

ENFIELD SOMALI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1122016

Details

Other names	SOMALI ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY & CULTURAL ASSOCIATION, SOMALI ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY & CULTURAL ASSOCIATION
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2007-12-17
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: A) TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE PUBLIC HEALTH, PARTICULARLY BY THE PROVISION OF ADVICE TO MEMBERS OF THE SOMALI COMMUNITY IN ENFIELD.B) TO RELIEVE THE AGED AND THE DISABLED.C) TO PROVIDE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR THE PERSONS RESIDENT IN ENFIELD, PARTICULARLY PERSONS OF SOMALI ORIGIN WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITION OF LIFE FOR SUCH PERSONS.D) THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION OF PUPILS, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO ARE OF SOMALI ORIGIN, AT SCHOOLS IN ENFIELD, IN PARTICULAR BY PROVIDING OR ASSISTING IN THE PROVISION OF SUPPLEMENTARY CLASSES.

Activities: * Provision of advice, information and Guidance on housing, welfare benefits, employment, education & training, and immigration, Mother Tongue, Supplementary Classes and Home-school * Basic skills training* Job search and job brokerage, and volunteering opportunities* workshops on: Crime & drugs, health, community cohesion, Social and cultural events * Youth advice, sports activities

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Accommodation/housing, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LONDON BOROUGH OF ENFIELD
- Enfield

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£100,235	£112,907	-	-
2024-03-31	£95,686	£80,050	-	-
2023-03-31	£83,351	£74,615	-	-
2022-03-31	£68,732	£78,348	-	-
2021-03-31	£110,866	£82,213	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Cabaas Yusuf		2013-11-29
Mohamed Hersi		2020-03-31
OMAR MOHAMED ABDI		2013-01-29
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Accounts

ENFIELD SOMALI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (SECCA)



Trustees Report and
financial statements
For the year ended 31 March 2025

Independent Examiner:

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Enfield Somali Community Association
Reference and administrative details
For the year ended 31 March 2025

Status: Enfield Somali Community Association (SECCA) is Registered Charity. SECCA was first established in 1989 and registered with the Charity Commission on 17 December 2007

Charity number: 1122016

Registered office address: Community House, 311 Fore Street, London, N9 0PZ

Country of registration: England & Wales

Trustees: Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:

Mr Xasan D.Xasan - Chairman
Mr Mohamed Hersi - Trustee
Mr Salaado H.Hassan - Trustee
Mr Omar M Abdi - Trustee
Mr Cabaas Yusuf – Trustee

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ENFIELD SOMALI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (SECCA)
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31 March 2025

TRUSTEES REPORT

Enfield Somali Community Association's trustees are pleased to present their annual report and independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2025.

The report has been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity's governing document, the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) (FRS 102), and other applicable statutory requirements.

The Trustees confirm that the charity has carried out its purposes for the public benefit and has had due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance when reviewing aims and activities.

OUR VISION

To ensure that we are positioned to provide the best possible support to the local community in a variety of ways, we seek to be a strong, dynamic, financially sound, and responsive organisation.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To improve the lives and wellbeing of the local community and in particular the marginalized Somali Community.

Our values are:

- To be client centred
- We are open and honest
- To deliver responsive and appropriate services with respect
- To value staff and volunteers
- To be inclusive and embrace equality and diversity
- To develop trust in our services
- To ensure that everybody is working together to achieve the same objectives

Background

For over 34 years, SECCA has been a trusted charity providing essential services and practical support to the most vulnerable and isolated individuals in Enfield and across London. We are highly regarded by the local community and stakeholders for delivering culturally sensitive, person-centred support tailored to the unique needs of our beneficiaries.

Our work focuses on assisting disadvantaged and hard-to-reach groups, including individuals of Somali heritage, EU, EEA, and Swiss citizens facing post-Brexit residency challenges, refugees, single-parent families, children, older people, those with learning

disabilities, and people experiencing homelessness. Despite cultural, linguistic, and systemic barriers, we remain dedicated to ensuring accessibility for all, regardless of background.

This year has been defined by resilience in the face of entrenched hardship. While the acute inflationary spikes of previous years have stabilised, the 'cumulative cost of living' crisis has continued to deepen for the most vulnerable members of our community.

For families in Enfield, the prices of essentials—food, energy, and particularly housing—remain significantly higher than pre-crisis levels. This year, we observed a shift in demand from immediate crisis management to 'survival sustainability,' with clients requiring longer-term support to manage debt, navigate severe housing insecurity, and access increasingly digital-only statutory services.

The Housing Emergency:

The most significant challenge in 2024-2025 has been the worsening housing crisis in Enfield. Private rents have continued to rise and Local Housing Allowance rates frequently failing to cover the shortfall, many beneficiaries faced eviction. We have seen families being placed in temporary accommodation outside the borough, disrupting support networks and education. SECCA has pivoted significant resources toward housing advocacy and homelessness prevention, remaining a steadfast pillar for the community despite the challenging funding landscape.

Our Aims and Objectives

SECCA aims to provide accessible, bilingual and holistic advice and services for the people of Enfield and surrounding areas. The advice service is free, confidential, impartial and independent. The charity provides information and advice on individuals' rights and responsibilities, empowering those who can to help themselves to resolve issues and supporting those who need more help. It also aims to identify local need for specialist advice services and to meet this need by providing these services directly or working with and in support of other agencies.

The charity's purpose and aims as set out in the objects contained in the company's constitution are:

To promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of people from the Somali and Eastern African communities, in particular but not exclusively by:

- To protect and preserve public health, particularly by the provision of advice to members of the Somali community in Enfield.
- To relieve the aged and the disabled.
- To provide recreational facilities in the interests of social welfare for the persons resident in Enfield, particularly persons of Somali origin with the object of improving the condition of life for such persons.
- The advancement of education of pupils, particularly those who are of Somali origin, at schools in Enfield, in particular by providing or assisting in the provision of supplementary classes.

Strategic Priorities

The trustees of the Enfield Somali Community Association set the following priorities for the year:

- **Ensure people receive the help they need** by offering a range of accessible options for support, including remote services, drop-in sessions, and appointments.
- **Expand outreach services**, particularly for vulnerable and disadvantaged members of the community in Enfield and across London, with a focus on befriending, dementia, and mental health services.
- **Enhance volunteering opportunities** by increasing the number of active volunteers and diversifying their roles to better support the organisation's objectives.
- **Improve visibility** by ensuring more individuals are aware of the services, volunteering roles, and opportunities offered.
- **Foster collaborative working** by actively engaging with local voluntary and community organisations, as well as mainstream agencies, to enhance service delivery.
- **Secure sustainable income** by diversifying funding sources to support core services and ensure long-term organisational stability.
- **Strengthen monitoring and evaluation processes** to accurately track every client interaction and map their journey through the services provided.

Resilience

In order to achieve the above we need to be resilient. We will improve our resilience by:

- Strengthening our financial position;
- Investing in the leadership and governance of the organisation;
- Strengthening our ICT infrastructure.

Review of the Year 2024/2025

This year has been incredibly challenging for SECCA as demand for services remained sustained. The lasting effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, combined with the Cost of Living Crisis and rising energy prices, have impacted our community significantly. Many local residents faced financial struggles, making it harder to access support. Despite these challenges, SECCA has stayed true to its mission of providing vital, culturally sensitive services. Thanks to our staff, volunteers, and supporters, we've helped people with welfare advice, energy and housing issues. By recruiting more volunteers and building partnerships, we've extended our reach. Our focus remains on standing with our community and ensuring no one is left behind.

Meeting Growing Demand: SECCA's Impact in 2024/25

Over the past year, SECCA maintained support for approximately **3,850 individuals**, while case complexity increased. The continuing cost of living crisis placed many under financial strain, requiring urgent help with energy bills, rent, food costs, and emergency provisions. Many needed guidance on welfare benefits, Universal Credit, housing, debt, employment, and immigration processes. SECCA delivered approximately **3,850 advice sessions**, providing free, bilingual, confidential support through telephone helplines, in-person appointments, outreach work, and home visits. Our casework focuses on practical solutions for individuals with complex challenges, ensuring accessible and effective support.

Achievement & Performance 2024-2025

- Supported approximately 3,850 people across Enfield and surrounding areas
- Addressed 7,300 separate issues (average 1.9 issues per client)
- Over 120,000 visits to our website, reflecting increased demand for advice information during the cost of living crisis
- Unlocked £500,000 in additional welfare benefits for clients
- Negotiated sustainable repayment plans for £164,000 of debt, preventing further charges and legal action
- Dealt with 1,010 housing issues; prevented homelessness for 47 families and rehoused 13 families
- Supported 482 clients with immigration applications, including 97 urgent EUSS late applications on reasonable grounds basis
- Achieved £165,000 in annual energy savings for clients; supported over 520 people with energy efficiency measures
- Trained 4 Energy Champions and delivered 21 energy workshops
- 45 elderly clients received digital inclusion support; distributed tablets and data-loaded SIM cards
- Organised 4 dementia and mental health workshops; 37 families received Lasting Power of Attorney support
- 20 older adults received befriending support through 700 volunteer hours
- Organised 18 Community Elders sessions engaging approximately 220 older people
- 24 Somali Women's Tea & Talk sessions provided culturally sensitive support, reducing isolation and improving health literacy
- 150 hours of supplementary school support for children and young people
- Our volunteers, including long-term and specialist volunteers, donated 7,600 hours valued at £105,260 (London Living Wage rate)

Social Value & Impact

SECCA's work in 2024-2025 generated **£934,260 in measurable social value**, derived from direct financial benefits to clients (including welfare gains, energy savings, and debt management) and the valued contribution of our volunteers.

This represents a **social return on investment of £9.24 for every £1 spent**—meaning that for every pound invested in SECCA, over nine pounds of value is created for individuals, families, and the wider community, demonstrating both the significant impact we deliver and the efficiency of our service model.

We are developing enhanced impact measurement methodologies for future reporting to capture the full range of benefits, including homelessness prevention, improved wellbeing, and strengthened community cohesion.

Information and Advice Service

During 2024/25, SECCA delivered targeted, free advice to approximately 3,850 people, addressing approximately 7,300 issues—an average of almost two issues per client. Our work resulted in income gains of £500,000 for clients, significantly improving their financial circumstances and quality of life. The Advice Service also managed £164,000 worth of debt, negotiating repayment plans and arranging token payments on behalf of clients.

Feedback from clients underscores the profound impact of our services. In 2024/25, 97% of clients reported being satisfied or very satisfied, 83% felt less worried about their finances, and 90% said our support helped reduce their stress or anxiety. These outcomes reflect the dedication and professionalism of our staff and volunteers. The trustee board extends heartfelt gratitude to all staff and volunteers for their exceptional commitment.

UK Visas and Immigration Assisted Digital Service

The EU Settlement and Immigration Support Project provided essential assistance to vulnerable EU, EEA, and other at-risk adults and families, ensuring they secure Settled or Pre-Settled Status to remain in the UK. Beyond settlement assistance, the project helped clients with visa extensions, spousal visas, and British citizenship applications. In 2024/25, SECCA Supported 482 clients with immigration applications including 97 urgent EUSS late applications on reasonable grounds basis. The team provided Assisted Digital Service support, helping clients navigate UK Visas and Immigration processes. The project remains crucial in safeguarding rights and well-being of vulnerable residents.

Digital Inclusion

The Digital Inclusion Service helped bridge the digital divide for older adults. In 2024-2025, SECCA supported 45 clients aged 55 and over through face-to-face sessions, home visits, and telephone support. We loaned tablets and smartphones and provided free data-loaded SIM cards, enabling clients to stay connected with family and friends. By equipping individuals with essential digital skills, the service boosted their confidence and independence while reducing isolation, ensuring older adults could access online services and improve their quality of life.

Energy Advice Project

The Energy Outreach Project (EOP) provided essential support to individuals facing fuel poverty. In 2024-2025, SECCA supported over 520 individuals through this initiative, delivered in partnership with national Citizens Advice. Trained energy champions provided tailored guidance on reducing energy bills, tackling fuel debt, and accessing grants. Collectively, clients achieved annual

energy savings of £165,000, demonstrating the programme's direct financial impact. With over ten years of experience, SECCA has become a trusted provider of energy advice

across London, taking a holistic approach by connecting clients to additional services and providing smartphones, tablets, and data-loaded SIM cards.

Dementia & Mental Health Support

The service worked to raise awareness, challenge stigma, and address misconceptions within the Somali community. We provided culturally sensitive support, ensuring those living with dementia or mental health conditions, and their families, could access information and assistance. The service helped individuals draft and register Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) agreements. This year, we supported **37 families** with LPA registration and held **six workshops** focused on dementia and mental health, providing safe spaces for discussion, education, and connection, empowering individuals and families.

Befriending Project

The Befriending Service provided essential support for older Somali adults aged 60 and over facing deep isolation. The service matched beneficiaries with trained volunteers offering emotional, social, and practical support through weekly visits or phone calls. **20 older adults** received regular companionship, supported by **700 volunteer hours**. Volunteers provided companionship, accompanied elders on short outings, and helped rebuild confidence. This service offered a vital connection that helped older people re-engage with their community, reducing loneliness and improving well-being.

The Elders Project

The Elders Project provided culturally appropriate support for marginalised Somali elders aged 50 and over. The project organised group activities, social gatherings, and informative sessions to reduce isolation. **18 community sessions** engaged approximately **220 older people**. It promoted healthier lifestyles by encouraging physical activity and healthy eating. Additionally, it offered practical support to navigate services and resources, addressing poverty, loneliness, and poor health, enabling elders to feel more included, supported, and empowered.

Tea & Talk Women's Project

The Women's Project provided culturally sensitive, women-only services to support Somali women facing isolation due to language and cultural barriers. The project created welcoming spaces where women could connect, socialise, and build confidence. **24 women-only sessions** were held, offering

opportunities to enjoy refreshments while engaging in activities that promote well-being and physical activity, empowering women to participate more fully in their community.

Volunteering

The success of the charity is built on the dedication and hard work of our incredible staff and volunteers, who were essential to delivering our services in 2024-2025. A team of 49 **volunteers contributed 7,600 hours**, equating to

£105,260 based on the London Living Wage. Coming from diverse backgrounds, they played a crucial role in supporting the community during a year of rising living costs. The programme provided comprehensive training and ongoing support, ensuring volunteers were equipped to make a meaningful impact, helping meet sustained demand while maintaining the quality advice and services that transform lives.

Client Satisfaction

The overwhelming feedback we receive from our service users compliments our staff and volunteers on the service they have given. Our service user survey shows positive client experience:

- **95%** of clients reported being very satisfied with the overall assistance received
- **96%** of clients indicated they would recommend our services to others
- **92%** of clients found the service easy to access
- **71%** of clients stated their issue had been resolved
- **83%** of clients felt less worried about their financial situation
- **90%** of clients reported that our support helped to reduce their stress or anxiety

Partnerships and Collaboration

We work closely with our various partners to support each other, share best practice, avoid duplication and refer clients appropriately. As a locally recognised and trusted organisation, our services are frequently the gateway that clients take to access other services or to receive the support they need directly from us.

Future Plans 2025-2026

The Trustees of SECCA will continue to shape the organisation's direction and develop a five-year strategy, responding to rising demand, the ongoing cost of living crisis, and the changing needs of our communities. SECCA will build on its

trusted role supporting Somali, East African and other racially minoritised communities in North London, with a strong focus on reaching people who are most isolated and vulnerable. We will improve access to our services through a balanced mix of digital and face-to-face support, maintain high standards through Advice Quality Standard (AQS) accreditation, and strengthen how we listen to service users and demonstrate our impact. We will continue to develop services responding to immigration, housing insecurity, mental health, youth violence and financial hardship. Alongside this, we will prioritise fundraising and income diversification to strengthen long-term sustainability, while investing in our staff, volunteers, systems and digital inclusion, and ensuring SECCA remains a supportive and rewarding place to work and volunteer.

We thank all our Funders:

The Trustees of SECCA would like to thank all of those who have given funding or donated to SECCA in the last financial year. Our principal funders have been:

- City Bridge Foundation
- National Citizens Advice
- Postcode Society Trust
- Greater London Authority (GLA)
- The MRS Smith and Mount
- Square - Individual Donations
- We Are Group
- British Red Cross
- Aid International
- Donations and Voluntary contributions
- CT Home care/ Tawakal

Financial Review

SECCA's main funding sources are grants, donations and members' contributions. The charity operated within tight financial conditions but remained stable and met all obligations.

Reserves Policy and Going Concern

The Board has assessed the charity's requirements for reserves in the light of the main risks to the organisation. As a result, the Board has approved a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed should be held in reserve and maintained at a level which ensures that SECCA's core activity could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty. The target reserve amount represents at least **3 months' expenditure** and will be reviewed annually.

At 31 March 2025, the charity held total reserves of £25,363, representing 2.7 months of expenditure. This falls short of our 3-month target (£28,227) by £2,864. The shortfall resulted from increased expenditure to meet sustained demand during the year, combined with the structural deficit position. The trustees are actively addressing this through the income diversification strategies outlined in Future Plans and will monitor reserves monthly during 2025-26. Priority actions include restricting new expenditure commitments pending funding confirmation, completing a comprehensive financial sustainability plan by February 2026, and achieving break-even or surplus position by September 2026.

If reserves fall below £20,000 (approximately 2 months of operating costs), the trustees will convene an emergency meeting to consider service prioritization or alternative delivery models to protect the charity's long-term viability.

Risk Management

The Board of Trustees conducts an annual review of major risks faced by the charity, maintaining an up-to-date risk register. In 2024-2025, the trustees identified key challenges and implemented measures to address them:

- **Funding Challenges:** To address the uncertain economic climate and rising competition for grants, we have increased the number of grant applications and strengthened relationships with funders. Our improved financial stability reinforces funders' confidence in our ability to deliver effective services.
- **Service Demand and Workforce Pressures:** The cost-of-living crisis has led to sustained demand, placing strain on projects and staff. To maintain service levels and expand support, we are actively seeking additional funding and exploring new partnerships to enhance capacity.
- **Staff and Volunteer Well-being:** The challenges of supporting vulnerable clients have placed added stress on staff and volunteers. In response, we have strengthened well-being support measures, including regular check-ins, flexible working arrangements, and workload management strategies, ensuring our team remains supported and resilient.

Governance, Structure and Management

Enfield Somali Community Association is a small charitable company set up to improve the conditions of life of recent Somali and other Eastern African immigrant families to the UK. Appointment and retirement of trustees is in accordance with the constitution which requires that appointment and retirement should be by ordinary resolution.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and received no benefits from the charity. The overall management of finance is the responsibility of all the

Trustees acting on the recommendations of the Chairman, the Treasurer and the advice of the Co-ordinator. The Trustees form the Management Committee who meets regularly to oversee the running of the organisation.

The Trustees have undertaken a range of organisational development training in financial management, service delivery and governance, including the 7 principles of the Good Governance: Code for the Voluntary and Community Sector as a framework for improving its governance.

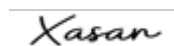
Trustees and their Responsibilities

Charity trustees are the people who serve on the governing body of a charity. They may be known as trustees, directors, board members, governors or committee members. The principles and main duties are the same in all cases. Trustees have, and must accept, ultimate responsibility for directing the affairs of a charity, and ensuring that it is solvent, well-run, and meeting the needs for which it has been set up.

Signed on behalf of the trustees & Management committee by:

Signed:

Date: 26/01/2026

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Xasan', enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

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Chair

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of ENFIELD SOMALI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (SECCA)

For the year ended 31 March 2025

I report on the accounts of the company for the period ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 17 to 18.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purpose of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no other matter except that referred to in the above paragraphs, has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the

methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice:
Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met; or
(2) 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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Date: 26th January 2026

ENFIELD SOMALI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (SECCA) Statement of Financial Activities (Including income and expenditure account) 31 March 2025							
Incoming Resources	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted	TOTAL Funds 2025	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL Funds 2024
Donation and Legacies	2	22,898	77,337	100,235	8,885	86,801	95,686
Total Income		22,898 =====	77,337 =====	100,235 =====	8,885 =====	86,801 =====	95,686 =====
Expenditure on:	3						
Charitable activities		14,092	98,815	112,907	4,792	75,258	80,050
Total expenditure		14,092 =====	98,815 =====	112,907 =====	4,792 =====	75,258 =====	80,050 =====
Net Income & net movement in funds		8,806	(21,478)	(12,672)	4,093	11,543	15,636
Reconciliation of fund:							
Total funds brought forward		9,456	28,579	38,035	5,363	17,036	22,399
Total funds carried forward		18,262 =====	7,101 =====	25,363 =====	9,456 =====	28,579 =====	38,035 =====

TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

The Charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the net movement in funds for the above period.

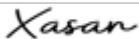
The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

The notes on pages 19 to 23 form part of these accounts.

ENFIELD SOMALI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (SECCA)					
BALANCE SHEET					
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025					
FIXED ASSETS	Note		2025		2024
		£		£	£
Office Equipment	8			5,250	6,562
Debtors	9		19,000		-
Cash at Bank			25,498		55,550
Cash in hand			-		-
Total Current Assets			44,498		55,550
Creditors and Accruals	10		(24,385)		(24,077)
Net Current Assets				20,113	15,752
Net Assets				25,363	38,035
				=====	=====
Unrestricted Funds	11		18,262		9,456
Restricted Funds	11		7,101		28,579
Total Funds				25,363	38,035
				=====	=====

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and that members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act. The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies' subject to the small companies' regime.

These accounts were approved by the Board of Directors and Trustees on 26th January 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:



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Chair

The notes on pages 19 to 23 form part of these accounts.

ENFIELD SOMALI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (SECCA)

Notes to the Accounts

For the year ended 31 March 2025

1. Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year.

1.1 Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the applicable Accounting Standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" published in March 2005 and the Companies Act 1985.

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No. 1 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is small company.

1.2 Incoming Resources

Income from activities, voluntary income and donations are included in incoming resources when they are receivable, except when the donors specify that they must be used in future accounting periods or donors' conditions have not been fulfilled, then the income is deferred. The income from fundraising ventures is shown gross, with the associated costs included in fundraising costs.

1.3 Resources Expended

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT that cannot be recovered.

Expenditure that is directly attributable to specific activities has been included in these cost categories. Where costs are attributable to more than one activity, they have been apportioned across the cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of those resources.

1.4 Going Concern Basis

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis, as in the opinion of the director and trustees, there are no issues arising which would suggest any other basis as being more appropriate.

1.5 Depreciation

Depreciation is provided using the following rates and bases to reduce by annual instalments the cost, less estimated residual value, of tangible assets over the estimated useful lives:

Furniture, Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment - 20% on reducing line basis.

ENFIELD SOMALI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (SECCA)
Notes to the Accounts
For the year ended 31 March 2025

2. Income from donations and legacies

Grants, donations, and legacies:	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Donation and Voluntary contribution	15,898	-	15,898	2,935
National Lottery - London Response Fund	-	-	-	10,000
Aid International		7,120	7,120	10,541
We are Digital	-	7,042	7,042	-
Postcode Society Trust	-	15,000	15,000	-
City Bridge Trust	-	16,050	16,050	16,050
CT Home care/ Tawakal	7,000	11,000	18,000	5,950
National Citizens Advice	-	17,625	17,625	14,210
GLA	-	3,500	3,500	20,000
British Red Cross	-	-	-	11,000
The MRS Smith and Mount	-	-	-	5,000
TOTAL Income	22,898 =====	77,337 =====	100,235 =====	95,686 =====

Notes to the financial statements (continuing)

Year ended 31 March 2025

3. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Fund type:

Charitable activities & Support Cost	Un-restricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Un-restricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Salary & NIC	1,155	56,458	57,613	1,155	49,814	50,969
Rent & Rates	-	5,532	5,532	-	5,532	5,532
Telephone, Internet, Website, Media	979	-	979	879	-	879
Insurance	-	199	199	-	199	199
Audit, Bookkeeping	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	-	1,000
Project Activities	9,000	34,866	43,866	-	17,625	17,625
Office Expenses	758	-	758	558	-	558
Fundraising Cost	1,200	-	1,200	1,200	-	1,200
Governance	-	448	448	-	448	448
Volunteer Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	1,312	1,312	-	1,640	1,640
Total	14,092 =====	98,815 =====	112,907 =====	4,792 =====	75,258 =====	80,050 =====

4. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Activity type:

Charitable activities & Support Cost	Services	Governance	Fund raising	Total Funds 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Property Costs	5,532	-	-	5,532	5,532
Depreciation	1,312	-	-	1,312	1,640
Direct Costs	102,785	1,000	-	103,785	70,600
Other indirect Costs	1,078	-	1,200	2,278	2,278
Total	110,707 =====	1,000 =====	1,200 =====	112,907 =====	80,050 =====

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5. TRUSTEES EXPENSES

No expenses are paid to Trustees.

No employee earned more than £60,000 during the year (2024: nil).

6. Related party transactions

There are no related party transactions to disclose for 2025 (2024 : none) There are no donations from related parties which are outside the normal course of business and no restricted donations from related parties.

7. Taxation

The charitable company is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

8. Fixed Assets

	Computer Equipment	Total
	£	£
Cost		
At 1 April 2024	14,538	14,538
Additions	-	-
At 31 March 2025	14,538	14,538
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2024	7,976	7,976
Charge this period	1,312	1,312
At 31 March 2025	9,288	9,288
Net book value		
At 31 March 2025	5,250	5,250
At 31 March 2024	6,562	6,562

9. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade Debtors	19,000	-
Total Debtors	19,000 =====	- =====

10. Creditors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade Creditors	23,885	23,577
HMRC	-	-
Independent examination	500	500
Total Creditors	24,385 =====	24,077 =====

Accruals: Provision for Accountancy fees.

11. Analysis of charitable Funds:

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds	Total Fund 2025
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets Restricted	-	5,250	5,250
Net Current assets	7,101	13,012	20,113
Net Assets	7,101 =====	18,262 =====	25,363 =====

Benefits in kind

There were no benefits in kind in the period.

Independent examination and accountancy services

During the period, the cost of the examination was £500.

Glossary of terms

Restricted funds: These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.

Creditors These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

Debtors: These are amounts owed to the charity, but not received in the accounting period.

Prepayments: These are services that the charity has paid for in advance, but not used during the accounting period.

Accounts

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Independent Examiner:

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Enfield Somali Community Association
Reference and administrative details
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Status:	Enfield Somali Community Association (SECCA) is Registered Charity. SECCA was first established in 1989 and registered with the Charity Commission on 17 December 2007
Charity number:	1122016
Registered office address:	Community House, 311 Fore Street, London, N9 0PZ
Country of registration:	England & Wales
Trustees:	Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows: Mr Xasan D.Xasan - Chairman Mr Mohamed Hersi - Trustee Mr Salaado H.Hassan - Trustee Mr Omar M Abdi - Trustee Mr Cabaas Yusuf – Trustee
Independent Examiner	Md Iqbal Hossain FCCA Chartered Certified accountant B K Community Accountant Ltd 124 City Road London EC1V 2NX
Bankers	BARCLAYS BANK PLC 4-6 South Mall Edmonton Green N9 0TN

ENFIELD SOMALI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (SECCA)
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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TRUSTEES REPORT

Enfield Somali Community Association's trustees are pleased to present their annual report and independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2024. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005) (Accounting Standards Charities Act 2011).

The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the Charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the Charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), 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).

OUR VISION

To ensure that we are positioned to provide the best possible support to the local community in a variety of ways, we seek to be a strong, dynamic, financially sound, and responsive organisation.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To improve the lives and wellbeing of the local community and in particular the marginalized Somali Community. "

Our values are:

- To be client centred
- We are open and honest
- To deliver responsive and appropriate services with respect
- To value staff and volunteers
- To be inclusive and embrace equality and diversity
- To develop trust in our services
- To ensure that everybody is working together to achieve the same objectives

Background

For over **35 years**, SECCA has been a trusted charity providing essential services and practical support to the most vulnerable and isolated individuals in **Enfield and across London**. We are highly regarded by the local community and stakeholders for delivering **culturally sensitive, person-centred support** tailored to the unique needs of our beneficiaries. Our work focuses on assisting **disadvantaged and hard-to-reach groups**, including individuals of **Somali heritage, EU, EEA, and Swiss citizens facing post-Brexit residency challenges, refugees, single-parent families, children, older people, those with learning disabilities, and people experiencing homelessness**. Despite cultural, linguistic, and systemic barriers, we remain dedicated to **ensuring accessibility for all**, regardless of background.

This year, **demand for our services has continued to grow** due to the **cost-of-living crisis, high inflation, rising energy costs, and ongoing economic challenges**. In response, we have provided direct support to **over 3,950 individuals**, adapting our services to meet evolving needs with **flexibility, compassion, and professionalism**. Our strong reputation for delivering **effective and culturally aware support** has also made us a key partner for other organisations seeking to engage and assist the community. As we move forward, SECCA remains committed to **providing impactful, tailored services that make a tangible difference in the lives of those who need it most**.

Our Aims and Objectives

SECCA aims to provide accessible, bilingual and holistic advice and services for the people of Enfield and surrounding areas. The advice service is free, confidential, impartial and independent. The charity provides information and advice on individual's rights and responsibilities empowering those who can to help themselves to resolve issues and supporting those who need more help. It also aims to identify local need for specialist advice services and to meet this need by providing these services directly or working with and in support of other agencies.

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The charity's purpose and aims as set out in the objects contained in the company's constitution are:

To promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of people from the Somali and Eastern African communities, in particular but not exclusively by:

- To protect and preserve public health, particularly by the provision of advice to members of the Somali community in Enfield.
- To relieve the aged and the disabled.
- To provide recreational facilities in the interests of social welfare for the persons resident in Enfield, particularly persons of Somali origin with the object of improving the condition of life for such persons.
- The advancement of education of pupils, particularly those who are of Somali origin, at schools in Enfield, in particular by providing or assisting in the provision of supplementary classes.

Strategic priorities

The trustees of the Enfield Somali Community Association set the following priorities for:

- Ensure people receive the help they need by offering a range of accessible options for support, including remote services, drop-in sessions, and appointments.
- Expand outreach services, particularly for vulnerable and disadvantaged members of the community in Enfield and across London, with a focus on befriending, dementia, and mental health services.
- Enhance volunteering opportunities by increasing the number of active volunteers and diversifying their roles to better support the organisation's objectives.
- Improve visibility by ensuring more individuals are aware of the services, volunteering roles, and opportunities offered.
- Foster collaborative working by actively engaging with local voluntary and community organisations, as well as mainstream agencies, to enhance service delivery.
- Secure sustainable income by diversifying funding sources to support core services and ensure long-term organisational stability.
- Strengthen monitoring and evaluation processes to accurately track every client interaction and map their journey through the services provided.

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Resilience

In order to achieve the above we need to be resilient. We will improve our resilience by:

- Strengthening our financial position;
- Investing in the leadership and governance of the organisation
- Strengthening our ICT infrastructure

Review of the year 2023/2024

This year has been incredibly challenging for the Enfield Somali Community Association (SECCA) as demand for our services has grown significantly. The lasting effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, combined with the Cost of Living Crisis and rising energy prices, have hit our community hard. Many local residents, already among the most marginalised in London, are facing mounting financial struggles and anxiety, making it even harder to access the support they need during these difficult times.

Despite these challenges, SECCA has stayed true to its mission of providing vital, culturally sensitive services and practical support. Thanks to the hard work of our staff, volunteers, and supporters, we've been able to help people with everything from welfare advice to energy and housing issues. By recruiting more volunteers and building strong partnerships with other organisations, we've extended our reach to support even more people. As we look ahead, our focus remains on standing with our community, finding innovative ways to tackle these challenges, and ensuring no one is left behind.

Meeting Growing Demand: SECCA's Impact in 2023/24

Over the past year, the Enfield Somali Community Association (SECCA) has seen a sharp rise in demand for its support services. The rising cost of living has placed many individuals and families under significant financial strain, increasing the need for urgent help with energy bills, rent, food costs, and emergency provisions. Many also required guidance on welfare benefits, Universal Credit, housing, debt, employment, and immigration processes, particularly navigating Discretionary Housing Payments, grants, EUSS applications, and UK Visa and Immigration procedures.

To meet this growing need, SECCA delivered 3,950 advice sessions and practical support this year, providing free, bilingual, and confidential support through a mix of telephone helplines, in-person appointments, outreach work, and home visits for housebound clients. Our casework continues to focus on practical solutions tailored to individuals with complex or ongoing challenges, ensuring that support remains accessible and effective.

Challenges and Realities

Despite our best efforts, meeting demand remains a challenge. Many of those seeking help face overlapping issues, from financial hardship and insecure housing to difficulties accessing essential services. The increasing complexity of cases requires more in-depth support, but the availability of external funding and resources remains limited.

To address these challenges, we have strengthened partnerships with local advice networks and community organisations, working collaboratively to provide the most effective support possible. Early intervention remains a priority, helping prevent crises before they escalate. However, as the economic situation continues to impact vulnerable households, the need for sustainable solutions and ongoing support is more critical than ever.

Looking ahead, SECCA remains committed to adapting to changing needs, keeping pace with policy developments, and ensuring that individuals in Enfield receive the support they need to navigate difficult circumstances.

Achievement & Performance

- Supported over 3,950 people across Enfield and its surroundings with problems they faced
- Provided individual and group information and advice sessions to local people so they could make informed choices about their lives.
- Unlocked £475,950 in additional benefits for our clients
- Organised 4 Dementia & Mental health workshops and discussions
- 144 hours supplementary School support for children and young people
- This year our volunteers donated 7,338 hours of support to deliver services for the local community. Using the London Living Wage as a benchmark, this equates to £96,497 of time donated by our volunteers.
- 1,350 volunteer befriending hours to lonely and isolated older people
- Distributed Tablets and Data Loaded free Simcards to the elderly and vulnerable people and provided digital support.
- Dealt with 997 housing and disrepair issues and enquiries
- Clients achieved annual energy savings of £175,000
- Organised 26 Community Elders and Womens Tea & Talk sessions
- Trained 5 Energy champions and delivered 20 energy advice workshops
- We supported over 500 people with Energy energy saving and efficienccmeasures within the home and signposting them for other services when a need has been identified
- 35 people received support through our LPA Support Service.

Information and Advice Service

During 2023/24, the Enfield Somali Community Association delivered high-quality, targeted, and free advice to 3,950 clients, addressing a total of 7,374 issues—an average of almost two issues per client. Our work during the year resulted in income gains of £475,950 for our clients, significantly improving their financial circumstances and quality of life. The Advice Service also played a crucial role in alleviating financial pressures by managing £150,895 worth of debt, negotiating repayment plans, and arranging token offer payments on behalf of clients. Despite the challenging operating environment, we remain committed to meeting the increasing and complex needs of the community with the resources available.

Feedback from our clients underscores the profound impact of our services. Enfield Somali Community Association regularly seeks input from those we support, and the vast majority rate their experience as positive or very positive. In 2023/24, 99% of clients reported being satisfied or very satisfied with the assistance they received, 85% felt less worried about their finances, and 89% said that our support helped to reduce their stress or anxiety. Furthermore, 94% of clients expressed being very satisfied with the overall help they received. These outcomes reflect the dedication and professionalism of our staff and volunteers, whose hard work has been instrumental in delivering such meaningful results. The trustee board extends its heartfelt gratitude to all staff and volunteers for their exceptional commitment throughout the year.

Our achievements would not have been possible without collaboration and partnership. We continue to work closely with other local advice agencies and organisations, sharing experiences, lessons learned, and innovative approaches to ensure the highest quality services for our community. While challenges such as rising demand and increasingly complex client needs persist, the Enfield Somali Community Association remains steadfast in its mission to provide accessible, impactful, and compassionate support to those who need it most.

UK Visas and Immigration Assisted Digital Service

The EU Settlement and Immigration Support Project has provided essential assistance to vulnerable EU, EEA, and other at-risk adults and families over the past five years, ensuring they secure Settled or Pre-Settled Status to remain in the UK and retain their full rights. This support has been vital for families with children, older adults, and individuals with complex needs, enabling them to continue accessing essential services such as healthcare, social care, and education. The service has been open to clients from all ethnic backgrounds and nationalities, reflecting the diverse makeup of the local community. Many individuals facing language barriers, financial hardship, or difficulties navigating complex immigration processes have relied on this project for guidance and support.

Beyond settlement assistance, the project has helped clients with visa extensions, spousal visa applications, and British citizenship applications. In 2023/24 alone, SECCA supported over 650 individuals through one-off advice sessions and in-depth casework. The team also provided Assisted Digital Service support, helping clients navigate the UK Visas and Immigration process and the EU Settlement Scheme. As demand continues to grow, the project remains crucial in safeguarding the rights and well-being of vulnerable residents, ensuring they can secure their legal status and build a stable future in the UK..

Digital Inclusion

The **Digital Inclusion Service** helped bridge the digital divide for older adults, improving their health, well-being, and social participation. In **2023-2024, SECCA supported 30 clients aged 55 and over** through face-to-face sessions, home visits, and telephone support, offering personalised one-to-one assistance, group gadget clinics, and specialised workshops tailored to their needs. Many older adults faced barriers to using technology, so the service provided practical guidance to help them navigate devices and online services with confidence.

To further enhance digital access, we loaned **tablets and smartphones** and provided **free data-loaded SIM cards**, enabling clients to stay connected with family and friends and engage with their community. By equipping individuals with essential digital skills, the service boosted their confidence and independence while reducing isolation. These efforts ensured that older adults could access online services, maintain social connections, and improve their overall quality of life.

Energy Advice Project

The **Energy Outreach Project (EOP)** provided essential one-to-one and group support to individuals facing **fuel poverty**, many of whom struggled to pay their bills. The programme offered **practical advice** on fuel options, tariffs, energy grants, and energy efficiency, helping clients reduce costs and manage energy use more effectively. In **2023-2024**, SECCA supported **over 500 individuals** through this initiative, delivered in partnership with **National Citizens Advice**. Trained **energy champions** provided tailored guidance on **reducing energy bills, tackling fuel debt, maximising income, and accessing grants**. As a result, many participants gained confidence in dealing with utility providers and managing their fuel-related challenges, easing financial strain during a particularly difficult year. **Collectively, clients achieved annual energy savings of £175,000**, demonstrating the programme's direct financial impact.

With over **nine years of experience**, SECCA has become a **trusted provider of energy advice** across London. Beyond immediate energy support, we take a **holistic approach**, connecting clients to additional services tailored to their wider needs. This year, we also loaned **smartphones and tablets** and provided **data-loaded SIM cards**, enabling clients to access digital resources for managing utility accounts and applications. By combining **practical assistance with long-term financial resilience**, the

project continues to play a crucial role in **reducing fuel poverty and improving the financial well-being** of the communities we serve.

Dementia & Mental Health Support:

The **Dementia and Mental Health Support Service** worked to raise awareness, challenge stigma, and address misconceptions within the Somali community. Many individuals and families face cultural barriers that make it difficult to seek help, particularly when engaging with statutory services. To bridge this gap, the service provided culturally sensitive support, ensuring that those living with dementia or mental health conditions, as well as their families and carers, could access the information and assistance they needed. This included guidance on obtaining a diagnosis, tailored advice, and signposting to appropriate local services.

In addition to offering practical support, the service helped individuals draft and register **Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) agreements** through the **Office of the Public Guardian (OPG)**, ensuring they had the necessary legal protections in place. Referrals came from a range of agencies and organisations, allowing us to reach those who might otherwise struggle to access support. This year, we held **five workshops** focused on dementia and mental health, providing a safe and open space for discussion, education, and connection. Through these initiatives, we empowered individuals and families, ensuring no one faced these challenges alone.

Befriending Project

The Befriending Service provided essential support for older Somali adults, particularly those aged 60 and over who faced deep isolation due to poor health, disabilities, or life-changing events. The service matched each beneficiary with a trained volunteer who offered emotional, social, and practical support through weekly visits or phone calls. Volunteers provided companionship over a cup of tea, accompanied elders on short outings to the local mosque or shops, and helped rebuild confidence and a sense of purpose. During lockdowns, they stayed connected through phone calls and WhatsApp, ensuring no one was left behind. More than just a friendly chat, this service offered a vital connection that helped older people re-engage with their community, reducing loneliness and improving well-being.

The Elderly project

The Elders Project provided culturally appropriate support for marginalised Somali elders aged 50 and over, ensuring they had access to vital information on health and well-being. The project organised group activities, social gatherings, and informative sessions to reduce isolation and strengthen social connections. It promoted healthier lifestyles by encouraging physical activity and healthy eating, helping elders improve their overall well-being. Additionally, it offered practical support to navigate services and resources, addressing issues such as poverty, loneliness, and poor health. Through these initiatives, the project enabled Somali elders to feel more included, supported, and empowered in their daily lives.

Tea & Talk Women's Project

The Women's Project provided culturally sensitive, women-only services to support Somali women facing isolation due to language and cultural barriers, lack of confidence in navigating the wider community, and the absence of services that align with their cultural or religious values. The project created welcoming spaces where women could connect, socialise, and build confidence in a supportive environment. It offered opportunities to enjoy coffee, tea, and a light breakfast while engaging in activities that promote well-being and encourage physical activity. Through these initiatives, the project empowered Somali women to participate more fully in their community and improve their overall quality of life.

Volunteering

The success of the charity is built on the dedication and hard work of our incredible staff and volunteers, who were essential to delivering our services in 2023-2024. A team of 21 volunteers contributed **7,338 hours**, equating to **£96,497** based on the London Living Wage. Coming from diverse backgrounds, they played a crucial role in supporting the community during a year of rising living costs. The programme provided comprehensive training and ongoing support, ensuring volunteers were equipped to make a meaningful impact. Working alongside our committed paid staff, they helped meet growing demand while maintaining the high-quality advice and services that transform lives.

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Client satisfaction

The overwhelming feedback we receive from our service users compliments our staff and volunteers on the service they have given.

Our service user survey shows positive client experience:

- 97% of clients reported being very satisfied with the overall assistance they received.
- 95% of clients indicated they would recommend our services to others.
- 90% of clients found the service easy to access.
- 70% of clients stated their issue had been resolved.
- 85% of clients felt less worried about their financial situation.
- 89% of clients reported that our support helped to reduce their stress or anxiety.

Partnerships and Collaboration

We work closely and complement our various partners to support each other, share best practice, avoid duplication and refer clients to one another where appropriate. As a locally recognised and trusted organisation, our services are frequently the gateway that clients take to access other services or to receive the support they need directly from us when we can provide it.

Future Plans

SECCA is committed to addressing the ongoing challenges of the cost of living and energy crisis while meeting the increasing demand for its services. We aim to expand our reach and ensure our support is accessible to those who need it most, particularly the most vulnerable in our community. Recognising that funding remains short term, highly competitive, and uncertain, the Trustee Board is focused on diversifying income streams, strengthening partnerships, and exploring innovative opportunities to secure long-term financial stability. This includes adapting our services to changing community needs and delivering impactful, responsive support.

Volunteers remain essential to our success, and we will continue to recruit, train, and support them while ensuring SECCA is a rewarding place to work and volunteer. We will prioritise tackling issues such as mental health and dementia, providing tailored support for sufferers, carers, and families. Alongside this, we will invest in our infrastructure, leadership, and digital systems, including refreshing the website to enhance client access, attract funding, and strengthen partnerships. Finalising the Advice Quality Standard (AQS) will ensure our services maintain the highest standards. Despite ongoing challenges, we remain dedicated to providing meaningful and effective support to the growing number of individuals and communities relying on us.

We thank all our Funders:

The Trustees of SECCA would like to thank all of those who have given funding or donated to SECCA in the last financial year. Our principal funders have been:

- City Bridge Foundation
- National Lottery - London Response Fund
- Aid International
- National Citizens Advice
- British Red Cross
- GLA
- CT Home care/ Tawakal
- The MRS Smith and Mount
- We Are Group
- Donations and Voluntary contributions

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Financial Review

SECCA main funding sources are grants, donations and members contributions

Reserves policy and going concern

The Board has assessed the charity's requirements for reserves in the light of the main risks to the organisation. As a result, the Board has approved a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed, should be held in reserve and maintained at a level which ensures that SECCA's core activity could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty. The target reserve amount represents at least 3 months' expenditure and will be reviewed annually.

Risk management Risk Management and Mitigation – 2023/2024

The **Board of Trustees** conducts an annual review of major risks faced by the charity, maintaining an up-to-date **risk register** to ensure that appropriate systems and procedures are in place to mitigate these risks. In **2023-2024**, the trustees identified key challenges and implemented measures to address them:

- **Funding Challenges** – The uncertain economic climate and rising competition for funding pose risks to securing grants and donations at previous levels. To address this, we have **increased the number of grant applications** and strengthened relationships with funders. Our **improved financial stability** reinforces funders' confidence in our ability to deliver effective services.
- **Service Demand and Workforce Pressures** – The **cost-of-living crisis** has led to a **sharp rise in demand** for our services, placing additional strain on our projects and staff. To **reduce waiting times and expand support**, we are actively seeking **additional funding** and exploring new partnerships to enhance service capacity.
- **Staff and Volunteer Well-being** – The challenges of supporting a growing number of vulnerable clients, combined with economic pressures, have placed **added stress on staff and volunteers**. In response, we have strengthened **well-being support measures**, including **regular check-ins, flexible working arrangements, and workload management strategies**, ensuring that our team remains supported and resilient.

By proactively addressing these risks, SECCA continues to adapt to changing circumstances while maintaining high-quality services for the communities we serve.

Partnerships and Collaboration

We work closely and complement our various partners to support each other, share best practice, avoid duplication and refer clients to one another where appropriate. As a locally recognised and trusted organisation, our services are frequently the gateway that clients take to access other services or to receive the support they need directly from us when we can provide it.

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Governance, Structure and Management

Enfield Somali Community Association is a small charitable company set up to improve the conditions of life of recent Somali and other Eastern African immigrant families to the UK.

Appointment and retirement of trustees is in accordance with the constitution which requires that appointment and retirement should be by ordinary resolution. All trustees give their time voluntarily and received no benefits from the charity.

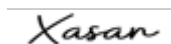
The overall management of finance is the responsibility of all the Trustees acting on the recommendations of the Chairman, the Treasurer and the advice of the Co-ordinator. The Trustees form the Management Committee who meets regularly to oversee the running of the organisation.

The Trustees have undertaken a range of organisational development training in financial management, service delivery and governance, including the 7 principles of the Good Governance: Code for the Voluntary and Community Sector as a framework for improving its governance.

Trustees and their responsibilities

Charity trustees are the people who serve on the governing body of a charity. They may be known as trustees, directors, board members, governors or committee members. The principles and main duties are the same in all cases. Trustees have, and must accept, ultimate responsibility for directing the affairs of a charity, and ensuring that it is solvent, well-run, and meeting the needs for which it has been set up.

Signed on behalf of the trustees & Management committee by:



Signed:

Date: 29/01/2025

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Chair

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
ENFIELD SOMALI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (SECCA)**

For the year ended 31 March 2024

I report on the accounts of the company for the period ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 12 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purpose of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no other matter except that referred to in the above paragraphs, has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Md Iqbal Hossain MBA, FCCA
Chartered Certified accountant
B K Community Accountant Ltd
124 City Road
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Date: 29th January 2025

ENFIELD SOMALI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (SECCA) Statement of Financial Activities (Including income and expenditure account) 31 March 2024							
Incoming Resources	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted	TOTAL Funds 2024	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL Funds 2023
Donation and Legacies	2	8,885	86,801	95,686	10,445	61,048	71,493
Total Income		8,885 =====	86,801 =====	95,686 =====	10,445 =====	61,048 =====	71,493 =====
Expenditure on:	3						
Charitable activities		4,792	75,258	80,050	13,614	61,001	74,615
Total expenditure		4,792 =====	75,258 =====	80,050 =====	13,614 =====	61,001 =====	74,615 =====
Net Income & net movement in funds		4,093	11,543	15,636	(3,169)	47	(3,122)
Reconciliation of fund:							
Total funds brought forward		5,363	17,036	22,399	8,532	16,989	25,521
Total funds carried forward		9,456 =====	28,579 =====	38,035 =====	5,363 =====	17,036 =====	22,399 =====

TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

The Charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the net movement in funds for the above period.

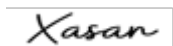
The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

The notes on pages 19 to 23 form part of these accounts.

ENFIELD SOMALI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (SECCA)					
BALANCE SHEET					
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024					
FIXED ASSETS	Note		2024		2023
		£		£	£
Office Equipment	8			6,562	6,647
Debtors	9				
Cash at Bank			55,550		39,829
Cash in hand					
Total Current Assets			55,550		39,829
Creditors and Accruals	10		(24,077)		(24,077)
Net Current Assets				31,473	15,752
Net Assets				38,035	22,399
				=====	=====
Unrestricted Funds	11		9,456		5,363
Restricted Funds	11		28,579		17,036
Total Funds				38,035	22,399
				=====	=====

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and that members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act. The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies' subject to the small companies' regime.

These accounts were approved by the Board of Directors and Trustees on 29th January 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



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Chair

The notes on pages 19 to 23 form part of these accounts.

ENFIELD SOMALI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (SECCA)
Notes to the Accounts
For the year ended 31 March 2024

1. Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year.

1.1 Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the applicable Accounting Standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" published in March 2005 and the Companies Act 1985.

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No. 1 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is small company.

1.2 Incoming Resources

Income from activities, voluntary income and donations are included in incoming resources when they are receivable, except when the donors specify that they must be used in future accounting periods or donors' conditions have not been fulfilled, then the income is deferred. The income from fundraising ventures is shown gross, with the associated costs included in fundraising costs.

1.3 Resources Expended

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT that cannot be recovered.

Expenditure that is directly attributable to specific activities has been included in these cost categories. Where costs are attributable to more than one activity, they have been apportioned across the cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of those resources.

1.4 Going Concern Basis

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis, as in the opinion of the director and trustees, there are no issues arising which would suggest any other basis as being more appropriate.

1.5 Depreciation

Depreciation is provided using the following rates and bases to reduce by annual instalments the cost, less estimated residual value, of tangible assets over the estimated useful lives:

Furniture, Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment - 20% on reducing line basis.

ENFIELD SOMALI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (SECCA)**Notes to the Accounts****For the year ended 31 March 2024****2. Income from donations and legacies**

Grants, donations, and legacies:	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Donation and Voluntary contribution	2,935	-	2,935	1,643
National Lottery - London Response Fund	-	10,000	10,000	9,750
Aid International		10,541	10,541	6,225
Saoud Khalaf	-	-	-	15,286
Caretick Ltd	-	-	-	14,950
City Bridge Trust	-	16,050	16,050	-
CT Home care/ Tawakal	5,950	-	5,950	-
National Citizens Advice	-	14,210	14,210	14,838
GLA	-	20,000	20,000	-
British Red Crossent	-	11,000	11,000	-
The MRS Smith and Mount	-	5,000	5,000	-
TOTAL Income	8,885 =====	86,801 =====	95,686 =====	71,493 =====

Notes to the financial statements (continuing)

Year ended 31 March 2024

3. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Fund type:

Charitable activities & Support Cost	Un-restricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Un-restricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Salary & NIC	1,155	49,814	50,969	6,228	53,400	59,628
Rent & Rates	-	5,532	5,532	5,712	2,488	8,200
Telephone, Internet, Website, Media	879	-	879	674	-	674
Insurance	-	199	199	-	199	199
Audit, Bookkeeping	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	-	1,000
Project Activities	-	17,625	17,625	-	3,252	3,252
Office Expenses	558	-	558	-	-	-
Fundraising Cost	1,200	-	1,200	-	-	-
Governance	-	448	448	-	-	-
Volunteer Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	1,640	1,640	-	1,662	1,662
Total	4,792 =====	75,258 =====	80,050 =====	13,614 =====	61,001 =====	74,615 =====

4. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Activity type:

Charitable activities & Support Cost	Services	Governance	Fund raising	Total Funds 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Property Costs	5,532	-	-	5,532	8,200
Depreciation	1,640	-	-	1,640	1,662
Direct Costs	69,600	1,000	-	70,600	63,880
Other indirect Costs	1,078	-	1,200	2,278	873
Total	77,850 =====	1,000 =====	1,200 =====	80,050 =====	74,615 =====

Notes to the financial statements (continuing)

Year ended 31 March 2024

5. TRUSTEES EXPENSIS

No expenses are paid to Trustees.
No employee earned more than £60,000 during the year (2023: nil).

6. Related party transactions

There are no related party transactions to disclose for 2024 (2023 : none) There are no donations from related parties which are outside the normal course of business and no restricted donations from related parties.

7. Taxation

The charitable company is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

8. Fixed Assets

	Computer Equipment	Total
	£	£
Cost		
At 1 April 2023	12,983	12,983
Additions	1,555	1,555
At 31 March 2024	14,538	14,538
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2023	6,336	6,336
Charge this period	1,640	1,640
At 31 March 2024	7,976	7,976
Net book value		
At 31 March 2024	6,562	6,562
At 31 March 2023	6,647	6,647

9. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade Debtors	-	-
Total Debtors	=====	=====

10.Creditors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade Creditors	23,577	23,577
HMRC	-	-
Independent examination	500	500
Total Creditors	24,077 =====	24,077 =====

Accruals: Provision for Accountancy fees.

11.Analysis of charitable Funds:

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds	Total Fund 2024
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets Restricted	-	6,562	6,562
Net Current assets	9,456	22,017	31,473
Net Assets	9,456 =====	28,579 =====	38,035 =====

Benefits in kind

There were no benefits in kind in the period.

Independent examination and accountancy services

During the period, the cost of the examination was £500.

Glossary of terms

Restricted funds: These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.

Creditors These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

Debtors: These are amounts owed to the charity, but not received in the accounting period.

Prepayments: These are services that the charity has paid for in advance, but not used during the accounting period.

Accounts

Charity Number: 1122016

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COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
(SECCA)**



Trustees Report and
financial statements
For the year ended 31 March 2023

Independent Examiner:

Md Iqbal Hossain ACCA
Chartered Certified accountant
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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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Enfield Somali Community Association
Reference and administrative details
For the year ended 31 March 2023

Status: Enfield Somali Community Association (SECCA) is Registered Charity. SECCA was first established in 1989 and registered with the Charity Commission on 17 December 2007

Charity number: 1122016

Registered office address: Community House, 311 Fore Street, London, N9 0PZ

Country of registration: England & Wales

Trustees: Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:

Mr Xasan D.Xasan - Chairman
Mr Mohamed Hersi - Trustee
Mrs Salaado H.Hassan - Trustee
Mr Omar M Abdi - Trustee
Mr Cabaas Yusuf – Trustee

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ENFIELD SOMALI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (SECCA)
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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TRUSTEES REPORT

Enfield Somali Community Association's trustees are pleased to present their annual report and independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2023. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005) (Accounting Standards Charities Act 2011).

The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the Charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the Charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), 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).

OUR VISION

To ensure that we are positioned to provide the best possible support to the local community in a variety of ways, we seek to be a strong, dynamic, financially sound, and responsive organisation.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To improve the lives and wellbeing of the local community and in particular the marginalised Somali Community. "

Our values are:

- To be client centred
- We are open and honest
- To deliver responsive and appropriate services with respect
- To value staff and volunteers
- To be inclusive and embrace equality and diversity
- To develop trust in our services
- To ensure that everybody is working together to achieve the same objectives

Background

For over 34 years, SECCA has provided services and practical support to the most vulnerable and isolated people in Enfield and across London. As a charity, we are trusted by both the local community and stakeholders to deliver those services in a way that makes the greatest impact on the people who need them most.

Our beneficiaries are mainly from the most disadvantaged and hard to reach members of the local community, mainly of Somali heritage in Enfield and surrounding areas, the EU, EEA or Swiss Citizens who want to continue living and working in the UK after 30th June 2021, who are marginalized and unable to access mainstream services because of language and cultural barriers, age and disability. This included refugees, single parent families, children, the elderly, people with a learning disability, homeless people, and volunteers. Our services were also open to the wider members of the local communities regardless of background.

Our services are culturally sensitive, flexible and committed to working with a person-centred approach. This has made other agencies and organizations to fall back on us to engage and provide services to the community. This year the need for our services has increased as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the cost of living and we supported over 3000 people.

Our Aims and Objectives

SECCA aims to provide accessible and holistic advice and services for the people of Enfield and surrounding areas. The advice service is free, confidential, impartial and independent. The charity provides information and advice on individual's rights and responsibilities empowering those who can to help themselves to resolve issues and supporting those who need more help. It also aims to identify local need for specialist advice services and to meet this need by providing these services directly or working with and in support of other agencies.

The charity's purpose and aims as set out in the objects contained in the company's constitution are:

To promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of people from the Somali and Eastern African communities, in particular but not exclusively by:

- To protect and preserve public health, particularly by the provision of advice to members of the Somali community in Enfield.
- To relieve the aged and the disabled.
- To provide recreational facilities in the interests of social welfare for the persons resident in Enfield, particularly persons of Somali origin with the object of improving the condition of life for such persons.
- The advancement of education of pupils, particularly those who are of Somali origin, at schools in Enfield, in particular by providing or assisting in the provision of supplementary classes.

Strategic priorities

The trustees of the Enfield Somali Community Association set the following priorities for:

- **Ensure that people get the help they need;** we will offer a range of options for people to contact us to get the support they need.
- **Increase outreach services, particularly for vulnerable members of the community;** we will be serving more disadvantaged and vulnerable people, in Enfield and across London remotely, with drop-in and by appointments, befriending, dementia and mental services.
- **Improve volunteering offer and numbers;** we will increase the number of people actively volunteering with us and they will be undertaking a wider range of roles.
- We will also increase awareness of our work to reach out to more local people and to promote the positive contribution volunteers can make to their community
- **Improve our visibility;** we want to ensure that more people know what services we offer, our volunteering roles and other opportunities.
- **Build stronger partnerships;** we will be actively seeking working with local Voluntary and Community organisations, and mainstream agencies.
- **Have sustainable income for the next few years;** we will diversify our funding sources to secure income which pays for our core services and ensure our sustainability.
- **Improve the quality of our monitoring and evaluation;** we will ensure that every contact is counted and that we can see the clients' journeys through the services we offer.
- We will be part of the fight to address climate change

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Resilience

In order to achieve the above we need to be resilient. We will improve our resilience by:

- Strengthening our financial position;
- Strengthening our ICT infrastructure and
- Investing in the leadership and governance of the organisation

Review of the year

The year saw increasing demand for Enfield Somali Community Association (SECCA)'s services and support and without the dedication of our staff, volunteers and supporters we could not have made an impact on the local community. The local community is one of the most marginalised in London and the needs of the local people seeking support continued to raise as the pandemic is officially over. The Cost of Living Crisis and the raising Energy prices has caused an alarm and worries to the local people who are already struggling and disproportionately affected by the Covid-19 Pandemic. SECCA has continued to keep pace with and proactively offer a range of relevant services and support extending our reach to try to meet need as effectively as possible by recruiting volunteers and collaborating with partners and other organisations.

Review of achievements and performance during 2022/2023

Enfield Somali Community Association (SECCA) for over 34 years has been providing holistic bilingual services practical support that empower people, are accessible by all, responsive to the changing needs of the local community in Enfield and surrounding areas.

We offer a free and confidential telephone helpline service and Face2Face information and advice on welfare benefits including Universal Credit, income maximisation, housing, health and social care, debt, employment issues, and local services. Support is also provided to complete forms and casework support for those who need further support. Individuals can visit our Information & Advice Surgeries at Community House office by appointment or drop in. There is an outreach service at partner locations and home visits for the housebound.

During the past year the demand for this service has been substantial as people have had post-pandemic worries and are struggling with the cost of living and need support. The cost of living, particularly the increasing fuel and food costs has resulted in enquiries where people are finding it difficult to pay for their energy bills, rent and food costs and seeking for emergency food provision sources, money-related issues and the need for Discretionary Housing Benefit and grant support. A large number of our clients needed information and practical support for EUSS and UK Visas and Immigration.

During 2022-23 SECCA continued to operate a hybrid service, with staff and volunteers supporting clients by phone and email from home and face 2 face in our office, at partner locations and at home for the housebound. We understand the diverse needs of our local communities with a focus on early intervention and prevention. We have developed good working relationship with a wide range of agencies offering appropriate services where appropriate. Our staff and volunteers provided 3,950 advice sessions during 2022-2023.

Achievement & Performance

- Supported over 3,750 people across Enfield and its surroundings with problems they faced
- Provided 3,950 information and advice sessions to local people so they could make informed choices about their lives.

- Unlocked £172,800 in additional benefits for our clients
- Organised 5 Dementia & Mental health workshops and discussions
- 240 hours supplementary School support for children and young people
- Our volunteers donated 6,628 hours of support to deliver services for the local community. Using the London Living Wage as a benchmark, this equates to £79,205 of time donated by our volunteers. 1,350 volunteer befriending hours to lonely and isolated older people
- Distributed Tablets and Data Loaded free Simcards to the elderly and vulnerable people and provided digital support.
- Dealt with 797 housing issues and enquiries
- Organised 26 Community Elders and Womens Tea & Talk sessions
- Trained 10 Energy champions and delivered 76 energy advice workshops
- We supported 22 people with long term counselling through our free counselling service.
- 10 people received support through our LPA Support Service.

UK Visas and Immigration Assisted Digital Service

The project supported the vulnerable EU, EEA, and Swiss citizens for the last four years to ensure the vulnerable residents including families and children, older people secure the EU Settled and Pre-settled status they need to remain in the UK, and retain their full rights. The service ensures the local people can continue to access health, social care, education and other essential services. The project also provided practical support to those who need visa extensions, help with spousal visa and British citizenship applications. There has been an increasing demand for this service and during 2022/23 the service provided 975 hours Assisted Digital Service support on UK Visas and Immigration and EU Settlement Scheme.

Digital Inclusion

Tackling the digital divide not only helps improve health and well-being, but also promotes social participation. The service supports the elderly people with any digital issues by home visits and one-to-one support. In 2022 – 2023 our team supported 40 clients face to face, home visits, and telephone support. We have also loaned tablets and smart phones and provided free Data Loaded SimCards so that they can communicate with family and friends and connect to the community.

Energy Advice

The aims of the service is to reduce fuel poverty by making energy consumers "energy efficient" and to assist those experiencing problems with their utility provider to make informed decisions, control their budgets and avoid fuel poverty. SECCA has been delivering energy advice locally and across London for over 8 years empowering people to deal with their energy bills more effectively and helping those in fuel debt to negotiate with suppliers and help with applications for individual grants, refer or signpost beneficiaries to other services and agencies where appropriate. The One 2 One and Group sessions covered the following topics:

• Energy tariffs • understanding energy bills • switching energy providers • energy savings tips • Energy efficiency tips	• understanding energy metering • Comparisons websites • Simple insulations tips • Smart Meter • Monitoring energy usage • Fuel debt and remedies	• Accessing emergency credit • Referral to other services • PSR • Dealing with Damp & Condensation
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In 2022/2023 our trained energychampions delivered One-2-One and Group sessions to over 600 vulnerable consumers.

Dementia & Mental Health Support:

This service raises awareness, tackles stigma and myth on Dementia and Mental Health issues, tackle cultural barriers and provided dementia and mental health related information & emotional support for those who have a formal diagnosis of dementia and mental health issues, their families and carers to offer the service to those who do not engage with other statutory services but will engage with our team for support and assistance and connect with other support and services available locally. Support included how to get a diagnosis, information and advice and signposting to appropriate services. Our team provides advice and practical help with drafting a Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) agreement, registering it with the Office of the Public Guardian (OPG). We get referrals from various agencies and organisations for people who need support. During the year we held 5 workshops on dementia and Mental Health.

Befriending Project

Befriending is a vital service at Enfield Somali Community Association since the Pandemic. Many older people are isolated and lonely. Our trained volunteers try to alleviate this loneliness by providing emotional, practical and social support. Beneficiaries are aged 50 and over; they have little or no contact with others and do not often leave their homes due poor health or disability; and some might have mild mental health needs or lack confidence because of recent life-changing experiences. We match an older person with a suitable and trained volunteer who calls or visits on a regular basis, usually once a week for about half hour or one hour for a cup of tea and a chat and may also help with small tasks. During the pandemic lockdowns face to face visits were suspended and volunteers kept in touch with their clients by telephone and whatsapp but has now resumed

The Elderly project

Our Elders project takes a holistic approach to the well-being of the over 50s. The project aims to improve the health and lifestyles of the community elders through information, engagement, diet and exercise to tackle poverty and to play a key role in countering high incidences of isolation, loneliness and poor health among the elderly Somali people. The project organises various activities and information sessions for the elderly.

Tea & Talk Women's Project

Many Somali women can become almost housebound because of language and cultural barriers, as well as lack of self-confidence in dealing with the wider community and lack of single sex services, if they do not partake in mixed services due to cultural or religious grounds.

We seek to address isolation of Somali women by offering culturally appropriate women's services, where they enjoy coffee, tea, and a light breakfast, socialise and keep active.

Bereavement Service

The service continues to provide a free confidential listening service, which assists those who would like to talk to someone and who require guidance with the emotional and practical difficulties which are faced due to their bereavement to get the support they need, to feel listened to and connected to a wider support network. The service support the bereaved with the funeral process and provides help with the funeral cost. The service is managed by volunteers.

Volunteering

Our charity could not have achieved anything for the people that need our help without the commitment and efforts of our dedicated volunteers. In 2022-2023 volunteers continue to play an integral role in service delivery and maximizing the organisations impact. Our volunteers donated 6,628 hours of support to deliver services for the local community. Using the London Living Wage as a benchmark, this equates to £79,205 of time donated by our volunteers.

We would like to say a huge "Thank You" to our wonderful volunteers. They play a vital role in delivering many of our services and we could not have the impact we do without our volunteers.

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Client satisfaction

The overwhelming feedback we receive from our service users compliments our staff and volunteers on the service they have given.

Our service user survey shows positive client experience:

- 95% of our clients saying they would recommend us to someone else.
- 80% of clients said the service was easy to access
- 70% said their problem had been resolved.

Our clients can have confidence that the service they receive is of a consistently high quality.

Partnerships and Collaboration

We work closely and complement our various partners to support each other, share best practice, avoid duplication and refer clients to one another where appropriate. As a locally recognised and trusted organisation, our services are frequently the gateway that clients take to access other services or to receive the support they need directly from us when we can provide it.

Future Plans

The impact of the CV-19 pandemic, the cost of living and the energy crisis was still significant for SECCA during 2022-23 and the organisation had to continue to adapt to the changing environment. Enfield Somali Community Association aims to raise sufficient funding in future to enable the organization to deliver services responsive to the needs of the local community. We will continue volunteer recruitment whose contributions delivery of our services depend.

Ensure our systems, infrastructure and investment can support our growth and make SECCA a rewarding place to work and volunteer.

Diversify funding sources and increase collaboration and partnership.

Tackle mental health and dementia in the community provide more support and opportunity for sufferers, carers and their families.

Ensure to sustain key experienced senior management.

We thank all our Funders:

The Trustees of SECCA would like to thank all of those who have given funding or donated to SECCA in the last financial year. Our principal funders have been:

- City Bridge Trust
- The National Lottery
- The Good Things Foundation
- National Citizens advice
- We are Digital
- Refugee Council
- Caretick Ltd
- And the individual donors

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Financial Review

SECCA main funding sources are grants, donations and members contributions

Reserves policy and going concern

The Board has assessed the charity's requirements for reserves in the light of the main risks to the organisation. As a result, the Board has approved a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed, should be held in reserve and maintained at a level which ensures that SECCA's core activity could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty. The target reserve amount represents at least 3 months' expenditure and will be reviewed annually.

Risk management

The Board carries out a review of major risks to which the Charity is exposed and has an established risk register which is updated at least once a year. Therefore, there are systems and procedures to mitigate risks faced by the Charity in the course of routine operations.

The major risks to which the charity is subject have been identified by the trustees with mitigating actions.

- **We may not achieve the same level of grant funding or donations as in previous years** – We are making an increased number of grant applications. Our improved financial stability should increase our funders' faith in our ability to deliver on our promises.
- **The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our staff and volunteers.**
We have mitigated the potential negative impact of working through a pandemic and supporting staff and volunteers throughout by a range of measures. We are working to safeguard the continued wellbeing of staff by creating a COVID-19 specific business continuity plan and carrying out an office risk assessment and individual risk assessments for all staff members
 - **Service demands** – The demand for our services has increased since the beginning of the pandemic. This has resulted in additional pressures on our projects and workforce and a long waiting period - to meet the increased demands additional funding to be sourced.

Partnerships and Collaboration

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Governance, Structure and Management

Enfield Somali Community Association is a Registered charity set up to improve the conditions of life of recent Somali and other Eastern African immigrant families to the UK.

Appointment and retirement of trustees is in accordance with the constitution which requires that appointment and retirement should be by ordinary resolution. All trustees give their time voluntarily and received no benefits from the charity.

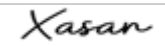
The overall management of finance is the responsibility of all the Trustees acting on the recommendations of the Chairman, the Treasurer and the advice of the Chief Executive Officer. The Trustees form the Management Committee who meets regularly to oversee the running of the organisation.

The Trustees have undertaken a range of organisational development training in financial management, service delivery and governance, including the 7 principles of the Good Governance: Code for the Voluntary and Community Sector as a framework for improving its governance.

Trustees and their responsibilities

Charity trustees are the people who serve on the governing body of a charity. They may be known as trustees, directors, board members, governors or committee members. The principles and main duties are the same in all cases. Trustees have, and must accept, ultimate responsibility for directing the affairs of a charity, and ensuring that it is solvent, well-run, and meeting the needs for which it has been set up.

Signed on behalf of the trustees & Management committee by:

Signed: 

Date: 06/10/2023

Xasan D Xasan
Chair

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
ENFIELD SOMALI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (SECCA)**

For the year ended 31 March 2023

I report on the accounts of the company for the period ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 13 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purpose of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011(the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no other matter except that referred to in the above paragraphs, has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met; or
- (2) 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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Date: 6th October 2023

ENFIELD SOMALI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (SECCA) Statement of Financial Activities (Including income and expenditure account) 31 March 2023							
Incoming Resources	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted	TOTAL Funds 2023	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL Funds 2022
Donation and Legacies	2	22,302	61,049	83,351	7,000	61,732	68,732
Total Income		22,302 =====	61,049 =====	83,351 =====	7,000 =====	61,732 =====	68,732 =====
Expenditure on:	3						
Charitable activities		13,614	61,001	74,615	1,041	77,307	78,348
Total expenditure		13,614 =====	61,001 =====	74,615 =====	1,041 =====	77,307 =====	78,348 =====
Net Income & net movement in funds		8,688	48	8,736	5,959	(15,575)	(9,616)
Reconciliation of fund:							
Total funds brought forward		8,532	16,989	25,521	2,573	32,564	35,137
Total funds carried forward		17,220 =====	17,037 =====	34,257 =====	8,532 =====	16,989 =====	25,521 =====

TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

The Charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the net movement in funds for the above period.

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

The notes on pages 15 to 19 form part of these accounts.

ENFIELD SOMALI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (SECCA)					
BALANCE SHEET					
AS AT 31 MARCH 2023					
FIXED ASSETS	Note		2023		2022
		£		£	£
Office Equipment	8			6,647	8,309
Debtors	9				
Cash at Bank			39,829		27,676
Cash in hand					
Total Current Assets			39,829		27,676
Creditors and Accruals	10		(12,219)		(10,464)
Net Current Assets				27,610	24,751
Net Assets				34,257	25,521
				=====	=====
Unrestricted Funds	11		17,220		8,532
Restricted Funds	11		17,037		16,989
Total Funds				34,257	25,521
				=====	=====

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and that members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act. The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies' subject to the small companies' regime.

These accounts were approved by the Board of Directors and Trustees on 6th October 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

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Chair

The notes on pages 15 to 19 form part of these accounts.

1. Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year.

1.1 Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the applicable Accounting Standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" published in March 2005 and the Companies Act 1985.

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No. 1 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is small company.

1.2 Incoming Resources

Income from activities, voluntary income and donations are included in incoming resources when they are receivable, except when the donors specify that they must be used in future accounting periods or donors' conditions have not been fulfilled, then the income is deferred. The income from fundraising ventures is shown gross, with the associated costs included in fundraising costs.

1.3 Resources Expended

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT that cannot be recovered.

Expenditure that is directly attributable to specific activities has been included in these cost categories. Where costs are attributable to more than one activity, they have been apportioned across the cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of those resources.

1.4 Going Concern Basis

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis, as in the opinion of the director and trustees, there are no issues arising which would suggest any other basis as being more appropriate.

1.5 Depreciation

Depreciation is provided using the following rates and bases to reduce by annual instalments the cost, less estimated residual value, of tangible assets over the estimated useful lives:

Furniture, Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment - 20% on reducing line basis.

ENFIELD SOMALI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (SECCA)**Notes to the Accounts****For the year ended 31 March 2023****2. Income from donations and legacies**

Grants, donations, and legacies:	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Donation and Voluntary contribution	13,500	-	13,500	-
National Lottery - London Response Fund	-	9,750	9,750	37,389
Aid International		6,225	6,225	
Saoud Khalaf	3,302	15,286	18,588	
Caretick Ltd	5,500	14,950	20,450	
City Bridge Trust	-	-	-	-
Good Things Foundation	-	-	-	5,880
National Citizens Advice	-	14,838	14,838	17,963
British Refugee Council	-	-	-	500
London Borough of Enfield	-	-	-	5,000
We are Digital	-	-	-	2,000
TOTAL Income	22,302 =====	61,049 =====	83,351 =====	68,732 =====

Notes to the financial statements (continuing)

Year ended 31 March 2023

3. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Fund type:

Charitable activities & Support Cost	Un-restricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Un-restricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Salary & NIC	6,228	53,400	59,628	441	57,552	57,993
Rent & Rates	5,712	2,488	8,200	-	10,000	10,000
Telephone, Internet, Website, Media	674	-	674	-	1,434	1,434
Insurance	-	199	199	-	199	199
Audit, Bookkeeping	1,000	-	1,000	600	500	1,100
Project Activities	-	3,252	3,252	-	7,622	7,622
Volunteer Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	1,662	1,662	-		
Total	13,614 =====	61,001 =====	74,615 =====	1,041 =====	77,307 =====	78,348 =====

4. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Activity type:

Charitable activities & Support Cost	Services	Governance	Fund raising	Total Funds 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Property Costs	8,200	-	-	8,200	10,000
Depreciation	1,662	-	-	1,662	2,077
Direct Costs	62,880	1,000	-	63,880	64,638
Other indirect Costs	873	-	-	873	1,633
Total	73,615 =====	1,000 =====	- =====	74,615 =====	78,348 =====

Notes to the financial statements (continuing)

Year ended 31 March 2023

5. TRUSTEES EXPENSIS

No expenses are paid to Trustees.

No employee earned more than £60,000 during the year (2022: nil).

6. Related party transactions

There are no related party transactions to disclose for 2023 (2022: none) There are no donations from related parties which are outside the normal course of business and no restricted donations from related parties.

7. Taxation

The charitable company is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

8. Fixed Assets

	Computer Equipment	Total
	£	£
Cost		
At 1 April 2022	12,983	12,983
Additions	-	-
At 31 March 2023	12,983	12,983
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2022	4,674	4,674
Charge this period	1,662	1,662
At 31 March 2023	6,336	6,336
Net book value		
At 31 March 2023	6,647	6,647
At 31 March 2022	8,309	8,309

9. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade Debtors	-	-
Total Debtors	=====	=====

10.Creditors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade Creditors	11,719	9,964
HMRC	-	-
Independent examination	500	500
Total Creditors	12,219 =====	10,464 =====

Accruals: Provision for Accountancy fees.

11.Analysis of charitable Funds:

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds	Total Fund 2023
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets Restricted	-	6,647	6,647
Net Current assets	5,363	10,389	15,752
Net Assets	5,363 =====	17,036 =====	22,399 =====

Benefits in kind

There were no benefits in kind in the period.

Independent examination and accountancy services

During the period, the cost of the examination was £500.

Glossary of terms

Restricted funds: These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.

Creditors These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

Debtors: These are amounts owed to the charity, but not received in the accounting period.

Prepayments: These are services that the charity has paid for in advance, but not used during the accounting period.

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ENFIELD SOMALI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (SECCA)



Trustees Report and
financial statements
For the year ended 31 March 2022

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Enfield Somali Community Association
Reference and administrative details
For the year ended 31 March 2022

Status: Enfield Somali Community Association (SECCA) is Registered Charity. SECCA was first established in 1989 and registered with the Charity Commission on 17 December 2007

Charity number: 1122016

Registered office address: Community House, 311 Fore Street, London, N9 0PZ

Country of registration: England & Wales

Trustees: Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:

Mr Xasan D.Xasan - Chairman
Mr Mohamed Hersi - Trustee
Mr Salaado H.Hassan - Trustee
Mr Omar M Abdi - Trustee
Mr Cabaas Yusuf – Trustee

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ENFIELD SOMALI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (SECCA)
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31 March 2022

TRUSTEES REPORT

Enfield Somali Community Association's trustees are pleased to present their annual report and independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2022. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005) (Accounting Standards Charities Act 2011).

The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the Charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the Charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), 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).

OUR VISION

To ensure that we are positioned to provide the best possible support to the local community in a variety of ways, we seek to be a strong, dynamic, financially sound, and responsive organisation.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To improve the lives and wellbeing of the local community and in particular the marginalized Somali Community. "

Our values are:

- To be client centred
- We are open and honest
- To deliver responsive and appropriate services with respect
- To value staff and volunteers
- To be inclusive and embrace equality and diversity
- To develop trust in our services
- To ensure that everybody is working together to achieve the same objectives

Background

For about 34 years, SECCA has provided services and practical support to the most vulnerable and isolated people in Enfield and across London. As a charity, we are trusted by both the local community and stakeholders to deliver those services in a way that makes the greatest impact on the people who need them most.

Our beneficiaries are mainly from the most disadvantaged and hard to reach members of the local community, mainly of Somali heritage in Enfield and surrounding areas, the EU, EEA or Swiss Citizens who want to continue living and working in the UK after 30th June 2021, who are marginalized and unable to access mainstream services because of language and cultural barriers, age and disability. This included refugees, single parent families, children, the elderly, people with a learning disability, homeless people, and volunteers. Our services were also open to the wider members of the local communities regardless of background.

Our services are culturally sensitive, flexible and committed to working with a person-centred approach. This has made other agencies and organizations to fall back on us to engage and provide services to the community. This year the need for our services has increased as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the cost of living and we supported over 3000 people.

Our Aims and Objectives

SECCA aims to provide accessible and holistic advice and services for the people of Enfield and surrounding areas. The advice service is free, confidential, impartial and independent. The charity provides information and advice on individual's rights and responsibilities empowering those who can to help themselves to resolve issues and supporting those who need more help. It also aims to identify local need for specialist advice services and to meet this need by providing these services directly or working with and in support of other agencies.

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The charity's purpose and aims as set out in the objects contained in the company's constitution are:

To promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of people from the Somali and Eastern African communities, in particular but not exclusively by:

- To protect and preserve public health, particularly by the provision of advice to members of the Somali community in Enfield.
- To relieve the aged and the disabled.
- To provide recreational facilities in the interests of social welfare for the persons resident in Enfield, particularly persons of Somali origin with the object of improving the condition of life for such persons.
- The advancement of education of pupils, particularly those who are of Somali origin, at schools in Enfield, in particular by providing or assisting in the provision of supplementary classes.

Strategic priorities

The trustees of the Enfield Somali Community Association set the following priorities for:

- **Ensure that people get the help they need;** we will offer a range of options for people to contact us to get the support they need.
- **Increase outreach services, particularly for vulnerable members of the community;** we will be serving more disadvantaged and vulnerable people, in Enfield and across London remotely, with drop-in and by appointments, befriending, dementia and mental services.
- **Improve volunteering offer and numbers;** we will increase the number of people actively volunteering with us and they will be undertaking a wider range of roles.
- We will also increase awareness of our work to reach out to more local people and to promote the positive contribution volunteers can make to their community
- **Improve our visibility;** we want to ensure that more people know what services we offer, our volunteering roles and other opportunities.
- **Build stronger partnerships;** we will be actively seeking working with local Voluntary and Community organisations, and mainstream agencies.
- **Have sustainable income for the next few years;** we will diversify our funding sources to secure income which pays for our core services and ensure our sustainability.
- **Improve the quality of our monitoring and evaluation;** we will ensure that every contact is counted and that we can see the clients' journeys through the services we offer.
- We will be part of the fight to address climate change

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Resilience

In order to achieve the above we need to be resilient. We will improve our resilience by:

- Strengthening our financial position;
- Strengthening our ICT infrastructure and
- Investing in the leadership and governance of the organisation

Achievements

The impact of the CV-19 pandemic was still significant for SECCA during 2021-22 and the organisation had to continue to adapt to the changing environment. Services were able to be re-established during the period as restrictions eased, however, we continue to witness an increasing demand for our services. We monitored and mitigated the impact on services very closely to ensure that we were able to deliver services in the safest possible way which took the safety of our staff, volunteers and clients as a priority.

Our clients were able to access our services and support when required. We supported our clients via Telephone, email, WhatsApp, teleconference, zoom and face to face when possible with strict CV-19 safe protocols.

In addition to clients receiving advice and practical support people were helped over the phone with general information and signposting.

More than 3,000 people were helped by our projects and services.

The following services and projects were provided during the year:

- General advice through initial telephone assessment followed by a call-back with specific advice
- Welfare Benefit advice and casework, especially for vulnerable people
- Provided support to clients making initial Universal Credit Claim and personal budgeting.
- Assisted Digital Service & EU Settlement Scheme practical support
- Energy advice for individuals and groups including help to find the best tariff and information on how to switch, energy efficiency advice (funded by National Citizens Advice)
- Befriending project for people who are elderly, housebound or shielding during the pandemic to connect the outside world and have companionship
- Increased capacity in our befriending service – offering more older people telephone and virtual companionship
- Census Support centre: We continued providing Census 2021 support
- Dementia and Mental Health Project raising awareness within the community of issues around dementia and mental health issues and tackling stigma
- Recruited and trained new volunteers to take on different roles within the organization (with 3 volunteers moving on to secure paid employment)
- We have revamped our website with an entirely new look to improve the overall experience.
- Continued to digitally up skill our staff and volunteers and increase our capacity
- Adapted services to make them CV-19 compliant and aim to reach more people digitally We have taken advice on Covid safety and made adaptations to our office and to our services where necessary and we will continue to offer both digital and face to face options so people have the choice on how to engage with us.
- Distributed 15 tablets and mobile phones with data to tackle digital exclusion.
- Shopping and prescription collection and delivery for the Housebound and the elderly where possible

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Client satisfaction

The overwhelming feedback we receive from our service users compliments our staff and volunteers on the service they have given.

Our service user survey shows positive client experience:

- 95% of our clients saying they would recommend us to someone else.
- 80% of clients said the service was easy to access
- 70% said their problem had been resolved.

Our clients can have confidence that the service they receive is of a consistently high quality.

Partnerships and Collaboration

We work closely and complement our various partners to support each other, share best practice, avoid duplication and refer clients to one another where appropriate. As a locally recognised and trusted organisation, our services are frequently the gateway that clients take to access other services or to receive the support they need directly from us when we can provide it.

Future Plans

The impact of the CV-19 pandemic, the cost of living and the energy crisis was still significant for SECCA during 2021-22 and the organisation had to continue to adapt to the changing environment. Enfield Somali Community Association aims to raise sufficient funding in future to enable the organization to deliver services responsive to the needs of the local community. We will continue volunteer recruitment whose contributions delivery of our services depend.

Ensure our systems, infrastructure and investment can support our growth and make SECCA a rewarding place to work and volunteer.

Diversify funding sources and increase collaboration and partnership.

Tackle mental health and dementia in the community provide more support and opportunity for sufferers, carers and their families.

Ensure to sustain key experienced senior management.

We thank all our Funders:

The Trustees of SECCA would like to thank all of those who have given funding or donated to SECCA in the last financial year. Our principal funders have been:

- City Bridge Trust
- The National Lottery
- The Good Things Foundation
- National Citizens advice
- We are Digital
- Refugee Council
- And the individual donors

ENFIELD SOMALI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (SECCA)
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For the year ended 31 March 2022

Financial Review

SECCA main funding sources are grants, donations and members contributions

Reserves policy and going concern

The Board has assessed the charity's requirements for reserves in the light of the main risks to the organisation. As a result, the Board has approved a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed, should be held in reserve and maintained at a level which ensures that SECCA's core activity could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty. The target reserve amount represents at least 3 months' expenditure and will be reviewed annually.

Risk management

The Board carries out a review of major risks to which the Charity is exposed and has an established risk register which is updated at least once a year. Therefore, there are systems and procedures to mitigate risks faced by the Charity in the course of routine operations.

The major risks to which the charity is subject have been identified by the trustees with mitigating actions.

- **We may not achieve the same level of grant funding or donations as in previous years** – We are making an increased number of grant applications. Our improved financial stability should increase our funders' faith in our ability to deliver on our promises.
- **The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our staff and volunteers.**
We have mitigated the potential negative impact of working through a pandemic and supporting staff and volunteers throughout by a range of measures. We are working to safeguard the continued wellbeing of staff by creating a COVID-19 specific business continuity plan and carrying out an office risk assessment and individual risk assessments for all staff members
 - **Service demands** – The demand for our services has increased since the beginning of the pandemic. This has resulted in additional pressures on our projects and workforce and a long waiting period - to meet the increased demands additional funding to be sourced.

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Governance, Structure and Management

Enfield Somali Community Association is a small charitable company set up to improve the conditions of life of recent Somali and other Eastern African immigrant families to the UK.

Appointment and retirement of trustees is in accordance with the constitution which requires that appointment and retirement should be by ordinary resolution. All trustees give their time voluntarily and received no benefits from the charity.

The overall management of finance is the responsibility of all the Trustees acting on the recommendations of the Chairman, the Treasurer and the advice of the Co-ordinator. The Trustees form the Management Committee who meets regularly to oversee the running of the organisation.

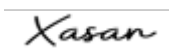
The Trustees have undertaken a range of organisational development training in financial management, service delivery and governance, including the 7 principles of the Good Governance: Code for the Voluntary and Community Sector as a framework for improving its governance.

Trustees and their responsibilities

Charity trustees are the people who serve on the governing body of a charity. They may be known as trustees, directors, board members, governors or committee members. The principles and main duties are the same in all cases. Trustees have, and must accept, ultimate responsibility for directing the affairs of a charity, and ensuring that it is solvent, well-run, and meeting the needs for which it has been set up.

Signed on behalf of the trustees & Management committee by:

Signed:



Date: 31/01/2023

Xasan D Xasan
Chair

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
ENFIELD SOMALI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (SECCA)**

For the year ended 31 March 2022

I report on the accounts of the company for the period ended 31 March 2022, which are set out on pages 11 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purpose of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no other matter except that referred to in the above paragraphs, has come to my attention:

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- (2) 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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Date: 31 January 2023

ENFIELD SOMALI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (SECCA)
Statement of Financial Activities
(Including income and expenditure account)
31 March 2022

Incoming Resources	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted	TOTAL Funds 2022	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL Funds 2021
Donation and Legacies	2	7,000	61,732	68,732	5,000	105,866	110,866
Total Income		7,000 =====	61,732 =====	68,732 =====	5,000 =====	105,866 =====	110,866 =====
Expenditure on:	3						
Charitable activities		1,041	77,307	78,348	2,577	79,636	82,213
Total expenditure		1,041 =====	77,307 =====	78,348 =====	2,577 =====	79,636 =====	82,213 =====
Net Income & net movement in funds		5,959	(15,575)	(9,616)	2,423	26,230	28,653
Reconciliation of fund:							
Total funds brought forward		2,573	32,564	35,137	150	6,334	6,484
Total funds carried forward		8,532 =====	16,989 =====	25,521 =====	2,573 =====	32,564 =====	35,137 =====

TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

The Charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the net movement in funds for the above period.

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

The notes on pages 13 to 17 form part of these accounts.

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BALANCE SHEET					
AS AT 31 MARCH 2022					
FIXED ASSETS	Note		2022		2021
		£		£	£
Office Equipment	8			8,309	10,386
Debtors	9				
Cash at Bank			27,676		37,292
Cash in hand					
Total Current Assets			27,676		37,292
Creditors and Accruals	10		(10,464)		(12,541)
Net Current Assets				17,212	24,751
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Total Funds				25,521	35,137
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These accounts were approved by the Board of Directors and Trustees on 31 January 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

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ENFIELD SOMALI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (SECCA)
Notes to the Accounts
For the year ended 31 March 2022

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Furniture, Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment - 20% on reducing line basis.

ENFIELD SOMALI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (SECCA)**Notes to the Accounts****For the year ended 31 March 2022****2. Income from donations and legacies**

Grants, donations, and legacies:	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Donation and Voluntary contribution	-	-	-	-
National Lottery - London Response Fund	-	37,389	37,389	54,952
City Bridge Trust	-			25,440
Good Things Foundation		5,880	5,880	11,874
National Citizens Advice	-	17,963	17,963	13,000
British Refugee Council	-	500	500	600
London Borough of Enfield	5,000	-	5,000	5,000
We are Digital	2,000	-	2,000	-
TOTAL Income	7,000 =====	61,732 =====	68,732 =====	110,866 =====

Year ended 31 March 2022

3. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Fund type:

Charitable activities & Support Cost	Un-restricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Un-restricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Salary & NIC	441	57,552	57,993	481	32,103	32,584
Rent & Rates	-	10,000	10,000	-	10,000	10,000
Telephone, Internet, Website, Media		1,434	1,434	1,103	1,951	3,054
Staff & Volunteer Training	-	-	-	93	3,857	3,950
Insurance	-	199	199	-	199	199
Office & Other running cost	-	-	-	300	500	800
Audit, Bookkeeping	600	500	1,100	600	500	1,100
Project Activities	-	7,622	7,622	-	12,974	12,974
Membership/Compliance		-	-		2,705	2,705
Organisational Development	-	-	-	-	2,000	2,000
Volunteer Expenses	-	-	-	-	10,250	10,250
Depreciation	-			-	2,597	2,597
Total	1,041 =====	77,307 =====	78,348 =====	2,577 =====	79,636 =====	82,213 =====

4. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Activity type:

Charitable activities & Support Cost	Services	Governance	Fund raising	Total Funds 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Property Costs	10,000	-	-	10,000	10,000
Depreciation	2,077	-	-	2,077	2,597
Direct Costs	63,538	1,100	-	64,638	65,016
Other indirect Costs	1,633	-	-	1,633	4,600
Total	77,248 =====	1,100 =====	- =====	78,348 =====	82,213 =====

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5. TRUSTEES EXPENSIS

No expenses are paid to Trustees.

No employee earned more than £60,000 during the year (2021: nil).

6. Related party transactions

There are no related party transactions to disclose for 2022 (2021: none) There are no donations from related parties which are outside the normal course of business and no restricted donations from related parties.

7. Taxation

The charitable company is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

8. Fixed Assets

	Computer Equipment	Total
	£	£
Cost		
At 1 April 2021	12,983	12,983
Additions	-	-
At 31 March 2022	12,983	12,983
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2021	2,597	2,597
Charge this period	2,077	2,077
At 31 March 2022	4,674	4,674
Net book value		
At 31 March 2022	8,309	8,309
At 31 March 2021	10,386	10,386

9. Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Total Debtors	0	0

10. Creditors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade Creditors	9,964	11,684
HMRC	-	357
Independent examination	500	500
Total Creditors	10,464 =====	12,541 =====

Accruals: Provision for Accountancy fees.

11. Analysis of charitable Funds:

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds	Total Fund 2021
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets Restricted	-	8,309	8,309
Net Current assets	1,041	16,171	17,212
Net Assets	1,041 =====	24,480 =====	25,521 =====

Benefits in kind

There were no benefits in kind in the period.

Independent examination and accountancy services

During the period, the cost of the examination was £500.

Glossary of terms

Restricted funds: These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.

Creditors These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

Debtors: These are amounts owed to the charity, but not received in the accounting period.

Prepayments: These are services that the charity has paid for in advance, but not used during the accounting period.

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ENFIELD SOMALI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (SECCA)



Trustees Report and
financial statements
For the year ended 31 March 2021

Independent Examiner:

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Enfield Somali Community Association
Reference and administrative details
For the year ended 31 March 2021

Status:	Enfield Somali Community Association (SECCA) is Registered Charity. SECCA was first established in 1989 and registered with the Charity Commission on 17 December 2007
Charity number:	1122016
Registered office address:	Community House, 311 Fore Street, London, N9 0PZ
Country of registration:	England & Wales
Trustees:	Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows: Mr Xasan D.Xasan - Chairman Mr Mohamed Hersi - Trustee Mr Salaado H.Hassan - Trustee Mr Omar M Abdi - Trustee Mr Cabaas Yusuf – Trustee
Independent Examiner	Md Iqbal Hossain ACCA B K Community Accountant Arches 420-421 Burdett Road London E3 4AA
Bankers	BARCLAYS BANK PLC 4-6 South Mall Edmonton Green N9 0TN

ENFIELD SOMALI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (SECCA)
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31 March 2021

TRUSTEES REPORT

Enfield Somali Community Association's trustees are pleased to present their annual report and independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2021. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005) (Accounting Standards Charities Act 2011).

The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the Charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the Charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), 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).

Background

For about 33 years, SECCA has provided services and practical support to the most vulnerable and isolated people in Enfield and across London. As a charity, we are trusted by both the local community and stakeholders to deliver those services in a way that makes the greatest impact on the people who need them most.

Our beneficiaries are mainly from the most disadvantaged and hard to reach members of the local community, mainly of Somali heritage in Enfield and surrounding areas, the EU, EEA or Swiss Citizens who want to continue living and working in the UK after 30th June 2021, who are marginalized and unable to access mainstream services because of language and cultural barriers, age and disability. This included refugees, single parent families, children, the elderly, people with a learning disability, homeless people, and volunteers. Our services were also open to the wider members of the local communities regardless of background.

Our services are culturally sensitive, flexible and committed to working with a person-centred approach. This has made other agencies and organizations to fall back on us to engage and provide services to the community. This year the need for our services has increased as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and we supported over 3500 people.

Our Aims and Objectives

SECCA aims to provide accessible and holistic advice and services for the people of Enfield and surrounding areas. The advice service is free, confidential, impartial and independent. The charity provides information and advice on individual's rights and responsibilities empowering those who can to help themselves to resolve issues and supporting those who need more help.

It also aims to identify local need for specialist advice services and to meet this need by providing these services directly or working with and in support of other agencies.

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The charity's purpose and aims as set out in the objects contained in the company's constitution are:

To promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of people from the Somali and Eastern African communities, in particular but not exclusively by:

- To protect and preserve public health, particularly by the provision of advice to members of the Somali community in Enfield.
- To relieve the aged and the disabled.
- To provide recreational facilities in the interests of social welfare for the persons resident in Enfield, particularly persons of Somali origin with the object of improving the condition of life for such persons.
- The advancement of education of pupils, particularly those who are of Somali origin, at schools in Enfield, in particular by providing or assisting in the provision of supplementary classes.

Strategic priorities

The trustees of the Enfield Somali Community Association set the following priorities for:

- **Ensure that people get the help they need;** we will offer a range of options for people to contact us during the pandemic and beyond.
- **Increase outreach services, particularly for vulnerable members of the community;** we will be serving more disadvantaged and vulnerable people, in Enfield and across London remotely, with drop-in and by appointments, befriending, dementia and mental services.
- **Become Debt Advice Agency;** We are training staff and volunteers to become debt advisers and will register with the FCA.
- **Improve volunteering offer and numbers;** we will increase the number of people actively volunteering with us and they will be undertaking a wider range of roles.
- **Improve our visibility;** we want to ensure that more people know what services we offer, our volunteering roles and other opportunities.
- **Build stronger partnerships;** we will be actively seeking working with local Voluntary and Community organisations, and mainstream agencies.
- **Have sustainable income for the next few years;** we will diversify our funding sources to secure income which pays for our core services and ensure our sustainability.
- **Improve the quality of our monitoring and evaluation;** we will ensure that every contact is counted and that we can see the clients' journeys through the services we offer.

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Resilience

In order to achieve the above we need to be resilient. We will improve our resilience by:

- Strengthening our financial position;
- Strengthening our ICT infrastructure and
- Investing in the leadership and governance of the organisation

Achievements

Throughout the Pandemic, we adapted our services to ensure our clients were still able to access our services and support when required. We supported our clients via Telephone, email, WhatsApp, teleconference, zoom and face to face when possible with strict CV-19 safe protocols.

In addition to clients receiving advice and practical support people were helped over the phone with general information and signposting.

More than 3,500 people were helped by our projects and services.

The following services and projects were provided during the year:

- General advice through initial telephone assessment followed by a call-back with specific advice
- Welfare Benefit advice and casework, especially for vulnerable people
- Provided support to clients making initial Universal Credit Claim and personal budgeting.
- Assisted Digital Service & EU Settlement Scheme practical support
- Energy advice for individuals and groups including help to find the best tariff and information on how to switch, energy efficiency advice (funded by National Citizens Advice)
- Befriending project for people who are elderly, housebound or shielding during the pandemic to connect the outside world and have companionship
- Increased capacity in our befriending service – offering more older people telephone and virtual companionship
- Census Support centre: We become Census 2021 support
- Dementia and Mental Health Project raising awareness within the community of issues around dementia and mental health issues and tackling stigma
- Recruited and trained new volunteers to take on different roles within the organization (with 5 volunteers moving on to secure paid employment)
- We have revamped our website with an entirely new look to improve the overall experience.
- Digitally upskilled our staff and volunteers and increased our capacity
- Adapted services to make them CV-19 compliant and aim to reach more people digitally We have taken advice on Covid safety and made adaptations to our office and to our services where necessary and we will continue to offer both digital and face to face options so people have the choice on how to engage with us.
- Distributed 40 tablets and mobile phones with data.
- Shopping and prescription collection and delivery for the Housebound and the elderly during the height of the pandemic.

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Client satisfaction

The overwhelming feedback we receive from our service users compliments our staff and volunteers on the service they have given.

Our service user survey shows positive client experience:

- 95% of our clients saying they would recommend us to someone else.
- 85% of clients said the service was easy to access
- 75% said their problem had been resolved.

Our clients can have confidence that the service they receive is of a consistently high quality.

Partnerships and Collaboration

We work closely and complement our various partners to support each other, share best practice, avoid duplication and refer clients to one another where appropriate. As a locally recognised and trusted organisation, our services are frequently the gateway that clients take to access other services or to receive the support they need directly from us when we can provide it.

Future Plans

Enfield Somali Community Association aims to raise sufficient funding in future to enable the organization to deliver services being requested by the community. We will continue volunteer recruitment whose contributions delivery of our services depend.

Ensure our systems, infrastructure and investment can support our growth and make SECCA a rewarding place to work and volunteer.

Diversify funding sources and increase collaboration and partnership.

Tackle mental health and dementia in the community provide more support and opportunity for sufferers, carers and their families.

Ensure to sustain key experienced senior management.

We thank all our Funders:

The Trustees of SECCA would like to thank all of those who have given funding or donated to SECCA in the last financial year. Our principal funders have been:

- City Bridge Trust
- The National Lottery
- The Good Things Foundation
- National Citizens advice
- We are Digital
- Refugee Council

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Financial Review

SECCA main funding sources are grants, donations and members contributions

Reserves policy and going concern

The Board has assessed the charity's requirements for reserves in the light of the main risks to the organisation. As a result, the Board has approved a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed, should be held in reserve and maintained at a level which ensures that SECCA's core activity could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty. The target reserve amount represents at least 3 months' expenditure and will be reviewed annually.

Risk management

The Board carries out a review of major risks to which the Charity is exposed and has an established risk register which is updated at least once a year. Therefore, there are systems and procedures to mitigate risks faced by the Charity in the course of routine operations.

The major risks to which the charity is subject have been identified by the trustees with mitigating actions.

- **We may not achieve the same level of grant funding or donations as in previous years** – We are making an increased number of grant applications. Our improved financial stability should increase our funders' faith in our ability to deliver on our promises.
- **The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our staff and volunteers.**
We have mitigated the potential negative impact of working through a pandemic and supporting staff and volunteers throughout by a range of measures. We are working to safeguard the continued wellbeing of staff by creating a COVID-19 specific business continuity plan and carrying out an office risk assessment and individual risk assessments for all staff members
 - **Service demands** – The demand for our services has increased since the beginning of the pandemic. This has resulted in additional pressures on our projects and workforce and a long waiting period - to meet the increased demands additional funding to be sourced.

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Governance, Structure and Management

Enfield Somali Community Association is a small charitable company set up to improve the conditions of life of recent Somali and other Eastern African immigrant families to the UK.

Appointment and retirement of trustees is in accordance with the constitution which requires that appointment and retirement should be by ordinary resolution. All trustees give their time voluntarily and received no benefits from the charity.

The overall management of finance is the responsibility of all the Trustees acting on the recommendations of the Chairman, the Treasurer and the advice of the Co-ordinator. The Trustees form the Management Committee who meets regularly to oversee the running of the organisation.

The Trustees have undertaken a range of organisational development training in financial management, service delivery and governance, including the 7 principles of the Good Governance: Code for the Voluntary and Community Sector as a framework for improving its governance.

Trustees and their responsibilities

Charity trustees are the people who serve on the governing body of a charity. They may be known as trustees, directors, board members, governors or committee members. The principles and main duties are the same in all cases. Trustees have, and must accept, ultimate responsibility for directing the affairs of a charity, and ensuring that it is solvent, well-run, and meeting the needs for which it has been set up.

Signed on behalf of the trustees & Management committee by:

Signed:

Xasan

Date: 31/01/2022

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Chair

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
ENFIELD SOMALI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (SECCA)**

For the year ended 31 March 2021

I report on the accounts of the company for the period ended 31 March 2021, which are set out on pages 11 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purpose of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no other matter except that referred to in the above paragraphs, has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Md Iqbal Hossain MBA, ACCA
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Date: 31 January 2022

ENFIELD SOMALI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (SECCA) Statement of Financial Activities (Including income and expenditure account) 31 March 2021							
Incoming Resources	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted	TOTAL Funds 2021	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL Funds 2020
Donation and Legacies	2	5,000	105,866	110,866	19,827	11,600	31,427
Total Income		5,000 =====	105,866 =====	110,866 =====	19,827 =====	11,600 =====	31,427 =====
Expenditure on:	3						
Charitable activities		2,577	79,636	82,213	15,204	10,275	25,479
Total expenditure		2,577 =====	79,636 =====	82,213 =====	20,824 =====	7,232 =====	28,056 =====
Net Income & net movement in funds		2,423	26,230	28,653	(997)	4,368	3,371
Reconciliation of fund:							
Total funds brought forward		150	6,334	6,484	1,147	1,966	3,113
Total funds carried forward		2,573 =====	32,564 =====	35,137 =====	150 =====	6,334 =====	6,484 =====

TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

The Charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the net movement in funds for the above period.

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

The notes on pages 13 to 17 form part of these accounts.

ENFIELD SOMALI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (SECCA)					
BALANCE SHEET					
AS AT 31 MARCH 2021					
FIXED ASSETS	Note		2021		2020
		£		£	£
Office Equipment	8			10,386	-
Debtors	9				
Cash at Bank			37,292		18,291
Cash in hand					
Total Current Assets			37,292		18,291
Creditors and Accruals	10		(12,541)		11,807
Net Current Assets				24,751	6,484
Net Assets				35,137	6,484
				=====	=====
Unrestricted Funds	11			2,573	150
Restricted Funds	11			32,564	6,334
Total Funds				35,137	6,484
				=====	=====

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and that members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act. The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies' subject to the small companies' regime.

These accounts were approved by the Board of Directors and Trustees on 31 January 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

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Xasan D Xasan

Chair

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The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year.

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ENFIELD SOMALI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (SECCA)**Notes to the Accounts****For the year ended 31 March 2021****2. Income from donations and legacies**

Grants, donations, and legacies:	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Donation and Voluntary contribution	-	-	-	14,002
National Lottery - London Response Fund	-	54,952	54,952	-
City Bridge Trust	-	25,440	25,440	-
Good Things Foundation		11,874	11,874	-
National Citizens Advice	-	13,000	13,000	9,000
British Refugee Council	-	600	600	600
London Sustainability Grant	-	-	-	2,000
London Borough of Enfield	5,000	-	5,000	-
We are digital	-	-	-	5,825
TOTAL Income	5,000 =====	105,866 =====	110,866 =====	31,427 =====

Notes to the financial statements (continuing)

Year ended 31 March 2021

3. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Fund type:

Charitable activities & Support Cost	Un-restricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Un-restricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Salary & NIC	481	32,103	32,584	3,728	3,340	7,068
Rent & Rates	-	10,000	10,000	4,622	-	4,622
Telephone, Internet, Website, Media	1,103	1,951	3,054	386	-	386
Staff & Volunteer Training	93	3,857	3,950	457	-	457
Refreshments	-	-	-	797	-	797
Insurance	-	199	199	-	116	116
Office & Other running cost	300	500	800	1,376	161	1,537
Meeting expenses	-	-	-	544	-	544
Audit, Bookkeeping	600	500	1,100	250	-	250
Training	-	-	-	532	120	652
Project Activities	-	12,974	12,974	4,350	2,252	6,602
Venue and room hire	-	-	-	1,865	1,243	3,108
Membership/Compliance		2,705	2,705	-	-	-
Organisational Development	-	2,000	2,000			
Volunteer Expenses	-	10,250	10,250	1,749	-	1,749
Repair & Maintenance	-	-	-	168	-	168
Depreciation	-	2,597	2,597	-	-	-
Total	2,577 =====	79,636 =====	82,213 =====	20,824 =====	7,232 =====	28,056 =====

4. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Activity type:

Charitable activities & Support Cost	Services	Governance	Fund raising	Total Funds 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Property Costs	10,000	-	-	10,000	10,000
Depreciation	2,597	-	-	2,597	-
Direct Costs	63,916	1,100	-	65,016	17,425
Other indirect Costs	4,600	-	-	4,600	629
Total	81,113 =====	1,100 =====	- =====	82,213 =====	28,056 =====

Notes to the financial statements (continuing)

Year ended 31 March 2021

5. TRUSTEES EXPENSIS

No expenses are paid to Trustees.

No employee earned more than £60,000 during the year (2021: nil).

6. Related party transactions

There are no related party transactions to disclose for 2021 (2021: none) There are no donations from related parties which are outside the normal course of business and no restricted donations from related parties.

7. Taxation

The charitable company is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

8. Fixed Assets

	Computer Equipment	Total
	£	£
Cost		
At 1 April 2020	-	-
Additions	12,983	12,983
At 31 March 2021	12,983	12,983
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2020	-	-
Charge this period	2,597	2,597
At 31 March 2021	2,597	2,597
Net book value		
At 31 March 2021	10,386	10,386
At 31 March 2020	-	-

9. Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Total Debtors	0	0

10. Creditors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade Creditors	11,684	11,557
HMRC	357	-
Independent examination	500	250
Total Creditors	12,541 =====	11,807 =====

Accruals: Provision for Accountancy fees.

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Analysis of charitable Funds:

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds	Total Fund 2021
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets Restricted	-	10,386	10,386
Net Current assets	2,573	22,178	24,751
Net Assets	2,573 =====	32,564 =====	35,137 =====

Benefits in kind

There were no benefits in kind in the period.

Independent examination and accountancy services

During the period, the cost of the examination was £500.

Glossary of terms

Restricted funds: These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.

Creditors These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

Debtors: These are amounts owed to the charity, but not received in the accounting period.

Prepayments: These are services that the charity has paid for in advance, but not used during the accounting period.