



Trustees' Annual Report
For the period started 1/1/2024 and
ended 31/12/2024

Catalans UK | Charity registration number 1117450 | October 2025

Overview

This report has been produced by the Enrique Arias Hollenstein, Treasurer, Catalans UK (Charity registration number 1117450) for the current Board of Trustees of Catalans UK to report on the performance of the charity for the period between 1/1/2024 and 31/12/2024 to comply with the reporting requirements for charities as set out by the Charities Commission in the UK.

The current board of trustees was voted in on 5 November 2023 and ratified on 30 November 2024.

This report has been produced for and authorised for issue by the current Board of Trustees as indicated below.

Basis of Preparation




This report has been produced on the basis of available information from existing sources. The report has been produced in line with guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP). To this end, the relevant sections are referenced in the headings of each section "(Para #.#)".

The Financial Reporting section has been prepared on a Cashflow (receipts and payments) basis.

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report below based on the information provided to them.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees on 31/10/2025.

Name	Position	Signature
Pau Josep Artigas Ferret	President	
Marta Amigo Batlle	Secretary	
Enrique Arias Hollenstein	Treasurer	


Carmina Munte Geli	Member of the board	 +
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Objectives and Activities

Purposes of the charity, as set out in our governing document (Estatuts) (para 1.17):

The Purposes of the charity, as set out in the original Catalan language governing document (Estatuts) are:

2. Objectives and operating principles

2.1 The Association wants to promote and increase the awareness of the language, history and culture or any other aspect of the national reality of Catalonia, in all its forms of expression, between its members and the community of London (and by extension, the whole of the United Kingdom).

2.2 This association is not affiliated with any political party and has no desire to generate a profit

2.3 One of the goals of the association is to maintain and strengthen cultural, social and economic ties between all those people in the historically Catalan-speaking territories who reside in the UK, its people, its history, their language and their culture, and be a meeting point and welcome for all the people who feel connected to it. The association will promote the universal values of non-discrimination, promotion of the democracy, transparency and the respect of individual, collective and national rights

2.4 The organisation's objectives will be carried out with activities such as:

2.4.1. Promoting the language, history and culture of the Catalan Countries.

2.4.2. Promoting cultural exchanges between the Catalan Countries and other cultures of the country.

Main activities in relation to projects or services identified in the accounts. (Para 1.17 and 1.19)

The main activities in relation to the purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts (Para 1.17 and 1.19) in 2022 were:

- a) Promotion of Catalan culture
- b) Events to improve cohesion and bring together members of the Catalan community
- c) Celebration of key Catalan festivities
- d) Catalan School (Escola Catalana de Londres)

Policy on grant making (Para 1.38)

Although not specifically allowed or prevented in the governing document, the charity does not have a policy to make any grants and has made none during the period covered by this report.

Policy on social investment including program related investment (Para 1.38)

The charity does not have a social investment policy and has made no investments during the period covered by this report.

Contribution made by volunteers (Para 1.38)

Volunteers are an essential part of the charity's ability to deliver its objectives. The charity would not be able to conduct its activities without the support of volunteers who contribute their time in organising and supporting the activities of the charity without any retribution.

All trustees of Catalans UK are volunteers without any financial retribution.

In addition, a number of volunteers contribute their time supporting the activities of the Escola Catalana de Londres.

The board of trustees of Catalans UK would hereby like to acknowledge and thank all volunteers for all their help in delivering the objectives of the charity.

Key Achievements and Performance

A list of events organised during the year is included in the Appendices section.

The following table summarises some of the main events and achievements by the charity for the benefit of its members and wider society (Para 1.20) in 2024.

Activity Type	Examples	Benefits / Alignment to Objectives
a) Promotion of Catalan culture	Concerts, book club, book presentations, film projections and theatre.	2.1 [...] promote and increase the awareness of Catalan culture and or any other aspect of the national reality of Catalonia
b) Events to improve cohesion and bring together members of the Catalan community	Dinners with guest speakers, pub gatherings, music concerts, Christmas Party	2.3 One of the goals of the association is to maintain and strengthen cultural, social and economic ties between all those people in the historically Catalan-speaking territories who reside in the UK, its people, its history, their language and their culture, and be a meeting point and welcome for all the people who feel connected to it. The association will promote the universal values of non-discrimination, promotion of the democracy, transparency and the
c) Celebration of key Catalan festivities	St Jordi, Catalan National Day (La Diada), St Joan	
d) Catalan School (Escola Catalana de Londres)	Saturday school that teaches Catalan language and cultural traditions to children and young adults.	

		respect of individual, collective and national rights
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Achievements against objectives set (Para 1.41)

After the new board joined at the end of 2023, we set ourselves the objective of reviving Catalans UK by engaging more actively with the Catalan community. We intend to achieve this by organising more events and providing more benefits to our members as we return to in-person activities following Covid. We also set out to more actively engage with other like minded charities to be able to deliver on our objectives. As a result we have organised events with Valencians UK, Castellers of London, the Catalan Choir, the Colla Bastonera de Londres, Living Southbank and others.

2024 has been the first year we have been fully responsible for the activities of Catalans UK. The change in board has clearly injected a new impetus to our activities which have increased dramatically. While we still have a lot to learn, we are excited about the prospect of delivering for our members. In 2024, we organised or supported a total of 11 individual, one-off activities such as concerts and celebrations as well as supporting another 6 recurring activities.

To achieve our objectives, we expect to increase the income generated at activities and more actively pursue other funding options such as grants and donations.

In 2024, the Catalan School (Escola Catalana de Londres) continued in its upwards trajectory as 'in person' lessons saw an increase in our membership which went from 40 in 2019/20 to 80 in the 2022/23 course and 100 in the 2023/24 course. In 2024, the school moved its base from Islington where it had run for close to 8 years to a new, more central location in Borough. The school has become a success story on the delivery of Catalan Language teaching around the world.

Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set (Para 1.41)

In 2024 income increased to £82,555 (£44,732 in 2023). Of these £44,767 (£39,154 in 2023) came from the Catalan school fees driven by the increase in enrolment at the Catalan School while £23,235 (£1,425 in 2023) came from grants from the Catalan Government while. Excluding grants, the income of Catalans UK increased by over £16,000 or 37% compared with 2023.

The 2022 – 23 Catalan government grant payment was delayed and the initial payment of 80% of approved amount was only received on 19/1/2024. This amounted to €23,887 (£20,398) as stated in Appendix – 'Resolució de concessió de subvencions per a les comunitats catalanes a l'exterior per a l'any 2024 (exp. EX1133/24/000053)'. The balance of this grant, was received on 23 October 2024. Meanwhile, the amount received in 2023 was only the 2nd payment relating to the 2021-22 grant.

In addition, the charity received charitable donations worth £1,500 (£864 in 2023).

Investment performance against objectives (Para 1.41)

The charity has made no investments during the period covered by this report (despite not specifically being prevented in the governing document). The charities funds are kept in current

accounts to ensure at call availability. The trustees would not want at this stage to make any investments as it is felt that it could create risks the current board is not prepared to take.

Financial Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period (Para 1.21)

The following table summarises the financial performance of the charity and the movement in 2024:

	2024			2023	2024 vs 23	
Type	CatUK	ECL	Grand Total	Grand Total	Change	Change %
Income	35,335	47,200	82,555	44,732	37,823	84.6%
Expenses	(19,047)	(50,674)	(69,721)	(55,153)	(14,568)	26.4%
Grand Total	16,288	(3,454)	12,833	(10,421)	2,412	23.1%

The overall financial performance for the period improved significantly between 2023 and 2024 driven by increases in

- the number of students at the Catalan School,
- the value of grants received from the Catalan School, and
- the increase in revenue generating activities from the Charity.

As usual, the timing of the reporting has also impacted the overall result. In particular, 2 factors impact the performance of the charity:

- The Catalan School schoolyear goes from September 2023 to June 2024 and as a result, cash flows will not align to the current financial year reporting.
- The timetable for awarding and payment of Catalan government grants was impacted by delays and we received both instalments of the 2022-23 grants during 2024.

The following table summarises the position of our bank accounts and the movements in 2024:

Account	01/01/2024	31/12/2024	Total Movement	Source
Sabadell CatUK	26,696	42,485	15,790	Statements
Sabadell ECL	8,755	1,928	-6,828	Statements

Wise GBP	762	5,653	4,891	Statements
Paypal CatUK GBP	1,182	100.00	-1,082	Statements
SumSquare	0	0	0	Statements
Total	37,395	50,168	12,773	

The overall numbers are consistent with the financial performance movement with a minor discrepancy of £60 likely driven by either bank charges and FX rates. This difference is also reported in the 'Receipts and payments accounts' produced for the Charities Commission as 'Balancing Entry'.

The balances in the account are more than sufficient to fund the activities of the charity for the foreseeable future while timing differences are addressed and until the next round of funding from the Catalan government is received.

- The 'Sabadell' bank accounts are used to hold balances for Catalans UK and the Catalan School (ECL) and to receive payments for memberships and school fees.
- The Wise accounts are used to process payments to suppliers due to high transaction costs for each transfer made from the 'Sabadell' accounts.
- The Paypal and SumSquare accounts are used almost exclusively to receive payments for memberships. These balances are transferred regularly to the Sabadell bank accounts.

Summary of Grant Payments received and Refunds to Other Associations made

A summary of the grants obtained from the Catalan government in 2023/24 and 2023/22 is detailed below:

Line	Final Approval 2023-24 € *1	Final Approval 2022-23 € *2	Change €	Change %	Received 2022-23 GBP
Funcionament ordinari / Normal Operations	6,924	1,885	5,039	267.3%	1,605
Activitats de cohesió i projecció / Cohesion and projection activities	4,592	4,876	(284)	(5.8%)	4,151
Subtotal Catalans UK *3	11,516	6,761	4,755	70.3%	5,756
Ensenyament de les llengües catalana i occitana / Teaching of Catalan *3	20,447	20,530	(83)	(0.4%)	17,479
Total	31,963	27,291	4,672	17.1%	23,235

Notes:

*1 While this grant was requested in 2024, the payment is not expected until 2025.

*2 This grant was requested in 2023 and payment was received in 2024.

*3 The Grants for Normal Operations, Cohesion / Promotion of Catalonia are all for activities undertaken by Catalans UK while Teaching of Catalan are undertaken by the Catalan School of London.

As stated above, the new board actively seeks to cooperate with other entities which are aligned with the aims of the charity to promote the Catalan culture and identity. This cooperation will involve working together with these associations on specific events and/or supporting and promoting each other's activities.

On 13/11/24 Catalans UK made a payment of £3,408 to Castellars of London. This amount was approved at last year's general assembly and disclosed in our 2023 Annual Report. The payment is processed on the same basis as the grants provided by the Catalan government.

Where these activities can be the subject of grant requests they are all discussed and agreed with the Catalan government to ensure they met all legal requirements prior to requesting them. For the 2023/24 grants, the charity requested the following amounts:

Association	Amount €	Amount £
Catalans UK	€5,757	£4,837
Castellers of London	€5,830	£4,899
Escola Catalana de Londres	€20,447	£17,181
Total	€31,963	£26,857

The members of the board understand that these amounts must be requested only if they align with the regulations of the Catalan Government grants and the aims of Catalans UK. Any such payments must meet the same requirements the charity must comply with when requesting and/or receiving grants from the Catalan government. Given the materiality of these payments, they must be authorized by a majority of the board of the charity and/or the general assembly before payment.

As at 31/12/2024, the following payments approved for settlement at last year's general assembly had not been settled, as this group operates positive cashflows and operates within the legal umbrella of Catalans UK. The outstanding amounts are:

- 2021/22 Catalan Government Grants £4,654
- 2022/23 Catalan Government Grants £17,532

Reserves holding policy (Para 1.22)

The charity does not hold any specific purpose reserves. Instead, funds held at the Sabadell accounts are held as a generic reserve to guarantee the ability of the charity to continue to deliver its objectives.

Amount of reserves held (Para 1.22)

The charity does not hold any reserves to deliver on specific activities or projects.

Reasons for holding zero reserves (Para 1.22)

The charity is not earmarking any specific activities or projects which require the setup of a specific reserve.

Details of fund materially in deficit (Para 1.24)

None.

Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern (Para 1.23)

The charity is expected to continue operating as a going concern.

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising) (Para 1.47)

The income of the charity for 2024 was £82,555. The following table shows the income by group and source:

Income Category	CatUK	2024 ECL	Grand Total	2023 Grand Total	Change
School fees		44,767	44,767	39,154	5,613
Ticket sales	4,729		4,729	361	4,368
Other Income	4,642	953	5,594	89	5,505
Members fees	2,730		2,730	2,840	(110)
Donations		1,500	1,500	864	636
Sub-Total	12,101	47,220	59,320	43,308	16,012
Grants	23,235		23,235	1,425	21,810
Grand Total	35,336	47,220	82,555	44,733	37,822

Most of the income of the charity continues to come from the School fees paid by families of students at the Catalan School. However since last year, we managed to increase and diversify the income of the charity by increasing the volume and number of paid for activities. As a result on a year-on-year basis, the income of the charity (excluding Grants) increased by 37.0%. As previously stated, income from Grants increased by £21,810 due to delays in the processing of grants in 2023.

Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted (Para 1.46)

While the board is entitled to make investments on behalf of the charity by the founding document, the charity does not have an investment policy or plans to make any investments.

Description of the principal risks facing the charity (Para 1.46)

Some of the main risks facing the charity are:

Risk	Description	Controls / Prevention
Change in Catalan Government	A change to the Catalan government following elections could result in a change to the Foreign Affairs policy thus potentially impacting the grants process and amount.	The charity has always tried to be as self-sufficient economically as possible because of this reason. As a result, a large number of our activities are run by volunteers. While individual years may result in a small loss, the intention is for the charity to break even over time but not to generate a surplus instead re-investing any profits on the activities of the charity. The new board has introduced more paid for activities which are designed to generate a surplus to provide a safety net for the charity in the future.
Insufficient members to organise activities	The charity is run by a small number of trustees and volunteers who organise its activities. If insufficient people are involved the charity may not be able to run any activities.	The charity requires a minimum number of 5 board members. In addition, through our regular activities we actively encourage engagement with participants.

Insufficient teachers at Catalan school	The ability of the school to deliver a high quality of teaching relies on the availability and level of teachers. Not having enough qualified teachers would mean we would not be able to meet our quality benchmarks.	The school requires a minimum number of teachers per class which we have been able to provide since its inception by actively recruiting, training and promoting our staff.
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Structure, Governance and Management - Description of charity's trusts:

Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter) (Para 1.25)

The charity's governing document is the 'Estatuts' document which outlines its purpose, organisation, objectives and rules.

How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO) (Para 1.25)

The charity is an unincorporated association.

Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees (Para 1.25)

The governing document dictates the duties and responsibilities of the trustees including requirements of trustees, process for selection and replacement, rights and responsibilities.

Trustees need to be voted in at a general meeting which can be called at any time subject to requirements in the governing document. Similarly, trustees can resign or be voted out at any time on the same basis.

Currently there are no bodies allowed to appoint members to the board of trustees.

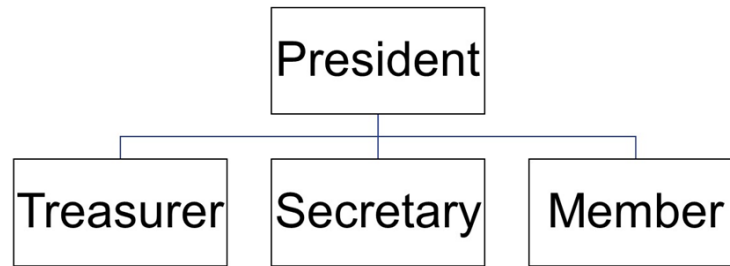
Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees (Para 1.51)

No specific policies or procedures have been adopted for the induction and training of trustees.

As at 2023, there were no recommendations or guidance on induction and training of trustees.

The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works (Para 1.51)

Following the board meeting held on 5 November 2023, the charity's current organisational structure is as follows:



The meeting specifically authorised the voting of a 4 person board by special resolution with the commitment of voting 1 more member before the end of the first year of operation of the board.

While one more member was voted at Annual General Meeting of November 2024, he has not yet provided an ID or signature and as a result the structure of the charity has not been updated. On that basis, a new member will need to be voted at the next Annual General Meeting.

Relationship with any related parties (Para 1.51)

The charity was:

- recognised in September 2007, Catalan Community Abroad by the Catalan government (Generalitat de Catalunya). This allows the charity to request grants to support its operations.
- joined the International Federation of Catalan Entities (FIEC) in September 2010. This group aims, amongst other objectives, to coordinate and represent Catalan expat groups and other related associations around the world.

Reference and Administrative Details

- Charity name: Catalans UK
- Other name the charity uses:
 - Catalans UK T/A Catalan School of London
 - Catalans UK T/A Escola Catalana de Londres
- Registered charity number: 1117450
- Charity's principal address:

Catalans UK
17 Fleet Street
London
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In 2024 the trustees who managed the charity were:

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Pau Josep Artigas Ferret	President	5-11-2023 to present	None
Enrique Arias Hollenstein	Treasurer	5-11-2023 to present	None
Marta Amigo Batlle	Secretary	5-11-2023 to present	None
Carmina Munte Geli	Member of the board	5-11-2023 to present	None

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

- None.

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

- None.

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others:

- None.

Names and addresses of advisers:

- None available.

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff member:

- See name of trustees section.

Exemptions from disclosure

- None.

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

- None

Appendices

- Resolució de concessió de subvencions per a les comunitats catalanes a l'exterior per a l'any 2024 (exp. EXI133/24/000053).
- List of activities by type organised by Catalans UK alone or with other entities (2024).



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Catalans UK

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/01/2024



To

31/12/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
School fees	44,767	-	-	44,767	39,154
Grants	23,235	-	-	23,235	1,425
Ticket sales	4,729	-	-	4,729	361
Other Income	5,594	-	-	5,594	89
Members fees	2,730	-	-	2,730	2,840
Donations	1,500	-	-	1,500	864
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	82,555	-	-	82,555	44,733
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
None	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	82,555	-	-	82,555	44,733
A3 Payments					
Ln 1 Operating Expenses	9,447	-	-	9,447	1,259
Ln 2 Cohesion - Projection	9,246	-	-	9,246	1,647
Ln 3 Projection	-	-	-	-	2,249
Ln 4 Catalan Teaching	51,028	-	-	51,028	49,999
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	69,721	-	-	69,721	55,154
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	69,721	-	-	69,721	55,154
Net of receipts/(payments)	12,833	-	-	12,833	- 10,421
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	37,371	-	-	37,371	-
Cash funds this year end	50,204	-	-	50,204	- 10,421

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	<div>Sabadell CatUK (Sort Code: 60-92-70 Account: 04408001)</div> <div>Sabadell CatUK (Sort Code: 60-92-70 Account: 04408011)</div> <div>Wise GBP (Sort Code: 23-14-70 Account: 35614210)</div> <div>Paypal CatUK (Merchant Account ID: RXVAA9JXQ8M8Q)</div> <div>Balancing entry</div>	<div>42,485.25</div> <div>1,927.81</div> <div>5,653.35</div> <div>100.00</div> <div>38.00</div>	<div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div>	<div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div>
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	50,204	-	-
		OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	<div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>	<div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div>	<div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div>	<div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div>
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	<div></div> <div></div> <div></div>	<div></div> <div></div> <div></div>	<div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div>	<div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div>
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	<div></div> <div></div> <div></div>	<div></div> <div></div> <div></div>	<div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div>	<div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div>
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	<div></div> <div></div> <div></div>	<div></div> <div></div> <div></div>	<div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div>	<div></div> <div></div> <div></div>
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Pau Josep Artigas Ferret	27/10/2025	
		Enrique Arias Hollenstein	27/10/2025	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

CATALANS UK

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2024

Charity no
(if any)

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Set out on pages

Pages 1 & 2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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 accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date: 28/10/2025

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Sohaib Akram

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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