tazul Islam is the Treasurer of Abertots Management Committee.

Stacey Allen the manager of Abertots presented her report.

We have had a difficult 18 months and Covid-19 has had a big impact on our service and the number of children attending. In December 2020 we were closed for the two weeks prior to the winter break as a member of staff had Covid and everyone had to isolate for 14 days. Then in January, the country was in lockdown again but early years provisions needed to remain open. We decided to contact all our parents and ask if their children will be returning to nursery, most parents preferred to keep their

children at home until the lockdown had ended. Therefore, in January 2021, we offer places to working families, vulnerable children and children whose parents still wanted them to attend, this was nine children, all the other families were informed that they would be contact again during February half term to see if they wanted their children to return to nursery. When the families were contacted, again they still wanted their children to remain at home, so we continued to provide childcare for the original nine children. In April the lockdown was lifted and all the children returned, however we struggled with staffing.

Stacey is still working for Poplar Harca and being seconded to manage Abertots play. Gemma Hogger resigned in June 2020 and Becky took on the full time level 3 position, Lexie continued with her level 2 apprenticeship throughout the lockdowns however, everything is slower. Nurun went on maternity leave on 30th September and we advertised for maternity cover. We were successful in recruiting for Nurun's post and Farhana Islam started work on 22nd February 2021 and worked until the end of that academic year. In September, Nurun decided she would not be returning after her maternity leave, Becky also resigned on the 4th of September as she moved away from the area and her last day was due to be Friday 2nd October 21, however she went off sick from 18th September. We advertised for two full time level three position however, due to the difficulty in recruiting staff we dropped the number of children attending and used agency staff during this difficult time to limit the amount of days we would be closed due to staffing issues.

Stacey explained that home visits are still not taking place as we have had staffing issues for the last 12 months and we never have two members of staff not in ratio to attend home visits. However, staff ensure each key person spends time building up a close relationship with their key children and their families during settling.

In September 2020 when our numbers were low all staff completed paediatric first aid, safeguarding, food hygiene and prevent training.

We are still mainly running two 3 hour session a day, but have seen an increase in families choosing 2 ½ days a week and 30 hours provision, this means we have to provide lunch time cover.

Stacey is still working for Poplar HARCA as well as Abertots and has worked with HARCA to move the crèche at St Paul's Way into a Nursey. Abertots will now not be moving into the new community centre when it

opens as Poplar Harca have decided that a private nursery will move into the new nursery space. Stacey explain that she was very upset that Poplar Harca when back on their word as we have been told for 10 years that abertots will be moving into the new community centre when it is ready. Stacey said that she has been looking at a number of different sites suggested by Harca but all of them have been unsuitable. However, she has seen a small community centre on the Brownfield estate that will be suitable; she has met with contractors and now needs to take the costing back to Harca, if Harca agree the work will start after the spring break so the new nursery space is ready to welcome the children in September 22.

Abertots continues to be popular with families on the estate, however there has been a reduction in the number of families placing their children on the waiting list, this could be due to parents still working from home or many families moving off the aberfeldy estate due to demolition work for the new houses. We also need to be remember that if we do move to the new space, we may loss all our families, as we will no longer be based on the Aberfeldy estate.

The treasurer presented the accounts.

Abertots is a continuing to make a steady profit and in a comfortable place now. The cost of agency staff has affected us slightly but the government's decision to continue to fund children when they have not been attending because of Covid-19 has helped us a great deal. We are also expecting to spend a significate amount of money next year, as we will be renovating a new building and buying new equipment.

Stacey and the committee will speak to both Poplar Harca and the local authority to see if they are will to pay some money towards the new building or funding available to support the refurbishment works.

There was no other business, so the AGM was brought to a close.

ABERTOTS PLAYGROUP
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

Registered charity No. 1113739

Independent Examiner:

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ABERTOTS PLAYGROUP
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Independent Examiner: C Zielinski AIPFM

Bankers: Lloyds TSB Bank PLC
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STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMITTEE

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- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. You are also responsible for safeguarding the assets and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Committee on: _____

Chair: _____

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF ABERTOTS PLAYGROUP
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2021, which are set out on pages 3 to 5.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiners

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year -under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act)- and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission - under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, as amended- and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - Proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act); and
 - Accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
- To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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November 2021

ABERTOTS PLAYGROUP

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

	2021 (£)	2020 (£)
Opening balances 31st March (note 4)	<u>157,572</u>	<u>97,867</u>
<u>Add: Receipts</u>		
LBTH - 2,3,4 year funding	107,728	111,723
LBTH - Inclusion	-	4,000
Fees	1,552	2,931
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>109,280</u>	<u>118,654</u>
<u>Less: Payments</u>		
Wages and National Insurance (note 3)	75,641	49,143
Ofsted/DBS	178	186
Insurance	365	365
Telephone	540	529
Equipment and materials	3,581	4,881
Refreshments	688	1,088
Postage and stationery	77	261
Independent examination fee	505	485
Rent	2,590	900
Parties and outings	93	375
Cleaning	639	80
Education and training	1,072	100
Repairs	29	16
Recruitment	-	540
Payroll fee	1,200	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>87,198</u>	<u>58,949</u>
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ABERTOTS PLAYGROUP

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AT 31st MARCH 2021

	2021 (£)	2020 (£)
<u>MONETARY ASSETS</u>		
Cash at bank	177,686	153,085
Cash held by EYNTH	1,968	4,487
TOTAL CASH	<u>179,654</u>	<u>157,572</u>
<u>OTHER ASSETS</u>		
The charity owns numerous items of play equipment (note 2)	3,150	3,700
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>182,804</u>	<u>161,272</u>
<u>Less: LIABILITIES</u>		
Creditors (note 8)	2,699	2,305
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>2,699</u>	<u>2,305</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>180,105</u>	<u>158,967</u>
Represented by:		
Equipment funds (note 2)	3,150	3,700
Designated funds (note 5)	132,000	118,000
Unrestricted funds (note7)	44,955	37,267
	<u>180,105</u>	<u>158,967</u>

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Date: _____

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

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6. Independent Examiner's Remuneration

Independent Examiner's remuneration included in accounts - £525 (£505 - 2020)

7. Reserves

The Management Committee have set aside funds to cover for sickness, as well as a redundancy fund. The unrestricted funds are necessary to cover for fluctuations in income and to ensure adequate cash flow.

8. Creditors

	2021 (£)	2020 (£)
Rent	825	1,800
Independent Examination	525	505
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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

Registered charity No. 1113739

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

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