

EAST LONDON MOSQUE TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1122613

Details

Other names	THE EAST LONDON MOSQUE TRUST LIMITED
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Status	Registered
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Legal form	Charitable company
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Company number	00468317
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Registered	2008-02-05
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Register	View on the Charity Commission register
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Activities

Objects: 1 ADVANCE THE ISLAMIC FAITH FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC BY MAINTAINING AND MANAGING A COMMUNITY CENTRE AND MOSQUE IN LONDON.2 ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND IN PARTICULAR THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY.3 PROMOTE SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS MAY FROM TIME TO TIME BE DETERMINED.

Activities: The East London Mosque Trust provides a range of spiritual and community services that improve the quality of life of beneficiaries visiting or residing in London. Our activities are divided into the following: Religious Services, Education and Training, Social Welfare, Community Cohesion, and Economic Development.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Religious Activities, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LONDON
- Tower Hamlets

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£6,566,521	£5,094,980	£39,230,049	123
2024-03-31	£5,597,271	£4,959,596	£37,769,197	123
2023-03-31	£5,111,762	£4,388,641	£37,134,522	129
2022-03-31	£4,394,002	£3,580,387	£37,365,081	124
2021-03-31	£4,376,789	£3,366,251	£36,551,467	121

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr ABDUL HAYEE MURSHAD	Chair	2015-09-19
Abunur Muslehuddin Faradhi		2025-11-29
Dr Abdullah Faliq		2021-10-23
Dr Mahera Ruby		2015-12-02
Harun Rashid Khan		2021-10-23
Hassan Kausar Ahmed		2023-09-02
Ibrahim Ian Thompson		2023-09-20
Mohammed Abdul Malik		2023-09-02
SIRAJUL ISLAM		2023-09-02
SYED TOHEL AHMED		2021-10-23
Salma Siddiqua		2021-10-23

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Accounts

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT, STRATEGIC REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

ABACUS PARTNERS (LDN) LLP

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CORPORATE DETAILS

Registered Name	East London Mosque Trust
Working Names	East London Mosque & London Muslim Centre
Company Number	00468317
Charity Number	1122613
Trustees (Directors)	Abdul-Hayee Murshad – <i>Chairman</i> Harun Rashid Khan – <i>Vice Chairman</i> Sirajul Islam (Hira) – <i>Honorary Secretary</i> Syed Tohel Ahmed – <i>Treasurer</i> Abdullah Faliq Hassan Kausar Ahmed Ibrahim Ian Thompson Mahera Ruby Mohammed Abdul Malik Rahela Choudhury Salma Siddiqua
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Main Bankers	HSBC, 1-3 Bishopsgate, London EC2N 3AQ Al Rayan Bank, 24A Calthorpe Road, Birmingham B15 1RP Barclays Bank Plc, Leicester LE87 2BB
Solicitors	Lee Bolton Monier-Williams Solicitors, 1 The Sanctuary, London SW1P 3JT

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

OBJECTS AND PUBLIC BENEFIT

The objects of the East London Mosque Trust ('Trust', 'ELMT' or 'ELM'), as set out in its Articles of Association, are to:

1. advance the Islamic faith for the benefit of the public by maintaining and managing a community centre and mosque in London;
2. advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the general public, and in particular the Muslim community, and;
3. promote such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.

In pursuance of these objects, the Trust hosts a range of services and activities for the benefit of the public.

ACTIVITIES

Over the past year the Trust has widened its community role while maintaining a strong focus on worship, education, outreach and welfare. The mosque remained a busy, welcoming centre seven days a week, with Friday congregations drawing almost 10,000 worshippers and a steady flow of attendees for daily prayers. Friday sermons continued in English and Bangla and is delivered by resident and guest Imams on themes such as social justice, personal responsibility and community cohesion.

Accessibility remains a priority. We provide British Sign Language (BSL) interpretation during Friday prayers and on Eid. Our digital platforms further extend the Mosque's reach beyond the buildings, offering prayer times, live and archived broadcasts, and a wide range of learning resources to the community.

Charitable activity remained central to mosque life. The Trust regularly hosted external collections for UK-registered charities alongside its own fundraising campaigns. Over the year, the Trust facilitated religious services including Islamic marriage ceremonies, declaration of Islamic faith, and vaccination clinics. The Refugee Community Hub also continued to provide vital assistance to families and individuals, reflecting our commitment to supporting those most in need.

Education remained a priority. Our two schools, Al-Mizan Primary School and London East Academy (LEA), reported strong progress and positive Ofsted feedback.

Community engagement remained active, including participation in the national Visit My Mosque initiative, which welcomed visitors from diverse backgrounds for exhibitions, children's learning activities and environmental displays, such as the live beehive. ELMT also hosted several large Christian delegations representing different churches in the USA. Within the UK the Trust has also built strong relations with St Paul's Cathedral.

Major estates projects also advanced. During Ramadan 2025 the Phase 3 prayer halls opened permanently, adding capacity for an additional 1,000 worshippers, with full completion expected by October 2025. The dome replacement remains a priority; rising construction costs have delayed delivery, and fundraising continues while interim measures are explored to ensure safety, preserve heritage and enhance appearance.

Volunteering

Volunteers continue to be central to the Mosque's work - supporting worshippers, assisting visitors, and helping deliver services safely and with care. Throughout the year they stewarded large congregations, supported charity collections, and assisted at major events, especially during Ramadan and Eid, when activity is at its peak.

During Ramadan, volunteers played a crucial role in managing large congregations, coordinating iftar (the breaking of the fast) services, and supporting the smooth running of activities both on site and abroad. They also assisted with external charity collections and prepared food packs for local families in need, ensuring that support reached the most vulnerable.

STRATEGIC REPORT

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Trust measures performance through a balanced approach that looks beyond headline numbers. We combine feedback from worshippers and service users with delivery against fundraising goals, programme outputs, and educational aims, alongside assessments of digital reach, estate management, safeguarding and compliance. This evidence is used to guide decisions, improve services, and ensure resources are used responsibly.

Religious Projects and Services

Prayer Facilities

Open every day, the Trust hosts consistently high attendance for the five daily prayers. The numbers rise significantly during the Friday prayers, when the Trust accommodates up to 10,000 worshippers and during the month of Ramadan, when the Mosque is at its busiest. Friday khutbahs (sermons) were delivered by resident Imams. The Trust also welcomed guest Imams to deliver sermons, strengthening our connection with the wider scholarly community. Our reach extended beyond the premises of the mosque through broadcasts on various media platforms.

British Sign Language interpretation for Friday and Eid khutbahs is provided by Al Isharah. It is displayed on screens throughout the Mosque complex. The khutbahs are also made available on YouTube and Facebook, with audio available on our local digital radios, as well as through global platforms such as Mixlr and Alexa.

Religious Teaching

Daily religious lectures were delivered in the main hall and remained open to both men and women. Topics ranged from Qur'anic commentary and hadith studies to practical guidance on worship, ethics, and community life. To reach a wider audience, these sessions were also streamed online, allowing those unable to attend in person to benefit from the teaching.

Ramadan & Eid

Ramadan 2025 saw exceptionally high participation across all aspects of worship and community life. Thousands joined daily prayers, with particularly large congregations for Tarawih and in the last ten nights, when over 33,000 worshippers attended Tahajjud (late-night prayer), including more than 14,000 on Laylat al-Qadr (the Night of Power - one of the most sacred nights in the Islamic calendar). More than 30,000 iftar meals were served on site, with a further 10,000 meals distributed abroad, while Zakat al-Fitr collections supported those in need locally and overseas. Itikaf (a spiritual retreat at the Mosque) at ELM remains in exceptionally high demand, with hundreds applying for a limited number of places each year, highlighting its special role in the Mosque's Ramadan programme.

Funerals

Funeral prayers (Janazah) were facilitated throughout the year - often several in one session, typically after the Dhuhr (afternoon) prayer. A total of 512 funerals were held in the period. The majority were organised by the resident independent funeral service, Taslim Funerals, with a smaller number managed by other providers.

On average three funeral service a week, an additional 156 a year, is conducted at the Trust by six different providers, excluding Taslim Funeral services.

Compulsory and Other Education

The Trust provides full-time and part-time education.

Al-Mizan School & London East Academy

Our two schools - Al-Mizan Primary School and London East Academy (LEA) - continued to make steady progress this year, with a strong emphasis on academic standards, pastoral care, and personal development. Both schools are

led under a single Headteacher and overseen by one governing body (a committee of ELMT), ensuring consistent leadership and shared standards across phases.

Both schools report positive Ofsted feedback and continued improvement in behaviour, attitudes, and personal development.

Academic Outcomes

2025 has been a record year for London East Academy, with pupils achieving some of the strongest GCSE results in the school's history.

- 62% of pupils achieved Grade 5 or above in five subjects including English and Maths (up from 47% in 2024, above the national figure of 52%).
- 93% achieved at least Grade 4 in five or more subjects (compared to 67% nationally).
- Performance in English and Maths was particularly strong, with 67% achieving Grade 5 or above (up from 50% in 2024, and above the national outcome).
- The proportion achieving top grades (7+) rose from 13% in 2024 to 21% in 2025, matching national figures.

These results highlight consistent strength in English, Maths, and Arabic, alongside notable improvements in Science, Computing, History, and Religious Studies. Pupils have shown outstanding commitment to both their academic studies and their Tahfiz (memorisation of the Qur'an) and Islamic education.

Al-Mizan Primary School has also maintained a strong focus on standards, with SATs outcomes continuing to compare favourably with national results.

Supplementary Education

The Trust's Evening Madrasah continued to provide structured after-school learning with strong demand. Enrolment stands at 120, against a capacity of 135. A 10th classroom is scheduled to open in September 2025, and Open Days were held on 27–28 August 2025 for parents and learners. Teaching focuses on Qur'an, core beliefs and practices, and character development in a safe, well-supervised environment.

ELMT also supports several supplementary education projects within the complex, including Rainbow House, Saturday Islamic School, the Horn of Africa Development Association (HADA), and Al Qalam Madrasah, providing space, coordination and safeguarding oversight so these initiatives can operate safely and effectively.

Social Welfare

The Trust provides a range of welfare services directly and through supported projects.

Religious Advice and Support

Resident imams provide guidance on marriage, inheritance, family matters and other religious issues. Demand is high, so appointments are managed through a weekday booking system, with urgent slots held back for priority cases; advice is also available by telephone. In addition, the Imams conducted 357 Islamic marriages (Nikah) during the year up from 234 in the previous year.

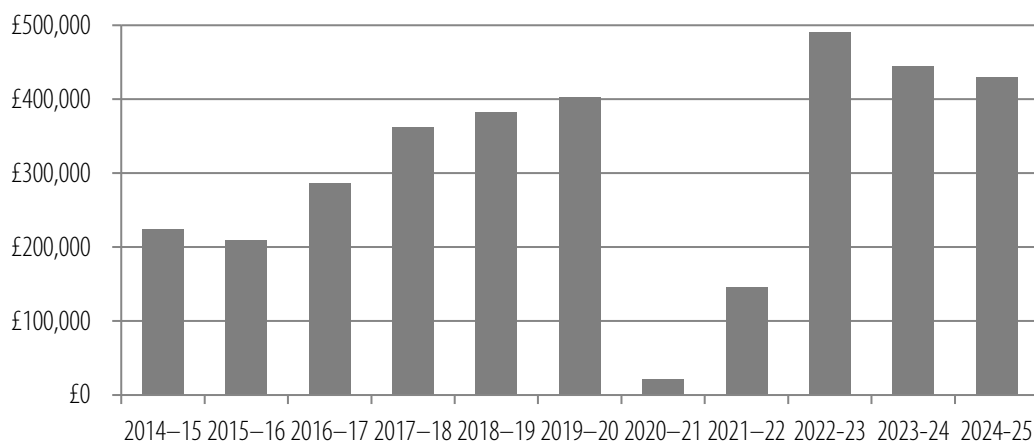
Support for Refugees

Working with partners including Islamic Relief and Muslim Aid, the Refugee Community Hub continued to provide essential assistance to refugees and asylum seekers. During the year the Hub supported nearly 400 families and individuals, offering help with applications, access to ESOL classes, and practical aid.

From April to August 2025, recorded outputs included 378 beneficiaries engaged through the Barbering Project (supported by 21 volunteers), 3,700 attendances at the Coffee Corner, 430 Ramadan food packs distributed, 129 Qurbani meat portions provided, and 100 Eid toy packs for children.

Supporting Charitable Causes

The Mosque hosted 91 external charity collections for UK-registered organisations, which together raised £430,070.



Women-only Services

Maryam Women's Services provides information, advice and guidance from a dedicated front desk on the second floor of the Maryam Centre. Staff offer a safe, supportive space for drop-ins and signposting, referring women to in-house programmes and external partners as needed. The service often acts as the first point of contact for women seeking help, offering reassurance, confidentiality, and practical direction at moments of vulnerability.

Beyond advice and referrals, the team plays a central role in building trust and confidence, helping women navigate complex issues such as housing, benefits, or family matters. The presence of a women-only space within the Mosque ensures accessibility and dignity, enabling users to approach staff comfortably and without stigma. By maintaining close links with specialist agencies, Maryam Women's Services provides a vital bridge between the community and wider support networks, ensuring that women are not left to face challenges in isolation.

Counselling Service

The Counselling Service is delivered by qualified counsellors offering faith-sensitive, confidential support. Presenting needs include anxiety, depression, bereavement, domestic abuse and relationship breakdown. Between January and July 2025, the service provided 378 counselling sessions.

Support for New Muslims

Through our Discover One programme, the Mosque delivered 45 sessions this year, including Introduction to Islam courses, Practice for Prayer workshops, Ramadan iftars, and Eid socials. Over 100 participants took part. Innovative activities such as Cake with the Scholar and Night of Nourishment provided safe spaces for learning, discussion and development. A fundraising appeal raised £5,468, with many new converts contributing. Highlights included sponsoring two new Muslims for Umrah, one supported by a convert previously helped by ELM. Looking ahead, priorities include establishing a dedicated New Muslim Hub, expanding volunteer pathways, and strengthening the participation of imams in the growth and development of new Muslims.

Services for the Elderly

The Trust continues to provide a welcoming space for older members of the community, recognising both their contribution and their needs. Weekly coffee mornings, light exercise sessions, and social gatherings brought together over 70 senior members of the community during the year. It offered much needed companionship and wider support for their wellbeing. Trips and seasonal events, including Eid celebrations, were particularly valued for reducing isolation and strengthening community bonds.

Feedback from participants highlighted improvements in physical activity, emotional wellbeing, and social connectedness, with many saying the programme gave them "a reason to leave the house" each week. Demand,

however, continues to grow, underlining the importance of expanding capacity and securing more suitable space for group activities.

Faith in Environment

The Faith in Environment project expanded its reach this year, engaging over 180 residents, 25 schools, and 130 community members through sustainability and recycling workshops. Three Friday sermons on environmental responsibility reached more than 117,000 people online, while practical initiatives such as school recycling programmes and community clean-ups during Muslim Climate Action Week demonstrated faith in action.

The project has successfully translated Islamic teachings on stewardship into lasting behaviour change, with participants reporting new household and community practices. Looking ahead, the initiative will continue to build partnerships with schools and mosques, expand resources and digital content, and host further events to inspire sustainable change across the community.

Faith in Health

The Mosque continues to play a vital role in promoting health and wellbeing through Faith in Health provisions. In partnership with the NHS, four vaccination clinics were hosted this year, providing flu jabs and ACWY vaccines for children and demonstrating the Mosque's ongoing contribution to public health. Alongside this, the Maryam Centre's counselling service supported hundreds of women facing challenges such as trauma, bereavement, and domestic abuse, while initiatives like Sakinah – Women's Voices and Healing Mama's Heart created trusted spaces for emotional and spiritual support. By combining pastoral care with professional practice, these projects show how faith can help remove barriers to mainstream health services and ensure our community receives culturally appropriate, holistic care.

Community Cohesion

The Trust works year-round to build relationships with neighbours, interfaith groups, civic bodies and local networks. We hosted Open Days and Tea & Tour sessions and continued the Islam Awareness Project (IAP) with exhibitions and guided visits that introduce visitors - many for the first time - to the mosque, its services and our community work. A neighbourhood tea this year created space for conversation, questions and feedback, helping us address concerns and strengthen trust.

Accredited Islam Awareness Courses – Faith in Diversity Programme

We continued to deliver accredited courses on Islam, with a strand exploring the links between theology and mental health. A bespoke programme was designed for Tower Hamlets NHS staff, focusing on mental health and wellbeing in a faith context. The course covered the theological understanding of the mind, body and soul, and how this relates to practice.

Tackling Racism, Islamophobia and Anti-Semitism

The Trust engaged with anti-racism partners including the No Place for Hate Forum, Tower Hamlets Interfaith Forum, and the Tension Monitoring Group to challenge prejudice and promote cohesion. We contributed to meetings, joint initiatives and community events throughout the year, ensuring our spaces remain welcoming and safe for all.

Special Events

The Trust delivered a full calendar of high-profile events and public engagements across 2025, showcasing faith, learning and community service. Highlights included:

- Annual Iftar – “Faith in Friendship”: Brought together dignitaries, faith leaders and community partners for reflection and unity ahead of Ramadan.
- Srebrenica – 30th Anniversary Commemoration (9 Jul 2025): Survivors, scholars and civic leaders gathered for remembrance and learning, with contributions from international figures.
- Minaret Cup – Imams' Charity Football (19 Jul 2025): National 11-a-side fixture raising over £16,000 towards a mobile medical unit for Gaza.

- Al-Mizan & LEA students joined Muslim Climate Action Week through a Whitechapel litter pick, linking civic action to Islamic values.
- Summer Food Drive with Islamic Relief UK: Distributed 100 food packs to food bank users, 100 food parcels and Qurbani meat to refugee families, and 100 Eid gifts for children.
- ELM Connex knowledge series: Sessions with academics and practitioners, including a beekeeping and sustainability forum with UCL.
- Trek 4 Your Mosque: 35 participants hiked Sycamore Gap, many exceeding the £300 personal fundraising target—some raising £1,000+.

Public Relations

The Trust has actively engaged with the media in response to major national and international events, giving interviews and commentary across broadcast, print, and online outlets. Alongside this, our own communication channels remained vital for reaching the community: the IT team delivered around 250 live streams, viewed by approximately 205,000 unique users, while the weekly Friday khutbah blog continued to share sermon summaries and audio with a wider audience.

We used the website to keep the community informed with timely announcements - such as Ramadan and Eid updates - and statements on global events affecting our congregation.

Our newsletter was issued regularly to share key updates and opportunities to get involved (subscription details are available on the site). Social media remained a major driver of engagement, with strong growth across platforms: Facebook 342k, YouTube 75.6k (1.6m views this year), Instagram 32.2k, TikTok 34k, and X 15.6k.

Premises

Phase 3 Prayer Hall Extension

Ramadan 2025 marked a major milestone with the permanent opening of the Phase 3 prayer halls, accommodating an additional 1,000 worshippers. This expansion has eased pressure during peak times such as Ramadan and Jumu'ah, strengthening the Mosque's capacity to serve its growing congregation. Final works are scheduled for completion by October 2025, consolidating this new chapter in the Mosque's long-term development.

ELM Dome Replacement

The Dome Replacement Project remains a key priority but has been delayed due to sharply increased construction costs and the prioritisation of Phase 3 works. While fundraising continues, interim measures are being explored to ensure the dome's safety, preserve its heritage value, and enhance its appearance.

Security

Security continues to be a top priority for the Trust. With potential risks including crime, hate incidents, and terrorism, our SIA-accredited Security Team provides 24/7 cover across the complex. Staffing levels have been increased, with a doubling of personnel during peak periods and major events. Additional SIA training has been completed, and fire safety and evacuation training delivered to all security personnel. These measures, alongside expanded CCTV coverage and strong collaboration with the police, Tower Hamlets Council, and community partners, ensure that staff, volunteers, and worshippers feel safe and reassured at all times. Security is further enhanced during Ramadan night prayers, Eid, and visits by dignitaries.

Governance and Administration

The Strategic Priorities 2024 have guided the Trust's activities to date and will continue to do so until the new long-term strategy is implemented. To support the development of a long-term strategy, the Trust engaged a consultant, who in consultation with key stakeholders, supported the development of a new strategy, which outlines the Trust's priorities and objectives for the next five years. The next phase will focus on establishing key performance indicators (KPIs) and developing a detailed five-year work plan. Implementation of the new strategy is scheduled to begin in early 2026.

Policy reviews are a routine part of the Trust's commitment to maintaining high standards of governance and compliance. These reviews ensure that all policies and procedures remain current and fully aligned with legal requirements and Charity Commission guidance.

Fundraising, Income Generation, and Investment Performance

In the 2024–25 financial year, ELMT's income rose significantly to £6.66 million, up from £5.60 million the previous year. A major contributor to this £1.06 million increase was Ramadan donations, as the financial year included two Ramadan periods. The Trust's income was primarily generated through donations, school fees, and investment returns. Expenditure also saw a modest increase, rising to £5.20 million from £4.96 million in the previous year.

A substantial portion of the Phase 3 project works was completed in February 2025, prior to Ramadan. The remaining works, which do not impact the use of the halls, are progressing as planned and are expected to be completed by October 2025.

Income from hall hire saw a modest increase in 2024–25, rising to £0.19 million from £0.17 million the previous year. Improvements made to the halls, alongside enhanced marketing and promotional efforts are expected to contribute to increased growth in the coming years.

The Pershore Street investment received planning approval in March 2025, and arrangements are in place for the sale to be completed before the end of 2025.

ELMT's investment properties, valued at £15.34 million, consist of both freehold and leasehold assets located within and outside the Mosque complex. In 2024–25, these properties generated an income of £1.04 million, slightly down from £1.07 million the previous year. This decrease reflects the sale of certain properties.

In July 2024, an investment property was sold for £339,310 to support cash flow and meet the Trust's financial commitments.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The ELMT Strategy 2026 sets out a clear roadmap for the next five years, focusing on five strategic priorities and their associated focus areas. These priorities aim to strengthen the Trust's role as a faith-based institution, uplift communities, champion positive change, ensure financial sustainability, and deliver operational excellence.

1. Inspiring through faith, knowledge and leadership

- 1.1. Structured Educational Provision - A comprehensive educational framework providing high-quality schools, madrassahs, and structured Islamic programmes for diverse learning needs and spiritual development.
- 1.2. Islamic Awareness & Dialogue - Accessible, high-quality content and programmes that inspire spiritual growth, dispel misconceptions, and promote harmony.
- 1.3. New Muslims - Comprehensive support for new Muslims, guiding their journey from conversion to integration, with education, social support, and engagement with mosque leadership.
- 1.4. Guidance & Advisory Service - Trusted Islamic guidance through qualified scholars, offering accessible consultations and addressing contemporary societal challenges.
- 1.5. Institutional Excellence - A role model institution known for innovative programmes and effective governance, which inspires others and actively addresses contemporary issues pragmatically and inclusively.

2. Enabling and uplifting our communities

- 2.1. Women - Inclusive spaces, programmes, and services that specifically cater to the spiritual, social, and practical needs of women across all life stages.
- 2.2. Families & Individuals - Programmes and services that strengthen family relationships, promote Islamic values, and support individual well-being.

- 2.3. Youth - Engaging programmes and initiatives that develop leadership, skills, and values, empowering youth to excel in faith and take on responsibilities within the mosque and contribute to society.
- 2.4. Socially Vulnerable - Tailored services and partnerships that address the unique challenges of socially vulnerable groups and promote long-term community integration.
- 2.5. The Elderly - Programmes and initiatives that ensure the elderly are valued, included, and supported, addressing their physical, social, and spiritual needs.
- 2.6. Health & Environment - Comprehensive health and wellness programmes combined with proactive environmental stewardship for sustainable and holistic community well-being.
- 3. Championing impactful change
 - 3.1. Community & Civic Engagement - Events, initiatives, and collaborations foster inclusivity and strengthen relationships within and beyond the community.
 - 3.2. Advocacy & Representation - Strong relationships with policymakers, civic leaders, and media ensure effective advocacy and representation for community concerns.
- 4. Strengthening financial sustainability
 - 4.1. Financial Resilience - Robust financial reserves and sustainable strategies that ensure the mosque can respond to unforeseen challenges.
 - 4.2. Income Generation - Diverse and sustainable income streams support the mosque's strategic initiatives and long-term growth.
- 5. Delivering operation excellence
 - 5.1. Governance & Leadership - Governance frameworks and leadership processes are transparent, accountable, and aligned with organisational goals.
 - 5.2. Culture of Excellence & Innovation - A values-driven culture that champions excellence, continuous learning, and evidence-based decision-making to deliver high-quality, responsive services.
 - 5.3. Organisational Capacity - A fit-for-purpose structure and skilled workforce support the mosque's growing needs and strategic ambitions.
 - 5.4. Digital Transformation & Innovation - Digital tools, AI and emerging technologies are harnessed to modernise services, enhance efficiency, and helps ELM remain future-ready.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Performance

In 2024–25, ELMT raised £2.40 million through donations, up from £1.72 million in 2023–24. Income from charitable activities also increased to £2.19 million, compared to £2.05 million the previous year. Investment income declined slightly to £1.04 million (from £1.07 million), while income from fundraising activities rose to £0.96 million, up from £0.70 million. Overall, the Trust reported a surplus of £1.47 million for the year, a notable increase from £0.64 million in 2023–24.

Restricted income includes donations designated for specific projects, as well as income from full-time schools, evening madrasah, and collections for charitable and welfare distributions.

The Trust's net current liability improved to £0.21 million, down from £0.36 million the previous year. Cash flow is monitored and reviewed monthly, and the Trust expects to address the remaining liability through the planned sale of the Pershore Street investment.

Staff Remuneration

The remuneration committee agreed an overall 3.5% increase to the pay scale from 1 April 2025.

Investment Policy

The Trust has recently revised its investment policy to strengthen its approach to asset management and long-term financial sustainability. As part of this initiative, an Investment Committee has been established. The Investment Committee includes trustees, the CEO, and independent financial experts from the investment sector, ensuring a robust and well-informed governance structure for investment decisions.

The primary objective of ELMT's investment policy is to grow its asset base, enabling financial gains to support the Trust's charitable aims and activities, as well as contribute to its operational costs. Currently, the Trust generates most of its unrestricted income through donations, Friday collections, and rental income.

Looking ahead, ELMT aims to gradually build a diversified investment portfolio. This will include placements with UK-authorised Islamic financial institutions and Islamic windows of UK-authorised financial institutions, investment properties, and Shariah-compliant financial instruments. The composition of the overall investment portfolio will be guided by the Trust's projected free cash flow, considering future spending commitments that the portfolio is intended to support.

Reserves Policy

The aim of ELMT's reserves policy is to ensure the Trust can meet short-term operational costs in the event of a significant drop in income. The Trust aims to maintain reserves sufficient to cover at least two months of liabilities and future activities, estimated at £0.87 million, in line with future plans. Going forward the ELMT will work towards increasing cash reserves to cover three months of operating costs. The Board of Trustees considers this policy adequate, given the strong tradition of giving within the faith-based community and the regular income generated from investments. As of 31 March 2025, free reserves stood at £0.25 million; however, this figure is expected to rise following post-year receipts from property sales and investment returns.

Principal Uncertainties, Risks and Management

The ELMT actively identifies and monitors risks across key areas including compliance, reputation, financial management, governance, and operations. Measures are in place to mitigate these risks, particularly those deemed significant, and are supported by regular reviews to ensure the charity remains well-protected.

Key risk management measures include:

- Conducting DBS checks for staff, volunteers, and trustees, as appropriate
- Reviewing policies and procedures through the Governance, Compliance, and Audit Committee
- Regular monitoring of the reserves policy and risk register by the Board of Trustees
- Maintaining comprehensive insurance coverage
- Employing 24/7 security personnel across ELMT premises

To mitigate reputational risks, ELMT enforces a rigorous booking process and speaker policy, and actively addresses misleading or malicious media coverage. Due diligence procedures have also been strengthened to support this effort.

ELMT benefits from interest-free loans from supporters, known as Qard Hasana. By the end of the reporting period, the balance of these loans had decreased to £4.04m, down from £5.38m, reflecting repayments and improved financial stability.

Independent Auditor

An independent audit was carried out by Abacus Partners (Ldn) LLP, Chartered Certified Accountants & Registered Auditors. The auditor is deemed to have been re-appointed in accordance with section 487 of the companies Act 2006.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The East London Mosque Trust (ELMT) is a company limited by guarantee. Its governing document, the Articles of Association, was last updated in 2020. Trustees are elected by the Trust's membership every two years, with ten trustees selected from among the members. The elected trustees may appoint up to five additional trustees whose expertise is considered beneficial to the Trust. Trustees also serve as company directors under company law and do not receive any remuneration.

A formal trustee induction procedure is in place, outlining vetting steps, essential documentation, and expectations for appropriate training. The Board of Trustees typically meets every six weeks and convened ten times during the reporting period. To support effective governance, the Board has established three principal committees:

- Governance, Compliance & Audit Committee
- Schools' Governing Body
- Jamiat-ul-Muslimin (Volunteer) Committee

Operational management is overseen by the Chief Executive Officer and the Senior Management Team. Delegation of decision-making is defined through committee terms of reference and staff job descriptions. The Board retains ultimate oversight of financial controls, risk management, major developments, and ensures compliance with the Articles of Association, charity law, and best practice standards.

ELMT has a subsidiary, ELMT Waqf, established to manage investments. The Trust also collaborates with other charities and organisations where such partnerships support its charitable objectives, with appropriate safeguards in place to manage any potential conflicts of interest.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also directors of East London Mosque Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report including the Strategic Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 2015 (FRS102).
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is not appropriate to assume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company, and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Each of the persons who is a director/trustee at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and
- they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

The Trustees' Annual Report and the Strategic Report were approved by the Board of Trustees (in their capacity as company directors) on 29 November 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Abdul-Hayee Murshad
Chairman



Sirajul Islam (Hira)
Honorary Secretary

THE EAST LONDON MOSQUE TRUST
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)
Independent Auditor's Report to the Directors/Trustees of The East London Mosque Trust
for the year ended 31 March 2025

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The East London Mosque Trust for the year ended 31st March 2025, which comprise the statement of financial activities, the Statement of Financial Position, the statement of cash flows, and the related Notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31st March 2025, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

We sought clarity on the Trust's legally enforceable capital commitments and marketable investable property, alongside its cashflow projections.

Based on this, and other work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that cast doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as

a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' report, including the Strategic Report, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared, is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Trustees Annual Report, including the Strategic Report, has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Strategic report and the Trustees Annual Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to

liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

As part of our planning process:

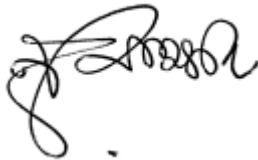
- We enquired of management and staff the systems and controls the charity has in place, the areas of the financial statements that are most susceptible to the risk of irregularities and fraud, and whether there were any known instances of suspected or alleged fraud
- We obtained an understanding of the various legal and regulatory frameworks under which the charity operates, and made the necessary enquiries of management to understand if there were any major areas of non-compliance
- We considered incentives and opportunities that exist within the charity, including management bias, to present the potential for irregularities and fraud to be perpetuated, and tailored our risk assessment accordingly

The key procedures we undertook to detect irregularities and misstatements including fraud, included:

- Testing revenue and revenue recognition for evidence of management bias, across all revenue streams, including within the schools
- Verifying the existence and status of investments held by the Trust, as well as making an assessment of impairments where relevant
- Performing work on existence and verification of current and fixed assets, and assessing whether any management estimates were reasonable
- Reviewing minutes of Trustee meetings, to identify any information that may have not been reflected in the accounting records
- Testing journals for evidence of management/Trustee override, and by extension the existence of related party transactions
- Testing for the existence of expenditure by the charity, and in the case of payroll costs, the existence of a sample of staff within those costs
- Establishing that fund classification of the charity's activities, are in keeping with any terms or restrictions imposed on those funds

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Acts 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinion we have formed.



Mr Nur Ahmed Chowdhury (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Abacus Partners (Ldn) LLP
Statutory Auditor
Unit A, Abbots Wharf
93 Stainsby Road
London E14 6JL

Date: 29th November 2025

EAST LONDON MOSQUE TRUST

(Company Limited by Guarantee)

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (INCORPORATING THE INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<u>Incoming Resources:</u>					
Donations & Legacies	3	1,760,450	632,105	2,392,555	1,723,866
Activities for Generating Funds	4	961,386	-	961,386	702,666
Investment Income	5	1,004,579	40,166	1,044,745	1,068,452
Income from Charitable Activities	6	127,149	1,990,882	2,118,031	1,896,263
Other Incoming Resources	7	49,804	-	49,804	47,818
Total Incoming Resources		3,903,368	2,663,153	6,566,521	5,439,064
<u>Resources Expended</u>					
Fundraising Costs	8	352,351	-	352,351	258,942
Investment Management Costs	9	418,438	41,820	460,258	376,417
Charitable Activities Cost	10	1,815,691	1,656,952	3,472,643	3,121,494
Support Costs	11	692,030	-	692,030	876,033
Governance Costs	11	117,697	-	117,697	168,502
Total Resources Expended		3,396,207	1,698,772	5,094,980	4,801,388
Net Income/Deficit Before Fund Movements & Exceptional items		507,161	964,380	1,471,541	637,676
Gross Transfer Between Funds	24	265,954	(265,954)		
Net Movement before other recognised gains & losses		773,115	698,426	1,471,541	637,676
Profit/Loss on disposal of Fixed assets		(10,690)	-	(10,690)	(3,000)
Gains/losses on revaluation of Fixed assets	12	-	-	-	-
Net Movements in Funds		762,425	698,426	1,460,851	634,676
<u>Reconciliation of Funds:</u>					
Total Funds brought forward		36,291,622	1,477,576	37,769,198	37,134,522
Total Funds as at 31 March 2025		37,054,047	2,176,003	39,230,049	37,769,198

All the activities of this charitable company are from continuing operations.

The notes on pages 22 to 33 form part of these financial statements

EAST LONDON MOSQUE TRUST
(Company Limited by Guarantee)
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Fixed Assets:			
Freehold Land and Buildings	12	25,444,041	25,078,799
Investment Properties	12	15,339,751	15,689,751
Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment	12	451,498	440,894
Other Investments		788,267	763,494
Investment in Subsidiaries		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
		42,023,558	41,972,939
Current Assets:			
Stock		4,753	2,421
Debtors & Prepayments	13	948,284	1,105,797
Cash at bank & in hand		<u>1,692,973</u>	<u>2,209,328</u>
		2,646,010	3,317,546
Current Liabilities:			
Amount falling due within one year	14	<u>2,857,480</u>	<u>3,679,184</u>
Net current Assets/Liabilities		<u>(211,470)</u>	<u>(361,637)</u>
Total Assets less Liabilities		41,812,088	41,611,302
Creditors:			
Amount falling due after one year	15	<u>(2,582,039)</u>	<u>(3,842,104)</u>
Total Net Assets		<u>39,230,049</u>	<u>37,769,198</u>
Funds of charity			
Restricted Funds		2,176,002	1,477,575
Unrestricted Funds			
General Funds		254,117	245,026
Designated Funds		<u>36,799,930</u>	<u>36,046,595</u>
		37,054,047	36,291,622
Total Funds as at 31 March 2025		<u>39,230,049</u>	<u>37,769,198</u>

The financial statements were approved authorised for issued by the Board on 29 November 2025.

Signed on behalf of Board of Trustees



Trustee & Chairman



Trustee & Treasurer

The notes on pages 22 to 33 form part of these financial statements

EAST LONDON MOSQUE TRUST
(Company Limited by Guarantee)
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	£	2025 £	£	2024 £
Cash from Operating Activities:					
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)		1,460,851		634,676	
Rent from Investments		(1,004,372)		(1,016,705)	
Depreciation		173,841		178,484	
Other Investment Income		(207)		(137)	
Gain/Loss on fixed asset disposal		10,690		(48,609)	
Increase/Decrease in Debtors		157,513		52,535	
Increase/Decrease in Stock		(2,332)		442	
Increase/Decrease in Creditors		(821,704)		80,808	
Cash from Operations		<u>(25,720)</u>		<u>(118,507)</u>	
Net cash Generated from Operations			(25,720)		(118,507)
Cash from Investment Activities					
Purchase of Tangible Fixed Assets		(739,195)		(1,027,375)	
Investments Purchased		(24,773)		(224,561)	
Proceeds from sale of Assets		759,737		648,117	
Rent from Investments		1,004,372		1,016,705	
Interest/Profit on Investments		207		137	
Net cash inflow/outflow from Investment Activities			1,000,348		413,024
Cash from Financing Activities					
Increase/Decrease in Bank Loans		(157,683)		(144,664)	
Increase/Decrease in Qard Hasanah (Private loans)		(1,333,300)	(1,490,983)	523,121	378,457
Net Increase/Decrease in cash & cash Equivalents			(516,355)		672,974
Opening Cash and Cash Equivalents			2,209,328		1,536,354
Closing Cash and Cash Equivalents			<u>1,692,973</u>		<u>2,209,328</u>
Reconciliation:					
Cash at Bank & In Hand			<u>1,692,973</u>		<u>2,209,328</u>
			<u>1,692,973</u>		<u>2,209,328</u>

See Note 31 for analysis of changes in net debt

EAST LONDON MOSQUE TRUST

(Notes to the Financial Statements)
for the year ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of accounts:

The charitable company is a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102, and the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities, preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)- Charities SORP FRS 102, and the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in pound sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below.

1.2 Going Concern

Trustees have chosen to present the Accounts on a going concern basis, with the expectation that the charity will continue to operation and meets its obligations for 12 months from the signing date. Cash-flow projections to November 2026 indicate that the Trust will be able to sufficiently cover its expenses and liabilities as they fall due. There has been a £1.3m reduction in private loan liabilities from the prior year, and the Trust is also ready to sell investment property in an emergency scenario.

1.3 Funds

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The current designated fund is tied up within fixed assets (See Note 21).

Restricted funds are those which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The funds are set out in Note 20.

1.4 Income recognition:

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activity (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably, and it is probable that the income will be received.

- Cash donations are recognised on receipt.
- Tuitions Fee income is recognised when entitlement has occurred. Fee Invoices are usually raised at the beginning of the academic year and any income related to future accounting periods are deferred to those periods.
- Investment income is earned through holding property and cash deposits for investment purposes. Rental income is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established. Profit on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably.
- Hall and room hire income is recognised as at the date of the event.
- Grants for immediate expenditure are accounted for when they become receivable.

1.5 Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT:

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis within the Statement of Financial Activity and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Input VAT that cannot be claimed is included in the cost to which it relates.

1.6 Allocation of costs:

Costs are allocated between restricted and unrestricted funds according to the terms of the income. Where items expended are mixed, they are apportioned between the categories according to the income they relate to.

1.7 Support costs:

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the charities programmes and activities. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

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Tangible fixed assets and

1.8 Depreciation:

Freehold properties are depreciated, after considering the value that is not attributable to land.

Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are capitalised at cost and are stated in the accounts at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

Freehold Property	Over 200 years on non-land portion
Computers and Equipment:	15% Reducing balance.
Furniture, Fixtures and fittings	15% Reducing balance.

1.9 Investment properties:

Investment properties are held at fair value, which is measured annually with changes in fair value recognised in 'net gains / (losses) on investments' in the SOFA.

1.10 Investments:

Investments are recognised initially at fair value, which is normally stated at cost less provision for permanent diminution in value. Subsequently, they are measured at fair value with changes recognised in 'net gains / (losses) on investments' in the SoFA. Other investments are measured at cost less impairment.

1.11 Stock:

Stock held by the entity consists of books and radios. Goods are stated at, the lower of, cost or net realisable value. The cost includes all costs of purchase, any costs of conversion and other costs incurred in bringing the goods to its present location and condition.

1.12 Debtors and prepayments:

Debtors are receivable within one year and/or more than one year recognised at the transaction price. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any discounts due.

1.13 Creditors and accruals:

Creditors payable within one year and/or more than one year are recognised at the transaction price. Accruals are valued at the net cost, less any discounts offered.

1.14 Loans and borrowings:

Loans and borrowings are initially recognised at the transaction price, including transaction costs.

Private Loans: "Qard Hasanah" loans are interest-free loans from charity beneficiaries. Qard Hasanah movements are recognised when received or paid and recorded under liabilities due. The distinction between short-term or long-term liability is determined by individual contracts.

1.15 Provisions:

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount can be reliably estimated.

1.16 Pensions:

Employees of the charity are entitled to join a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension contributions by the charity are charged to the financial statements, and equal or exceed the statutory minimum percentages applied to pensionable earnings.

1.17 Taxation:

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

1.18 Group accounting

The entity has a 100% stake in a dormant subsidiary LMC Limited and a 100% stake in ELMT Waqf Ltd. The latter's total reserves at 31 March 2025 were (£4,288). Neither subsidiary have any active projects at the date of signing these accounts. See Note 25.

EAST LONDON MOSQUE TRUST

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2. Legal status of the Charity

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £.10 for each member of the charity

Incoming Resources

3. Donations and Legacies	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2025 £	2024 £
General Donations		1,650,252		1,650,252	1,177,254
Archiving Project			70	70	1,695
Building Appeals (Dome/phase 3)			632,035	632,035	459,133
Gift Aid		110,198		110,198	85,784
		1,760,450	632,105	2,392,555	1,723,866
4. Activities for Generating Funds		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2025 £	2024 £
Hall and room hire		185,900		185,900	168,811
Fundraising Activities		85,142		85,142	15,316
Digital fundraising Inc. Website		350,778		350,778	397,645
Bookstall and similar sales		39,566		39,566	45,894
Charity package sponsorships		300,000		300,000	75,000
		961,386		961,386	702,666
5. Investment Income		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2025 £	2024 £
Rent and services charges		1,004,372		1,004,372	1,016,705
Profit on bank deposit & Investment		207		207	137
ELMT Waqf			40,166	40,166	51,609
		1,004,579	40,166	1,044,745	1,068,452
6. Income from charitable Activities		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2025 £	2024 £
<u>Educational Projects</u>					
Al Mizan school			463,596	463,596	448,580
London East Academy			714,165	714,165	733,689
ELM Evening Madrasah			68,901	68,901	72,190
			1,246,662	1,246,662	1,254,459
<u>Other charitable funds</u>					
Fitr fund			228,734	228,734	109,701
Zakat fund			198,110	198,110	95,518
Welfare fund			184,462	184,462	206,748
Counselling Project			51,500	51,500	11,417
Winter Food Project			3,578	3,578	26,758
Islam Awareness Project					66,572
Iftar Project			77,836	77,836	
Itikaf contributions & Iftar, Huffaz collections		127,149		127,149	125,090
		127,149	744,220	871,369	641,804
		127,149	1,990,882	2,118,031	1,896,263

The contributions by the schools for use of ELMT facilities are reflected in the schools' costs in Note 10.

7. Other Incoming Resources	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2025 £	2024 £
User Groups contribution	4,739		4,739	5,031
Weddings & Attestations	40,050		40,050	37,170
Sundry	5,015		5,015	5,617
	49,804		49,804	47,818
	3,903,368	2,663,153	6,566,521	5,439,064

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Expenses summary

8. Fundraising Costs	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2025 £	2024 £
Salaries & Employers NIC		104,112		104,112	100,303
Fundraising Events & Campaigns		221,845		221,845	140,199
Bookstall & Similar Supplies		26,394		26,394	18,440
		352,351		352,351	258,942
9. Investment Management Costs	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2025 £	2024 £
Salaries & Employers NIC		134,184		134,184	90,732
Premises Expenses		193,857		193,857	150,376
Insurance		33,425		33,425	30,203
Finance Charges		45,314		45,314	52,946
Legal & Professional		11,658		11,658	
ELMT Waqf Ltd			41,820	41,820	52,160
		418,438	41,820	460,258	376,417
10. Charitable Activities		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2025 £	2024 £
<u>Educational Project</u>					
Al Mizan school			446,955	446,955	388,400
London East Academy			663,151	663,152	711,100
ELM Evening Madrasah			92,041	92,041	88,003
			1,202,147	1,202,147	1,187,502
Salaries & NIC (Imams & Religious Support)		357,016		357,016	189,313
Welfare Fund Distribution			52,963	52,963	172,982
Counsellor fees			55,710	55,710	53,342
Fitr Fund Distribution			221,444	221,444	104,564
Zakat Fund Distribution			34,240	34,240	34,130
		357,016	364,057	721,073	554,331
Salaries & Employers NIC		492,576		492,576	206,210
Premises Expenses		861,800		861,800	972,378
Archiving & Other Projects			13,473	13,473	11,075
Baraka Khan Visitor Centre			255	255	4,321
Winter Food Project					24,077
Islam Awareness Project			1,650	1,650	9,103
Iftar			75,370	75,370	
Itikaf & Huffaz Expenses		74,893		74,893	102,474
Publications for Charitable Events		17,424		17,424	26,943
Web Hosting & Digital Hub		2,188		2,188	18,702
Telephone, Fax & Internet		9,794		9,794	4,378
		1,458,675	90,748	1,549,423	1,379,661
		1,815,691	1,656,952	3,472,643	3,121,494

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11 Support and Governance Costs:	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
a) Support Costs		£	£	£	£
Salaries and Employer's NIC		226,868		226,868	461,910
Telephone, Fax and Internet		9,794		9,794	4,378
Computers and IT Expenses		41,146		41,146	23,218
Postage and Stationery		7,644		7,644	6,781
Legal and Professional Fees		75,981	-	75,981	84,486
Training and Recruitment		15,026		15,026	8,010
Book-Keeping and Accountancy		10,200		10,200	10,200
Bank and Credit Card Charges		78,336		78,336	58,725
Volunteer Expenses		8,530		8,530	7,130
Subscriptions		13,210		13,210	14,022
Sundry		41,198		41,198	30,148
Depreciation on FF and Equipment		70,871		70,871	67,070
Depreciation on Freehold Property		93,226		93,226	99,957
		692,030	-	692,030	876,033
b) Governance Costs					
Salaries and Employer's NIC		37,710		37,710	65,987
Legal fees		62,987		62,987	86,701
Auditor remuneration		9,600		9,600	9,240
Meetings and Training		7,400		7,400	6,574
		117,697	-	117,697	168,502
		809,727	-	809,727	1,044,537
Total Expenses		3,396,208	1,698,772	5,094,980	4,801,388

12 Tangible Fixed Assets:	Freehold	Investment	Fixtures, Fittings	
	Land & Buildings	Properties	& Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost or valuation:				
At 1 April 2024	25,178,756	15,689,751	1,774,028	42,642,535
Additions	647,976		91,219	739,195
Gains / (losses) on fair value of Fixed assets				-
Disposals	(189,508)	(350,000)		(539,508)
Land and Buildings transferred to FA Investment				-
	25,637,224	15,339,751	1,865,247	42,842,222
Depreciation:				
At 1 April 2024	99,957		1,333,134	1,433,091
Charge for the year	93,226		80,614	173,841
Eliminated by Disposal	-			-
	193,183	-	1,413,748	1,606,932
Net Book Value				
As at 31 March 2025	25,444,041	15,339,751	451,498	41,235,290
As at 31 March 2024	25,078,799	15,689,751	440,894	41,209,444

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	2025	2024
Investment properties:	£	£
Fair value investment Properties b/f	15,689,751	16,099,751
Reclassifications and additions	-	-
Disposals of investment property	(350,000)	(410,000)
Gains / (losses) on revaluation	-	-
	<u>15,339,751</u>	<u>15,689,751</u>

Mixed use Land and buildings (with investment element), and sole investment properties were not subject to professional valuations during the financial year. The trustees have considered that mixed use buildings show some sign of having higher market value, but in the absence of market data on sold properties of a similar purpose built nature, an upwards fair value revaluation was difficult to demonstrate.

The disposal of £189,508 in freehold land and buildings relates to the sale of one of the plots of land held by ELMT Waqf Ltd (Note 25). The East London Mosque Trust sold an investment property during the year; the loss on disposal on the SOFA reflects the difference between the proceeds and the market value of the property.

13. Debtors & Prepayments:	2025	2024
	£	£
Prepayments	70,918	111,418
Rent and others	467,573	352,978
Gift Aid accrued	78,754	31,988
Welfare debtors	-	10,000
Other accrued income	76,534	69,142
Student fees	254,505	530,271
	<u>948,284</u>	<u>1,105,797</u>

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14 Creditors: Falling due within one year	2025	2024
	£	£
VAT and Social Security Costs	120,401	57,206
Trade Creditors	258,534	316,621
Rent and Hall Hire Deposits	128,041	156,656
Advance Tuition Fees		346,036
Accruals and Deferred Income	468,218	696,656
Al Rayan (IBB) Bank Loan	206,946	190,367
Qard Hasanah - Private Loan	1,646,376	1,893,873
Pension Contributions	28,964	21,765
	<u>2,857,480</u>	<u>3,679,184</u>

15 Creditors: Falling due after more than one year	2025	2024
	£	£
Qard Hasanah - Private Loan	2,398,100	3,483,903
Al Rayan (IBB) Bank Loan	183,939	358,201
	<u>2,582,039</u>	<u>3,842,104</u>

Private Loans: "Qard Hasanah" are loans from the charity's beneficiaries, which are repayable on request. There is no interest due, or security given for these loans. Long-term Qard Hasanah loans have been contractually agreed with private individuals, as not repayable within 12 months. Short-term loans are repayable on demand.

FRS102 requires long-term interest-free loans to be stated at their present value. Effectively this would mean loan amounts stated in the account are lower than the actual amounts payable in future. This has potential to confuse the charity's stakeholders, as such the trustees have opted not to follow FRS102 treatment for these loans.

16 Analysis of Staff Costs:	2025	2024
	£	£
Total Salaries	2,394,583	2,194,880
Employer's NIC	188,531	166,748
Pension Contributions	126,152	105,972
Total Employment cost	<u>2,709,266</u>	<u>2,467,600</u>
 Average number of employees: Support	 45	 33
Average number of employees: Charitable	<u>78</u>	<u>90</u>
	<u>123</u>	<u>123</u>
 Employees paid between £60,000 and £69,999	 <u>-</u>	 <u>-</u>
Employees paid between £70,000 and £79,999	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Employees paid between £80,000 and £89,999	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>

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17 Trustees' and key management personnel remuneration and expenses

The trustees neither received nor waived any remuneration during the year (2024: £Nil)

Key management personnel (this excludes all Company directors/trustees) received remuneration of £189,252 during the year (2024: £168,849) including pension costs. The trustees did not have any expenses reimbursed during the year (2024 - £nil).

18 Pensions:

The charity's pension scheme incorporates a SMART salary sacrifice scheme. It is operated by the People's Partnership. The Trust transferred Pensions fund from Smart Pension to People's Partnership. Employer's contributions made to pension schemes were £126,771 (2024: £112,877), recognised as an expense under staff emoluments.

19 Deferred income:

	2025	2024
	£	£
At start 01.04.2024	834,653	629,456
Additions during the year	371,039	834,653
Amounts released to income	(834,653)	(629,456)
At end 31.03.2025	371,039	834,653

Deferred income occurs where the entity has raised invoices for a service to be provided in the next financial period. This includes:

Hall Hire: Bookings made for events occurring in the period after 31st March 2025.

Student fees: Fee invoices raised in the school academic year, but actually pertaining to the next financial year. The academic year crosses 2 financial years, and fees are allocated accordingly. Students awaiting enrolment may also be invoiced in advance.

20 Restricted Fund Movements

	Opening Balance 01.04.2024 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Adjustment £	Closing Balance 31.03.2025 £
Educational Projects					
London East Academy	241,587	714,165	663,152		292,601
Al Mizan	40,406	463,596	446,955		57,047
Evening Madrasah		68,901	92,041	23,140	-
	281,993	1,246,662	1,202,147	23,140	349,647
Capital Projects					
Building Appeals	679,805	632,035		(196,776)	1,115,064
General Projects	-				-
Zakat and Fitr Funds	127,582	426,844	255,384		299,042
Welfare Funds	199,671	184,462	52,962		331,171
IRUK Counselling Grants	-	51,500	55,710	4,210	-
Archives Project	1,707	70	8,873	7,096	-
Baraka Khan Visitor Centre	103,067		255	(102,812)	-
Iftar Project		77,836	75,370	(2466)	-
Winter Food Campaign (Islamic Relief)	10,811	3,578	-		14,389
Islam Awareness Project	68,339	-	1,650		66,689
NHS Community Investment Scheme	4,600		4,600		-
Waqf	-	40,166	41,820	1,654	-
	1,477,575	2,663,153	1,698,771	(265,954)	2,176,002

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Barakha Khan Visitor Centre restricted funds have been transferred to unrestricted funds. Formal permission had been obtained from the donor's family for alternative use of the funds, in a prior financial year.

If there are Iftar Fund surpluses in a year, these are also transferred to unrestricted funds in the year.

Capital project income relates to funds raised from the public for building renovations in relation to Phase 3 works, and planning for a replacement dome. Expenses related to these projects are capitalised within fixed assets. The adjustment above relates to a transfer of funds from the restricted capital collections to unrestricted funds. This treatment is line with the accruals model of expending a capital grant, as required by FRS102. The annual release of the funds to unrestricted reserves is calculated on a 15% reducing balance basis.

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21 Movement in Funds	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total Fund £
As at 1 April 2024	245,026	36,046,595	36,291,622	1,477,576	37,769,197
Current year surplus	507,161		507,161	964,380	1,471,541
Profit/(loss) on disposal of investment property	(10,690)		(10,690)		(10,690)
Current year transfer	(487,381)	753,335	265,954	(265,954)	
As at 31 March 2025	254,117	36,799,930	37,054,047	2,176,002	39,230,049

£36.8m of funds are designated funds are tied up in buildings, investments and fixed assets. As at the balance sheet date the charitable company has £0.25m free reserves for its day to day operations. (2024: £0.24m)

22 Value added taxation

Part of rental income is VAT-able and charged at a rate of 20%.

23 Auditors' Remuneration

	2025 £	2024 £
Auditor's Remuneration for the audit of the charity's annual accounts	<u>11,250</u>	<u>11,250</u>
Fees Payable to the charity's auditor for non-audit services	<u>11,210</u>	<u>11,210</u>

24 Contingent Liabilities

The entity had no contingent liabilities as at 31 March 2025 nor at 31 March 2024.

25 Related Party Transactions - ELMT Waqf Ltd

The Trust had a loan at year-end of £2,500 with its subsidiary ELMT Waqf Ltd. The Trustees, Syed Tohel Ahmed and Harun Khan, are also directors of ELMT Waqf Ltd.

The loan is eliminated on consolidation, as ELMT Waqf Ltd, is a fully owned subsidiary of the East London Mosque Trust.

ELMT Waqf Ltd.'s activity has been in the participation of development, sale and purchase agreements of land in Northampton. Both plots of land initially purchased have now been sold, with the second plot sold in this financial year.

The profit on sale of £40,166 was realised by ELMT Waqf. Ltd, was distributed to the parent for charitable purposes within the year.

The Trust received £40,000 from Muslim Aid from sponsorships during the year. Syed Tohel Ahmed is also a Trustee at Muslim Aid. Total charity package sponsorship income is disclosed in Note 4.

26 Volunteers

The charity benefited from work performed by volunteers, including counting of cash collections, and stewarding during Friday prayers, and Ramadan.

27 Capital Commitments

The Charity had committed to extension work to the prayer hall (Phase 3), amounting to £180,000, after the year-end.

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28 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	Total	Fund	Fund
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	41,235,290	0	41,235,290
Investments	788,268		788,268
Current assets	470,008	2,176,002	2,646,010
Current liabilities	(2,857,480)		(2,857,480)
Creditors over 1 year	(2,582,039)		(2,582,039)
Total net assets	37,054,047	2,176,002	39,230,049

29 Investment - SV7 Limited

The ELMT investment with Sama Ventures Ltd commenced in August 2022, and currently stands at £788,267; the two entities formed a joint venture called SV7 Ltd. for the purpose of obtaining a planning gain on a plot of land aimed at providing student accommodation in Birmingham.

Planning permission was granted in March 2025, and the development, consisting of 301 student units, is currently marketed for sale.

Invested funds are currently within designated funds in Note 21, as they are not readily available reserves.

30 Zakat & Fitr and welfare distributions

The Trust occasionally conducts charitable appeals for other UK registered charities. Charities that have the funds passed on from ELMT, undergo due diligence to guard against reputational risks. During the financial year, the Trust did not engage in any grantmaking activities with other charities.

31 Analysis of changes in net debt

The analysis below serves as a note to the consolidated cash flow statement:

	At start of year	Cash flows	Acq/disposal of investments	New finance leases	Fair value movements	Forex movements	Other non-cash changes	At end of year
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cash	2,209,328	(491,582)	(24,773)	-	-	-	-	1,692,973
Cash equivalents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Overdraft facility	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total cash	2,209,328	(491,582)	(24,773)	-	-	-	-	1,692,973
Private loans <1 yr	(1,893,873)	(247,497)	-	-	-	-	-	(1,646,376)
Private loans >1 yr	(3,483,903)	(1,085,803)	-	-	-	-	-	(2,398,100)
Bank loans < 1 yr	(190,367)	(56,779)	-	-	-	-	40,200	(206,946)
Bank loans > 1 yr	(358,201)	(174,262)	-	-	-	-	-	(183,939)
Finance leases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total borrowings	(5,926,344)	(1,450,783)	-	-	-	-	40,200	(4,435,361)
TOTAL	(3,717,016)	959,201	(24,773)	-	-	-	40,200	(2,742,388)

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT, STRATEGIC REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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CORPORATE DETAILS

Registered Name	East London Mosque Trust	
Working Names	East London Mosque & London Muslim Centre	
Company Number	00468317	
Charity Number	1122613	
Trustees (Directors)	Abdul-Hayee Murshad – <i>Chairman</i> Harun Rashid Khan – <i>Vice Chairman</i> Sirajul Islam (Hira) – <i>Honorary Secretary</i> Syed Tohel Ahmed – <i>Treasurer</i> Abdullah Faliq Hassan Kausar Ahmed (Appointed 2 Sep 2023) Ibrahim Ian Thompson (Appointed 20 Sep 2023) Mahera Ruby Mohammed Abdul Malik (Appointed 2 Sep 2023) Rahela Choudhury (Appointed 2 Sep 2023) Salma Siddiqua Ayub Khan (Resigned 2 Sep 2023) Muhammad Habibur Rahman (Resigned 2 Sep 2023) Ruhana Ali (Resigned 2 Sep 2023) Sayeda Anzumara Begum (Resigned 2 Sep 2023)	
Chief Executive Officer	Junaid Ahmed	(Appointed 9 October 2023)
Registered Office	82–92 Whitechapel Road, London, E1 1JQ	
Website	www.eastlondonmosque.org.uk	
Statutory Auditors	Abacus Partners (Ldn) LLP, Unit A, Abbots Wharf, 93 Stainsby Road, London, E14 6JL	
Main Bankers	HSBC, 1-3 Bishopsgate, London EC2N 3AQ Al Rayan Bank, 24A Calthorpe Road, Birmingham B15 1RP Barclays Bank Plc, Leicester LE87 2BB	
Solicitors	Lee Bolton Monier-Williams Solicitors, 1 The Sanctuary, London SW1P 3JT	

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

OBJECTS AND PUBLIC BENEFIT

The objects of the East London Mosque Trust ('Trust', 'ELMT' or 'ELM'), as set out in its Articles of Association, are to:

1. advance the Islamic faith for the benefit of the public by maintaining and managing a community centre and mosque in London;
2. advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the general public, and in particular the Muslim community, and;
3. promote such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.

In pursuance of these objects, the Trust hosts a range of services and activities for the benefit of the public.

ACTIVITIES

The Trust has continued to deliver essential services and make significant strides, with a focus on community engagement, religious services, education, media outreach, and charitable work. This past year has been marked by numerous achievements and initiatives that have strengthened the mosque's role as a leading Islamic institution in the UK, serving not only as a place of worship but also as a community hub dedicated to spiritual growth, education, and welfare.

Religious services have remained central to the mosque's activities, with a year marked by full attendance, a focus on excellence, and continuous improvements. ELM's doors have been open daily, welcoming thousands of worshippers for prayers, particularly during Friday congregations, where over 7,000 people attend. In addition to regular prayers, the mosque continued to deliver Friday sermons in both English and Bangla, with a mix of resident and guest speakers addressing contemporary issues. The sermons covered topics such as social justice, personal responsibility, and community cohesion.

Inclusivity has also been a key focus, with British Sign Language (BSL) interpretation provided during Friday prayers and on Eid, ensuring that the Deaf community is fully integrated into religious life at ELM. Furthermore, the mosque's global reach was enhanced through its live streaming of prayers and sermons on platforms like YouTube, Facebook, Mixlr, and Alexa, reaching both local worshippers and a global audience.

ELM's digital presence saw significant growth, with the mosque's website receiving over 22 million-page views from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024, up from 20 million the previous year. The website played a crucial role in providing prayer times, audio and video streams, and articles on Islamic topics, making it a key resource for both the local community and Muslims around the world.

Fundraising remained a core focus of ELM's efforts, with 134 charity collections hosted at the mosque, raising £444,168 for UK-registered charities.

Education continued to thrive at ELM, with two schools, Al-Mizan and the London East Academy (LEA), achieving significant milestones. Together, the schools educated over 278 students, with Al-Mizan increasing its capacity from 91 to 120 students and LEA seeking approval to expand its intake to 170 pupils. Both schools received positive reviews from Ofsted, with strong ratings for behaviour and personal development, reflecting the hard work and dedication of teachers, parents, and students.

Community engagement efforts were significantly enhanced this year, with ELM hosting several major events designed to foster greater understanding and cooperation between Muslims and the wider public. The mosque participated in the national Visit My Mosque initiative, welcoming hundreds of visitors from diverse backgrounds. The event followed the theme of 'Faith, Food, and Friends,' with exhibitions on Islamic history, educational activities for children, and interactive sessions on the environment, including a popular display of a live beehive. These efforts highlighted ELM's commitment to sustainability and environmental awareness.

Phase Three of the ELM extension project continued to make steady progress. This extension will include expanded facilities for prayer, additional meeting rooms, and a larger multi-purpose hall. The expansion will allow the mosque to serve even more individuals and provide much-needed space for future events and programmes.

Volunteering

The Trust greatly benefits from its dedicated volunteers, who are committed to supporting the Mosque, serving the community, and enhancing services for all. Volunteers have devoted their time to various activities, including assisting with collections and stewarding throughout the year, particularly during Eid and Ramadan—the busiest periods for the Mosque. Over 150 volunteers contribute their time, which is estimated to be worth approximately £155,000 per year.

STRATEGIC REPORT

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Trust measures success in several ways, such as through satisfaction surveys, fundraising targets, and educational outcomes.

Religious Projects and Services

Prayer Facilities

This past year has been marked by both remarkable achievements and significant challenges for the East London Mosque Trust (ELMT), with a renewed focus on striving for Ihsan—the pursuit of excellence in all aspects of our work. We have seen an inspiring resurgence in community engagement and spiritual connection, with our facilities alive with activity and purpose.

The Mosque has remained open every day, welcoming worshippers for daily prayers and accommodating congregations of over 7,000 people. Our well-maintained and accessible spaces at the East London Mosque, the adjoining London Muslim Centre, and the Maryam Centre continue to serve as vital hubs for worship, education, and community support.

Our khutbahs (sermons) on Friday continue to be delivered by our Head Imam and Senior Imams on alternate weeks.

British Sign Language interpretation for Friday and Eid khutbahs is provided by Al Isharah, displayed on screens throughout the Mosque complex. We also stream the khutbahs live on YouTube and Facebook, with audio available on our local digital radios, as well as through global platforms such as Mixlr and Alexa.

Religious Teaching

Daily religious lectures are delivered in the main hall of the Mosque and are accessible to both men and women. These lectures are also streamed online, ensuring wider reach and accessibility. The promotion of Islamic teachings through these lectures helps prevent misunderstandings and supports the spiritual and academic growth of worshippers in a safe environment.

Ramadan & Eid

Ramadan began on March 11, 2024. Although the Mosque was busy during the day it was especially busy in the evenings for Iftar (the breaking of the fast) and Tarawih (late-night) prayers. The Trust was able to serve more than 30,000 Iftar meals this year. The congregations are at their largest during Ramadan, with the Mosque reaching full capacity. Teams of stewards and additional security personnel are deployed to ensure safe access and exit for worshippers. The Trust successfully held five congregational prayers for both Eid-ul-Fitr and Eid-ul-Adha.

Funerals

A total of 485 funerals were held during this reporting period. The Trust facilitates funeral prayers almost daily, often conducting several in one session, typically following the midday prayer. The majority of funerals are organised by the resident independent funeral service, Taslim Funerals, with a few managed by other funeral services.

Compulsory and Other Education

The Trust provides full- and part-time education.

Al-Mizan School & London East Academy

The Trust has two schools: Al-Mizan School, a full-time junior school for boys and girls, and London East Academy (LEA), a full-time secondary school for boys, are both overseen by a single headteacher and managed under one governing body, which is a committee of ELMT.

In September 2023, Al-Mizan School enrolled 121 students, and London East Academy had 157 students. The Department for Education (DFE) approved Al-Mizan's capacity increase to 120 students, up from 91, and a separate application has been submitted to raise LEA's capacity from 160 to 170 students.

Both schools received an overall Ofsted rating of 'Good' in 2024. Both LEA and Al-Mizan achieved 'Outstanding' in 'Behaviour & Attitude' and 'Personal Development'. This represents a significant improvement from the last inspections five years ago, reflecting the dedication of the pupils, as well as the efforts of parents, staff, the governing body, and ELMT staff.

This year (August 2024), an impressive 83% of our pupils achieved a grade 4 or above in five GCSEs, with 77% achieving this milestone including English and Maths. Notably, 47% of our students secured a grade 5 or above in five or more subjects, including these key areas. To put this in context, the national average for students achieving a grade of 4 or above in five GCSEs is 67.4%. This comparison highlights the outstanding performance of our students, who have surpassed the national average by a significant margin.

Al Mizan's 2024 SATS results demonstrate a strong performance compared to national averages.

Supplementary Education

The Trust's Evening Madrasah now operates 8 classes with over 120 students, following a full review of its schedule. As part of the changes, classes are now held four days a week instead of five.

The Iqra Institute, located on the entire fifth floor of the Maryam Centre, continues to provide educational services for children aged 6 and above in English, Arabic language, and religious studies. In addition to academic learning, the institute also offers parenting skills sessions. The ELMT supports several other educational projects based in its complex that includes Rainbow House, Saturday Islamic School, Hornafric Development Association, and Al Qalam Madrasah.

Social Welfare

The Trust provides a range of welfare services directly and through supported projects.

Religious Advice and Support

Our Imams provide guidance on a wide range of topics, including marriage, inheritance, family matters, and other religious issues. Due to the high demand for these consultations, this work represents a significant portion of their responsibilities. To manage the demand effectively, the ELMT operates a booking system throughout the week, with certain slots reserved for urgent cases. Additionally, advice is available over the phone. The Imams performed 234 Islamic marriages this year (265 in the previous year)..

Support for Refugees

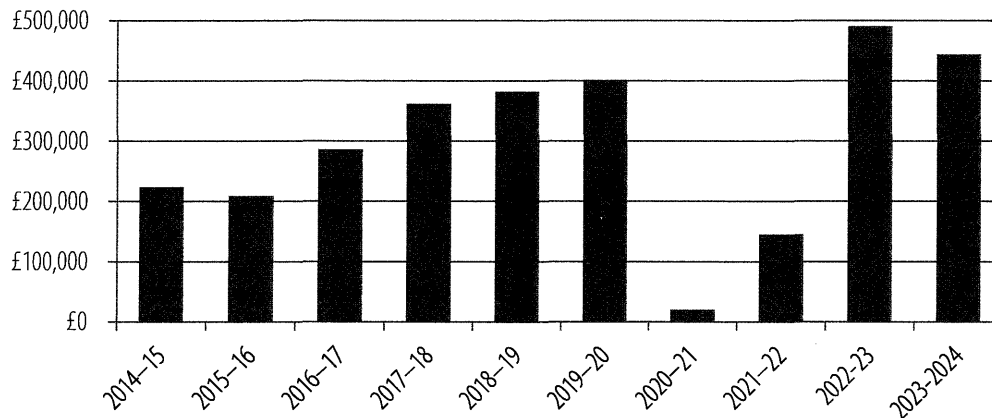
The ELMT, in partnership with Islamic Relief, continues to provide essential support to refugees and asylum seekers. Around 200 people attend weekly, receiving assistance with applications, ESOL classes, and access to food packs and other essential items.

Additionally, this year, 200 food packs were distributed in partnership with Muslim Aid, and a further 200 Ramadan packs and Eid meals, sponsored by Islamic Relief. Our welfare funding also supported over 300 families with vital items, and the hub even provided free haircuts to those in need.

This work is led by our Refugee Hub Coordinator and a dedicated team of volunteers. In celebration of Refugee Week and the Council's designation of Tower Hamlets as a Borough of Sanctuary, we hosted a special event with Qurbani meat, new toys, clothes, and prayer mats.

Supporting Charitable Causes

This year, 134 external collections were hosted by the ELMT for UK-registered charities, up from 103 last year. The total amount raised was nearly £444,168.



Women-only Services

Maryam Women's Services provides vital information, advice, and guidance to women in the community. Based on the second floor of the Maryam Centre, the front-desk staff offer a safe and supportive environment where women are welcomed for prayers and to participate in many educational and empowerment programmes throughout the year. In addition to the educational programmes, staff members are available for drop-in sessions where they provide advice and guidance, often referring clients to appropriate services and partner organisations, including our own counselling service. This year saw 8,600 women contacting Maryam Women's Services for support.

Counselling Service

The Maryam Centre Counselling Service is led by qualified counsellors who are trained to provide support through an Islamic perspective. The service offers a confidential space where women can express their thoughts and feelings. Women come to discuss a wide range of issues, including emotional struggles such as depression and anxiety, as well as relationship difficulties like bereavement, separation, and abuse. This service has proved to be crucial in helping women face personal challenges, allowing them to move forward in their lives with a sense of empowerment. Four counsellors have supported over 100 clients this year.

Support for New Muslims

New Muslims are supported through weekly programmes, one-to-one learning, and social gatherings. Additionally, several short courses were developed to further their learning.

Services for the Elderly

The ELM Senior Citizens Project received three-year funding through the Tower Hamlets Council's grants programme. The activities are coordinated by both a male and female coordinator, supporting over 50 men and women. The project was initiated to combat isolation and loneliness among older adults and to improve health awareness. Loneliness among this age group can often lead to depression, further highlighting the importance of this initiative. The senior group has enjoyed activities such as light exercise classes, outings and day trips, creative workshops, and storytelling sessions.

Community Cohesion

The Trust actively works to foster stronger relationships with interfaith groups, civic society, and wider communities through engagement programmes and activities throughout the year. Open Days and Tea & Tour events continued as usual. ELMT regularly facilitates open days and exhibitions through the Islam Awareness Project (IAP), which aims to improve community relations and dispel misunderstandings about Islam and Muslims. This year, we invited our neighbours for afternoon tea and a chat. Many attendees had never visited a mosque before, and we connected with individuals who were interested in learning more about our work and shared some of their own concerns as well.

Accredited Islam Awareness Courses – Faith in Diversity Programme

This year, we continued to successfully deliver our accredited courses on Islam, with a unique focus on exploring the intersection of theology and mental health. A key highlight has been the delivery of a bespoke course tailored specifically for Tower Hamlets NHS practitioners, focusing on mental health and wellbeing. The course, attended by over 100 NHS staff members, included sessions on the theological understanding of the mind, body, and soul, and their relationship to mental health.

Tackling Racism, Islamophobia and Anti-Semitism

The ELMT has been working with anti-racist organisations such as No Place Hate Forum, Tower Hamlets Interfaith Forum, and the Tension Monitoring Group to challenge racism, Islamophobia and anti-Semitism. It also organised and supported several events throughout the year.

Special Events

Annual Iftar Reception - On 27 March 2024, the Trust hosted its annual Iftar Reception, gathering ambassadors, dignitaries, community members, and faith leaders. High-profile guests included His Excellency Osman Koray Ertas, Ambassador of Türkiye, His Excellency Dato Zakri Jaafar, High Commissioner of Malaysia, and representatives from eight Muslim embassies, including H.E. Osman Topcagic, Ambassador of Bosnia-Herzegovina, and H.E. Mohamed Salah Hassan, Chargé d'affaires of Sudan. The event featured an exhibition of the mosque's 114-year history, showcasing its growth into a multi-million-pound complex that hosts over 30 community projects and accommodates over 7,000 worshippers. Speeches from dignitaries, including Lutfur Rahman, Mayor of Tower Hamlets, who praised the mosque's collaboration with the council on education, community safety, and environmental initiatives.

Marking 20 Years of the London Muslim Centre - The Trust marked the 20th anniversary of the London Muslim Centre (LMC) on 11 June 2024, recognising two decades of service, education, and community engagement. Over the past two decades, the LMC has become a hub for a wide range of services and activities catering to the diverse needs of the community. From educational programmes to social services, the LMC has played a crucial role in fostering community cohesion, interfaith dialogue, and social development in East London.

ELM Connex – The East London Mosque launched a new initiative, ELM Connex aiming to foster intellectual discourse and strengthen community engagement. The debut event on 3 July 2024 featured Dr Zulfiqar Ali Shah, who delivered a thought-provoking lecture on the influence of Islam on the English Enlightenment, marking the beginning of this exciting initiative.

Srebrenica Genocide Memorial - On 10 July 2024, the East London Mosque Trust hosted an event to commemorate the Srebrenica Genocide, bringing together community leaders, diplomats, and survivors. The event highlighted the importance of remembrance and reinforced a commitment to peace and justice. His Excellency Osman Topcagic, the Bosnian Ambassador, provided a historical overview of the genocide, explaining how it resulted from a series of war crimes and crimes against humanity.

Public Relations

Over the past year the ELMT was featured in broadcast, print and online media, including BBC News, ITV, iNews, MyLondon, The Huffington Post, East London Advertiser, The Tablet, Arab News, The New Arab, and Morocco World

News, TRT World. Because of the international issues such as the Israeli war on Gaza and far-right riots, the mosque was inundated with requests for interviews and comments.

Our weekly Khutba blog has become a valuable resource for our community and beyond. Each week, we publish a summary of the Friday sermon delivered at the mosque, making the key messages from our Imams accessible to a wider audience.

In 2024, the Media Team successfully arranged a high-profile documentary titled "Ramadan: A Journey Across Britain" in collaboration with ITV's Shehab Khan. This documentary showcased the East London Mosque (ELM) at the heart of British Muslim life during Ramadan, highlighting the mosque's central role in the community. The documentary was a resounding success, amassing millions of views and significantly raising the profile of the ELM on a national scale.

The monthly newsletter continues to be a cornerstone of our communication strategy. In 2024, we revamped its design and content structure to make it more engaging and informative. The newsletter now reaches over 20,000 subscribers, providing updates on mosque activities, community events, and important announcements.

Social Networks

The East London Mosque's Facebook page has over 344,000 followers. The page is regularly updated with information on fundraising activities, services, announcements and media statements. Enquiries directed to the ELMT via Facebook and Instagram messages are also responded to, and advice given to users. Our Twitter account has over 15,700 followers. The Mosque's YouTube channel has grown significantly, with a total lifetime 9.7 million views, 1.7 million views over the past year and now has over 68,000 subscribers. Our Instagram account has grown to 31,000 followers, and TikTok stands at 30,100.

Premises

Phase 3 Prayer Hall Extension

In preparation for Ramadan 2024, the East London Mosque temporarily opened its Phase 3 prayer hall extension, allowing almost 1,000 additional worshippers to attend prayers during the sacred month. This development demonstrated the mosque's commitment to accommodating the growing needs of its congregation, particularly during one of the busiest periods of the Islamic calendar.

The temporary opening marked a significant milestone in the mosque's ongoing expansion project, highlighting its dedication to providing a welcoming and spiritually enriching environment for all worshippers. Although the prayer hall extensions were accessible for Ramadan, they were closed again afterwards to complete the remaining construction work. The works are to re-start in September 2024 and scheduled to be completed in February 2025.

To support the continued development of the mosque, a fundraising campaign was launched to cover the capital costs associated with the new extensions. This initiative aimed not only to complete the current phase of expansion but also to lay the groundwork for future growth, ensuring that the East London Mosque remains a central hub of faith, education, and community in East London for years to come.

ELM Dome Replacement

Due to a significant increase in the cost estimate, and the prioritisation of Phase 3 works, the dome replacement project has been put on hold.

Security

There are potential risks including damage to property, burglary, theft, arson, and hate crimes. All reasonable measures are taken to enhance security. To this end, risk assessments are conducted as required, and at least annually.

Where appropriate, expert advice has been sought to determine security risks and precautions required to deal with these potential threats. The ELMT is in regular contact with the police and Community Liaison Officers. We also have close and regular contact with Tower Hamlets Council's Community Safety Department as well as the Tension Monitoring Group.

Staff and volunteers are provided with sufficient resources, information and training to implement the security procedures, which are reviewed regularly. The Security Team provides 24/7 security cover for our buildings, which acts as a deterrent, and is reassuring for staff, volunteers and users.

Security is increased during high profile visits by dignitaries to the Mosque and Centre, also for Ramadan night-time prayers and Eid prayers.

Governance and Administration

The Strategic Priorities 2024 outlines the priorities for the next 12 months for the organisation, which includes the development of a long-term Strategic Plan. The ELMT's policies and procedures are kept under regular review by the Governance, Compliance & Audit Committee.

Senior Management

The Director of Finance & Engagement stepped down at the end of June 2023, following many years of dedicated service. In October 2023, the ELMT appointed Junaid Ahmed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), aligning with a key priority highlighted in last year's report.

External Review

In December 2023, the Board of Trustees engaged a consultant to conduct a comprehensive review of all financial policies and procedures, including the Investment Policy. The consultant's work to date has focused on the following areas:

- Reviewing and overhauling financial policies and procedures
- Developing a detailed procurement policy
- Revamping the investment policy, formulating an investment strategy, and establishing more stringent processes and controls for investment decisions

Additionally, the consultant will provide an independent assessment of the organisation's financial health and offer recommendations for improvement.

Board of Trustees

A new term for the Board of Trustees commenced in September 2023, after several long-serving trustees retired from the Board. Their substantial contributions over the years were honoured and recognised by staff and trustees. To support ongoing development, a training and development programme for trustees has been launched, encompassing both formal and informal methods. Trustees have already participated in fraud and anti-money laundering training, with additional training planned. The Board currently includes a trustee with expertise in the financial sector and is seeking to recruit a trustee with legal expertise.

Staffing Review

The CEO has commenced a review of the staffing and departmental structure to ensure that the organisation has the necessary resources to deliver high-quality services and support future growth.

Fundraising, Income Generation, and Investment Performance

The Trust's income in 2023-24 was £5.60m (£5.11m in 2022-23), generated through donations, investment income and school fees. The expenditure in 2023-24 was £4.96m (£4.39m in 2022-23). This performance returns the organisation to surplus in 2023-24 of £0.63m.

The Phase 3 project, which involves extending the prayer halls for both men and women, generated £0.46 million in 2023-24 and is scheduled for completion by February 2025.

Income from hall hire was £0.17 million. Plans are underway to refurbish the halls and invest in marketing and promotion efforts to boost income from hall rentals.

Planning permission for the Pershore Street investment is expected by the end of 2024, with the return on investment projected around March 2025.

Income from investment totalled approximately £1.07 million in 2023-24, up from £0.95 million in 2022-23, reflecting a 13% increase. The ELMT's investment properties, valued at £15.69m, consist of a portfolio of freehold and leasehold assets both within and outside the Mosque complex.

To support cash flow and meet financial commitments for the Phase 3 works, one of the investment properties was sold in October 2023, at a price of £407,000. Additionally, the sale of a new-build property in Northampton resulted in a profit of £51,609 for the Trust.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Income Generation & Financial Stability

1. Develop Fundraising Strategy: Evaluate and enhance fundraising strategies: Assess and improve the effectiveness of current fundraising approaches to ensure optimal financial support.
2. Expand digital/social media presence for increased impact and innovation: Utilise digital platforms to broaden reach, enhance impact, and encourage innovative financial approaches.
3. Investment Management & Efficiency Measures: Enhance the management of current investments to maximise returns and financial stability. Explore efficiency/cost-saving measures where possible.

Organisational Capacity (People & Digital)

4. Develop a fit-for-purpose organisational structure: Design an organisational structure that aligns with current needs and future goals.
5. Prioritise recruitment of key positions and a strong leadership team.
6. Review and refine financial policies, systems, and processes: Scrutinise and improve existing financial policies, systems, and processes for efficiency and transparency.
7. Evaluate and update governance policies to ensure they meet current standards and organisational requirements.
8. Strengthen IT and Cyber Security measures: Enhance security measures to protect IT infrastructure and sensitive data.
9. Vision 2030 & Strategy: Clearly define and align organisational goals with the long-term vision for the year 2030.

Culture of Excellence and Continuous Improvement

10. Implement a performance management framework: Establish a system for effectively managing and evaluating employee performance.

Service Provision and Stakeholder Engagement

11. Review overall Service provision within the complex to ensure it's in line with priorities and manage duplication.
12. ELM Evening Madrasah: Evaluate and revamp the Evening Madrasah for improved impact and relevance.
13. Engagement & Outreach - Reposition ELM's engagement with key civic society institutions and high profile/impact personalities.

Capital Projects and Facilities

14. Capital projects: Ensure the successful implementation of Phase 3 capital project.
15. Maintenance – Improve maintenance service level and overall facilities standard to improve public image.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Performance

Donation income increased to £1.72m (£1.58 in 2022-23). Income from charitable activities increased to £2.05m (£1.94m in 2022-23). Investment income increased to £1.07m (£0.94m in 2022-23) and income from fundraising activities increased to £0.70m (£0.60m in 2022-23). There is a surplus of £0.63m for the year compared to a deficit of £0.23m in the previous year.

Restricted income includes donations received for specified projects and income for the full-time schools and evening madrasah and collections for charitable and welfare distributions.

The net current liability stands as £0.36m, much improved from £0.90m in 2022-23. The Trust has been monitoring and reviewing its cashflow on a monthly basis. With progress in the sale of investment properties after 31st March 2024, the Trust is expected to address its liability.

Staff Remuneration

The remuneration committee agreed an overall 3.5% increase to the pay scale from 1 April 2024. The National Minimum Wage increased by 9.4% which will benefit those on the lower end of the pay scale.

Investment Policy

The objective of the ELMT's investment policy is to grow its assets to support its strategic goals and activities, as well as to meet operational costs.

Looking ahead, the Board of Trustees intend to develop an investment portfolio to generate a larger share of its income from investment activities. The goal is to gradually build a diversified investment portfolio that includes placements with UK-authorised Islamic financial institutions, property, and financial instruments that comply with Shariah principles. To achieve this, the Board will establish an Investment Committee grounded in principles of good governance.

Reserves Policy

The aim of the reserves policy is to ensure that the Trust can meet its short-term operational costs in an event where income drops to an unsustainable low. It is currently operating to service at least two months of liabilities, which is £0.80m. The Board of Trustees considers the reserve policy to be adequate, as the giving tradition is strong in such a faith-based organisation, with regular income received from the investments. The free reserves on 31st March were £0.24m, however this is temporary. Post-year receipts from the sale of properties will increase the level of reserves.

Principal Uncertainties, Risks and Management

The ELMT identifies and monitors risks related to compliance, reputation, financial management, governance, and operations, and implements measures to mitigate these risks, particularly those considered major. These measures, supported by regular reviews, ensure robust protection of the charity.

Key risk management measures implemented by the ELMT include:

- Conducting DBS checks for staff, volunteers, and trustees as appropriate.
- Reviewing policies and procedures through the Governance, Compliance, and Audit Committee.
- Regularly monitoring the reserves policy and risk register by the trustees.
- Maintaining comprehensive insurance policies.
- Employing 24/7 security guards on ELMT premises.

To mitigate reputational risks, the ELMT has a stringent booking process and policy for speakers and actively challenges any misleading or malicious media reports. Additionally, it has strengthened its due diligence procedures.

Security measures are continuously reviewed, with the ELMT employing 24/7 security guards and maintaining close coordination with the local police force and other agencies, such as the Tension Monitoring Group.

The ELMT benefits from interest-free loans from supporters, known as Qard Hasana. The balance of these loans increased to £5.38 million from £4.85 million by the end of this reporting period.

The ELMT ensures it maintains sufficient cash flow to repay Qard Hasana upon request and is prepared to sell some of its remaining investment properties if necessary.

Independent Auditor

An independent audit was carried out by Abacus Partners (Ldn) LLP, Chartered Certified Accountants & Registered Auditors. The auditor is deemed to have been re-appointed in accordance with section 487 of the companies Act 2006.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The East London Mosque Trust is a company limited by guarantee. Its Articles of Association were last updated in 2020. Ten trustees are elected by the Trust's membership from amongst themselves every two years. The elected trustees may appoint up to five additional trustees whose expertise may benefit the Trust. Trustees are the company directors for the purpose of company law. Trustees do not receive any remuneration.

A trustee induction procedure outlines steps for vetting trustees, key documents that are considered essential, and expectations for appropriate training. The Board of Trustees typically meets every six weeks; in this reporting period, they met 17 times. It has established three principal committees for effective governance:

- Governance, Compliance & Audit Committee
- Schools' Governing Body
- Jamiat-ul-Muslimin (Volunteer) Committee

After the appointment of the CEO, the CEO and Senior Management Team are overseeing the operational management of the ELMT. The delegation of decisions to committees is outlined in terms of references, and to staff in job descriptions. The Board of Trustees retains ultimate oversight of financial controls, the management of risks, significant developments, and in ensuring the Trust operates in accordance with its Articles of Association, charity law and other legal requirements, and best practice.

The Trust has a subsidiary, the ELMT Waqf, to make investments. The Trust cooperates with other charities and organisations where this will help deliver its objects to its beneficiaries, with due regard to any conflicts of interest.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also directors of East London Mosque Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report including the Strategic Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

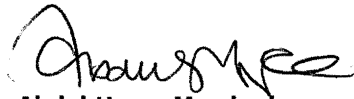
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 2015 (FRS102);
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is not appropriate to assume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company, and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Each of the persons who is a director/trustee at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and
- they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

The Trustees' Annual Report and the Strategic Report were approved by the Board of Trustees (in their capacity as company directors) on 12 October 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Abdul-Hayee Murshad
Chairman



Sirajul Islam (Hira)
Honorary Secretary

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES OF THE EAST LONDON MOSQUE TRUST FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The East London Mosque Trust for the year ended 31st March 2024, which comprise the statement of financial activities, the Statement of Financial Position, the statement of cash flows, and the related Notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31st March 2024, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

The Statement of Financial Position presents net current liabilities of (£361,637) at the year-end, indicating that the obligations that the Trust has for the year ahead, exceed its liquid assets available. Our conclusion considered that the Trust realised £0.3m cash in July 2024 (Note 34 of Accounts), to significantly reduce its net current asset liabilities. We also sought clarity on the Trust's legally enforceable capital commitments, alongside its cashflow projections.

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

Aside from our post year-end assessments, users should also note that current liabilities include £1.89m of Qard Hasana loans, which in practice are unlikely to be recalled by all private lenders within the next year.

Other information

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' report, including the Strategic Report, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared, is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Trustees Annual Report, including the Strategic Report, has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Strategic report and the Trustees Annual Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

As part of our planning process:

- We enquired of management and staff the systems and controls the charity has in place, the areas of the financial statements that are most susceptible to the risk of irregularities and fraud, and whether there were any known instances of suspected or alleged fraud
- We obtained an understanding of the various legal and regulatory frameworks under which the charity operates, and made the necessary enquiries of management to understand if there were any major areas of non-compliance
- We considered incentives and opportunities that exist within the charity, including management bias, to present the potential for irregularities and fraud to be perpetuated, and tailored our risk assessment accordingly

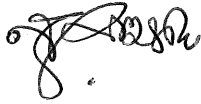
The key procedures we undertook to detect irregularities and misstatements including fraud, included:

- Testing revenue and revenue recognition for evidence of management bias, across all revenue streams, including within the schools
- Verifying the existence and status of investments held by the Trust, as well as making an assessment of impairments where relevant
- Performing work on existence and verification of current and fixed assets, and assessing whether management estimates on fair valuation of investment properties were reasonable
- Reviewing minutes of Trustee meetings, to identify any information that may have not been reflected in the accounting records
- Testing journals for evidence of management/Trustee override, and by extension the existence of related party transactions
- Testing for the existence of expenditure by the charity, and in the case of payroll costs, the existence of a sample of staff within those costs
- Establishing that fund classification of the charity's activities, are in keeping with any terms or restrictions imposed on those funds

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Acts 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest

extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinion we have formed.



Mr Nur Ahmed Chowdhury (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Abacus Partners (Ldn) LLP
Statutory Auditor
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Date: 12 October 2024

EAST LONDON MOSQUE TRUST
(Company Limited by Guarantee)
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (INCORPORATING THE INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<u>Incoming Resources</u>					
Donations and Legacies	3	1,263,038	460,828	1,723,866	1,578,914
Activities for Generating Funds	4	702,666	-	702,666	604,783
Investment Income	5	1,016,843	51,609	1,068,452	945,046
Income from Charitable Activities	6	283,297	1,771,173	2,054,470	1,936,103
Others Incoming Resources	7	47,818	-	47,818	46,916
Total Incoming Resources		3,313,662	2,283,609	5,597,271	5,111,762
<u>Resources Expended</u>					
Fundraising Costs	8	258,942	-	258,942	266,484
Investment Management Costs	9	324,257	52,160	376,417	300,278
Charitable Activities Costs	10	1,532,007	1,759,303	3,291,310	2,978,361
Support costs	11	864,425	-	864,425	738,348
Governance costs	11	168,502	-	168,502	105,170
Total Resources Expended		3,148,133	1,811,463	4,959,596	4,388,641
Net Income/Deficit Before Fund Movements and exceptional items		165,528	472,146	637,676	723,121
Gross Transfer Between Funds	22	(58,289)	58,289		-
Net Movement before other recognised gains and losses		107,239	530,435	637,676	723,121
Profit / (loss) on disposal of Fixed assets		(3,000)		(3,000)	(1,000,000)
Gains / (losses) on revaluation of Fixed assets			-	-	46,320
Net Movement in Funds		104,240	530,435	634,676	(230,559)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total Funds Brought Forward		36,187,382	947,140	37,134,522	37,365,081
Total Funds as at 31 March 2024		36,291,622	1,477,575	37,769,198	37,134,522

All the activities of the company are from continuing operations.

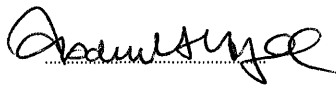
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EAST LONDON MOSQUE TRUST
(Company Limited by Guarantee)
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

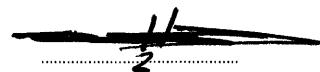
	Note	£	Total 2024 £	£	Total 2023 £
Fixed Assets:					
Freehold Land and Buildings	13		25,078,799		24,427,011
Investment Properties	13		15,689,751		16,099,751
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	13		440,894		433,299
Other investments			763,494		538,933
Investment in Subsidiaries			1		1
			<u>41,972,939</u>		<u>41,498,995</u>
Current Assets:					
Stock		2,421		2,863	
Debtors & prepayments	14	1,105,797		1,158,332	
Cash at bank & in hand		<u>2,209,328</u>		<u>1,536,354</u>	
		3,317,546		2,697,549	
Current Liabilities:					
Amount falling due within one year	15	<u>3,679,184</u>		<u>3,598,376</u>	
Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)			<u>(361,637)</u>		<u>(900,826)</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities			41,611,302		40,598,169
Creditors:					
Amount falling due after one year	16		3,842,104		3,463,647
Total Net Assets			<u>37,769,198</u>		<u>37,134,522</u>
Funds of the Charity					
Restricted Funds	21		1,477,575		947,140
Unrestricted Funds	22				
General Funds		245,026		236,274	
Designated Funds		<u>36,046,595</u>	<u>36,291,622</u>	<u>35,951,108</u>	<u>36,187,382</u>
Total Funds as at 31 March 2024			<u>37,769,198</u>		<u>37,134,522</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 12 October 2024.

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees



Trustee & Chairman



Trustee & Treasurer

The notes beginning on page 25 form part of these financial statements.

EAST LONDON MOSQUE TRUST
(Company Limited by Guarantee)
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
Cash from Operating Activities					
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)		634,676		723,121	
Rent from investments		(1,016,705)		(944,017)	
Depreciation		178,484		74,874	
Other Investment Income		(137)		(1,029)	
(Gain)/Loss on fixed asset disposal		(48,609)		-	
(Increase)/Decrease in Debtors		52,535		(332,797)	
(Increase)/Decrease in Stock		442		164	
Increase/(Decrease) in Creditors		80,808		367,660	
Cash from Operations		<u>(118,507)</u>		<u>(112,025)</u>	
Net Cash Generated from Operations			(118,507)		(112,025)
Cash from Investment Activities					
Purchase of Tangible Fixed Assets		(1,027,375)		(687,917)	
Investments purchased		(224,561)		(1,538,933)	
Proceeds from sale of assets		648,117			
Rents from investments		1,016,705		944,017	
Interest / Profit on investment		137		1,029	
Net Cash inflow/outflow from investment Activities			413,024		(1,281,804)
Cash from Financing Activities					
Increase/(Decrease) of Bank Loan		(144,664)		(147,720)	
Increase/(Decrease) of Qard Hasanah (Private Loan)		523,121	378,457	336,850	194,129
Net Increase/(decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents			672,974		(1,199,700)
Opening Cash and Cash Equivalents			1,536,354		2,736,054
Closing Cash and Cash Equivalents			<u>2,209,328</u>		<u>1,536,354</u>
Reconciliation:					
Cash at bank and in hand			2,209,328		1,536,354
			<u>2,209,328</u>		<u>1,536,354</u>

See Note 32 for analysis of changes in net debt

EAST LONDON MOSQUE TRUST
Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

1 Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of accounts:

The charitable company is a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102, and the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities, preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)- Charities SORP FRS 102, and the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in pound sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below.

1.2 Going Concern

The Trust has sold investment property since the last financial year, and has borrowed significant Qard-e-hasanah, to satisfy going concern. Cash flow projections to November 2025 indicate that the Trust will be able to sufficiently cover its expenses as they fall due, whilst honouring the repayment schedules associated with interest-free loans taken obtained.

1.3 Funds

Unrestricted funds relate to free reserves that the entity can use in line with its objectives. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The current designated fund relates to those tied up within fixed assets (See Note 22).

Restricted funds are those which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The funds are set out in Note 21.

1.4 Income recognition:

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activity (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

- Cash donations are recognised on receipt.
- Tuitions Fee income is recognised when entitlement has occurred. Fee Invoices are usually raised at the beginning of the academic year and any income related to future accounting periods are deferred to those periods.
- Investment income is earned through holding property and cash deposits for investment purposes. Rental income is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established. Profit on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably.
- Hall and room hire income is recognised as at the date of the event.
- Grants for immediate expenditure are accounted for when they become receivable.

1.5 Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT:

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis within the Statement of Financial Activity, and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Input VAT that cannot be claimed is included in the cost to which it relates.

1.6 Allocation of costs:

Costs are allocated between restricted and unrestricted funds according to the terms of the income. Where items expended are mixed, they are apportioned between the categories according to the income they relate to.

1.7 Support costs:

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the charities programmes and activities. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

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1.8 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation:

Freehold properties were previously not depreciated on the basis that they were maintained to a high standard. As it can no longer be demonstrated that their useful lives are being extended, they are now being depreciated as required by the accounting standards. Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are capitalised at cost, and are stated in the accounts at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

Freehold Property	Over 200 years on non-land portion
Computers and Equipment	15% Reducing balance.
Furniture, Fixtures and fittings	15% Reducing balance.

1.9 Investment properties:

Investment properties are held at fair value, which is measured annually with changes in fair value recognised in 'net gains / (losses) on investments' in the SoFA.

1.10 Investments :

Investments are recognised initially at fair value, which is normally stated at cost less provision for permanent diminution in value. Subsequently, they are measured at fair value with changes recognised in 'net gains / (losses) on investments' in the SoFA. Other investments are measured at cost less impairment.

1.11 Stock:

Stock held by the entity consists of books and radios. Goods are stated at, the lower of, cost or net realisable value. The cost includes all costs of purchase, any costs of conversion and other costs incurred in bringing the goods to its present location and condition.

1.12 Debtors and prepayments:

Debtors are receivable within one year and/or more than one year recognised at the transaction price. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any discounts due.

1.13 Creditors and accruals:

Creditors payable within one year and/or more than one year are recognised at the transaction price. Accruals are valued at the net cost, less any discounts offered.

1.14 Loans and borrowings:

Loans and borrowings are initially recognised at the transaction price, including transaction costs.

Private Loans: "Qard Hasanah" are interest free loans from the charity's beneficiaries, which are repayable on demand, unless a separate contract exists with individuals. Qard Hasanah is recognised upon receipt and recorded under liabilities due within one year, or greater than one year (in cases where the loaners have contractually agreed to not have the right to have the loans repayable on demand).

1.15 Provisions:

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount can be reliably estimated.

1.16 Pensions:

Employees of the charity are entitled to join a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension contributions by the charity are charged to the financial statements, and equal or exceed the statutory minimum percentages applied to pensionable earnings.

1.17 Taxation:

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

1.18 Group accounting

The entity has a 100% stake in a dormant subsidiary LMC Limited and a 100% stake in ELMT Waqf Ltd. The latter's total reserves at 31 March 2024 were (£2,183). ELMT has a loan outstanding with ELMT Waqf Ltd., the details of which are discussed in Note 29.

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2. Legal status of the charity

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 for each member of the charity.

Incoming Resources

3	Donations and Legacies	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
			£	£	£	£
	General Donations		1,177,254		1,177,254	1,206,392
	Archiving Project			1,695	1,695	2,025
	Building Appeals (Dome/Phase 3)			459,133	459,133	288,645
	Gift Aid		85,784		85,784	81,852
			<u>1,262,393</u>	<u>461,473</u>	<u>1,723,866</u>	<u>1,578,914</u>
4	Activities for Generating Funds		Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
			£	£	£	£
	Hall and Room Hire		168,811		168,811	210,556
	Fundraising Activities		15,316		15,316	58,068
	Digital Fundraising incl. website		397,645		397,645	251,170
	Bookstall and similar sales		45,894		45,894	31,739
	Charity package sponsorships		75,000		75,000	53,250
			<u>702,666</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>702,666</u>	<u>604,783</u>
5	Investment Income		Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
			£	£	£	£
	Rent and Services Charges		1,016,705		1,016,705	944,017
	Profit on Bank Deposits and investments		137		137	1,029
	ELMT Waqf			51,609	51,609	
			<u>1,016,843</u>	<u>51,609</u>	<u>1,068,452</u>	<u>945,046</u>
6	Income from Charitable Activities		Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
			£	£	£	£
	<u>a) Educational Projects</u>					
	Al Mizan School			448,580	448,580	547,855
	London East Academy			733,689	733,689	715,238
	ELM Evening Madrasah			72,190	72,190	58,546
			<u>-</u>	<u>1,254,459</u>	<u>1,254,459</u>	<u>1,321,639</u>
	<u>b) Contributions to ELMT for service use</u>					
	Al Mizan School		69,783		69,783	79,752
	London East Academy		88,424		88,424	101,056
			<u>158,207</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>158,207</u>	<u>180,808</u>
	<u>c) Other charitable funds</u>					
	Fitr Fund			109,701	109,701	80,070
	Zakat Fund			95,518	95,518	88,482
	Welfare Fund			206,748	206,748	118,886
	Counselling Projects			11,417	11,417	36,719
	Winter Food Project			26,758	26,758	-
	Islam Awareness Project			66,572	66,572	21,259
	Itikaf contributions, and Iftar and Huffaz collections		125,090		125,090	88,240
			<u>125,090</u>	<u>516,714</u>	<u>641,804</u>	<u>433,656</u>
	Total		283,297	1,771,173	2,054,470	1,936,103
The contributions by the schools for use of ELMT facilities are reflected in the schools' costs in Note 10.						
7	Other Incoming Resources		Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
			£	£	£	£
	User Groups' Contributions		5,031		5,031	3,155
	Weddings and Attestations		37,170		37,170	28,900
	Sundry		5,617	-	5,617	14,861
			<u>47,818</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,818</u>	<u>46,916</u>
	Total Income		3,313,017	2,284,254	5,597,271	5,111,762

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Expenses Summary

8	Fundraising Costs		Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
			£	£	£	£
	Salaries and Employer's NIC		100,303		100,303	98,459
	Fundraising Events and Campaigns		140,199		140,199	152,633
	Bookstall and Similar Supplies		18,440		18,440	15,392
			<u>258,942</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>258,942</u>	<u>266,484</u>
9	Investment Management Costs		Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
			£	£	£	£
	Salaries and Employer's NIC	12	90,732		90,732	86,625
	Premises Expenses	12	150,376		150,376	162,638
	Insurance	12	30,203		30,203	9,166
	Finance Charges		52,946		52,946	41,261
	Waqf Ltd.			52,160	52,160	588
			<u>324,257</u>	<u>52,160</u>	<u>376,417</u>	<u>300,278</u>
10	Charitable Activities		Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
			£	£	£	£
	<u>Educational Projects</u>					
	Al Mizan School			458,183	458,183	531,933
	London East Academy			799,524	799,524	720,194
	Elm Evening Madrasah			88,003	88,003	75,440
			<u>-</u>	<u>1,345,709</u>	<u>1,345,709</u>	<u>1,327,567</u>
	Salaries and NIC - Imams and Religious support		189,313		189,313	180,704
	Welfare Fund Distribution			172,982	172,982	92,467
	Counsellor Fees			53,342	53,342	37,105
	Fitr Fund Distribution			104,564	104,564	77,821
	Zakat Fund Distribution			34,130	34,130	88,243
			<u>189,313</u>	<u>365,018</u>	<u>554,331</u>	<u>476,340</u>
	Salaries and Employer's NIC	13	206,210		206,210	196,875
	Premises Expenses	13	972,378		972,378	747,978
	Archiving Expenses			11,075	11,075	15,892
	Baraka Khan Visitor Centre			4,321	4,321	4,672
	Winter Food Project			24,077	24,077	-
	Burial Support				-	28,800
	Foodbank and Community Support				-	17,276
	Kickstarter scheme					7,565
	Islam Awareness Project			9,103	9,103	10,389
	Iftar, Itikaaf and Huffaz Expenses		102,474		102,474	85,284
	Publications related to charitable events		26,943		26,943	13,751
	Web hosting and digital hub		18,702		18,702	27,807
	Telephone, Fax and Internet	13	4,378		4,378	4,980
	Computers and IT Expenses	13	11,610		11,610	9,288
	Postage and Stationery				-	3,899
			<u>1,342,694</u>	<u>48,576</u>	<u>1,391,270</u>	<u>1,174,455</u>
			<u>1,532,007</u>	<u>1,759,303</u>	<u>3,291,311</u>	<u>2,978,362</u>

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11	Support and Governance Costs:	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2024 £	2023 £
	a) Support Costs					
	Salaries and Employer's NIC	12	461,910		461,910	440,999
	Insurance	12	-		-	18,332
	Telephone, Fax and Internet	12	4,378		4,378	4,980
	Computers and IT Expenses	12	11,610		11,610	9,288
	Postage and Stationery		6,781		6,781	3,899
	Legal and Professional Fees		83,632	-	83,632	87,236
	Payroll service		854		854	161
	Training and Recruitment		8,010		8,010	8,905
	Book-Keeping and Accountancy		10,200		10,200	9,660
	Bank and Credit Card Charges		58,725		58,725	48,684
	Volunteer Expenses		7,130		7,130	4,968
	Subscriptions		14,022		14,022	11,484
	Sundry		30,148		30,148	26,818
	Depreciation on FF and Equipment		67,070		67,070	62,934
	Depreciation on Freehold property		99,957		99,957	
			<u>864,425</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>864,425</u>	<u>738,348</u>
	b) Governance Costs					
	Salaries and Employer's NIC	12	65,987		65,987	63,000
	Legal fees		86,701		86,701	26,203
	Auditor remuneration		9,240		9,240	9,160
	Meetings and Training		6,574		6,574	6,807
			<u>168,502</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>168,502</u>	<u>105,170</u>
			<u>1,032,927</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,032,927</u>	<u>843,518</u>
	Total Expenses		<u>3,148,133</u>	<u>1,811,463</u>	<u>4,959,597</u>	<u>4,388,642</u>
12	Allocation of Costs:	Total	Support Costs	Governance Costs	Investment Mgt cost	Charitable Activities
	a) Charitable Activities:					
	Cleaning and Support Services	379,888			37,989	341,899
	Service Charges	9,602			9,602	
	General Rates and Water	31,733			31,733	
	Lighting and Heating	364,742			36,474	328,268
	Repairs and Maintenance	306,626			30,663	275,963
		<u>1,092,590</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>146,460</u>	<u>946,130</u>
	b) Support Costs:					
	Computer and IT Expenses	23,219	11,610			11,610
	Insurance	30,203			30,203	
	Salaries and Employer's NIC	824,839	461,910	65,987	90,732	206,210
	Telephone, Fax and Internet	8,756	4,378			4,378
		<u>887,017</u>	<u>477,897</u>	<u>65,987</u>	<u>90,732</u>	<u>252,400</u>

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13 Tangible Fixed Assets:

	Freehold Land & Buildings	Investment Properties	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment	Total
Cost or valuation:	£	£	£	£
At 1 April 2023	24,427,011	16,099,751	1,687,906	42,214,668
Additions	941,253		86,122	1,027,375
Gains / (losses) on fair value of Fixed assets				-
Disposal	(189,508)	(410,000)		(599,508)
Land and Buildings transferred to FA Investment				-
	<u>25,178,756</u>	<u>15,689,751</u>	<u>1,774,028</u>	<u>42,642,535</u>
Depreciation:				
At 1 April 2023			1,254,607	1,254,607
Charge for the year	99,957		78,527	178,484
Eliminated by Disposal	-			-
	<u>99,957</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,333,134</u>	<u>1,433,091</u>
Net Book Value				
As at 31 March 2024	<u>25,078,799</u>	<u>15,689,751</u>	<u>440,894</u>	<u>41,209,444</u>
As at 31 March 2023	<u>24,427,011</u>	<u>16,099,751</u>	<u>433,299</u>	<u>40,960,061</u>

	2024 £	2023 £
Investment properties:		
Fair value investment Properties b/f	16,099,751	16,049,751
Reclassifications and additions	-	3,680
Disposal of 42 Priores House	(410,000)	
Gains / (losses) on revaluation	-	46,320
	<u>15,689,751</u>	<u>16,099,751</u>

Mixed use Land and buildings (with investment element), and sole investment properties were not subject to professional valuations during the financial year. The trustees have considered that mixed use buildings show some sign of having higher market value, but in the absence of market data on sold properties of a similar purpose built nature, an upwards fair value revaluation was difficult to demonstrate.

The disposal of £189,508 in freehold land and buildings relates to the sale of one of the plots of land in Northampton, held by ELMT Waqf Ltd. See Note 26

14 Debtors & Prepayments:

	2024 £	2023 £
Prepayments	111,418	89,936
Rent and Others	352,978	588,086
Gift Aid accrued	31,988	21,415
Welfare debtors	10,000	20,000
Other accrued income	69,142	
Student Fees	530,271	438,895
	<u>1,105,797</u>	<u>1,158,332</u>

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15 Creditors: Falling due within one year	2024	2023
	£	£
Other Taxes and Social Security Costs	57,206	46,465
Trade Creditors	316,621	203,172
Rent and Hall Hire Deposits	156,656	148,016
Advance Tuition Fees	346,036	363,964
Accruals and Deferred Income	696,656	701,634
Unidentified schools receipts		22,155
Al Rayan (IBB) Bank Loan	190,367	190,367
Qard Hasanah - Private Loan	1,893,873	1,893,873
Pension Contributions	21,765	28,726
	<u>3,679,184</u>	<u>3,598,376</u>
16 Creditors: Falling due after more than one year	2024	2023
	£	£
Qard Hasanah - Private Loan	3,483,903	2,960,782
Al Rayan (IBB) Bank Loan	358,201	502,865
	<u>3,842,104</u>	<u>3,463,647</u>

Private Loans: "Qard Hasanah" are loans from the charity's beneficiaries, which are repayable on request. There is no interest due or security given for these loans. Long-term Qard Hasanah loans have been contractually agreed with private individuals, as not repayable within 12 months. Short-term loans can be repayable at any time that the loaner requests the return of their loan.

FRS102 requires long-term interest-free loans to be stated at their present value. Effectively this would mean loan amounts stated in the account are lower than the actual amounts payable in future. This has potential to confuse the charity's stakeholders; as such the trustees have opted not to follow FRS102 treatment for these loans. This represents a departure from the accounting standards.

17 Analysis of Staff Costs:	2024	2023
	£	£
Total Salaries	2,194,880	2,029,789
Employer's NIC	166,748	156,582
Pension Contributions	105,972	112,877
Total Employment cost	<u>2,467,600</u>	<u>2,299,249</u>
Average number of employees: Support	33	38
Average number of employees: Charitable	90	91
	<u>123</u>	<u>129</u>
Employees paid in excess of £60,000	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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18 Trustees' and key management personnel remuneration and expenses

The trustees neither received nor waived any remuneration during the year (2023: £Nil)

Key management personnel (this excludes all Company directors/trustees) received remuneration of £168,849 during the year (2023: £212,326) including pension costs. The trustees did not have any expenses reimbursed during the year (2023 - £nil).

19 Pensions:

The charity's pension scheme incorporates a SMART salary sacrifice scheme. It is operated by Evolve. Employer's contributions made to pension schemes were £112,877 (2023: £101,754), recognised as an expense under staff emoluments.

20 Deferred income:

	2024	2023
	£	£
At start 01.04.2023	629,456	804,031
Additions during the year	834,653	629,456
Amounts released to income	(629,456)	(804,031)
At end 31.03.2024	<u>834,653</u>	<u>629,456</u>

Deferred income occurs where the entity has raised invoices for a service to be provided in the next financial period. This includes:

Rent and service charges: Invoices are raised a month in advance of the rent quarter to be billed.

Hall Hire: Bookings made for events occurring in the period after 31st March 2024.

Student fees: Fee invoices raised in the school academic year, but actually pertaining to the next financial year. The academic year crosses 2 financial years, and fees are allocated accordingly. Students awaiting enrolment may also be invoiced in advance.

21 Restricted Fund Movements

	Opening Balance 01.04.2023	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Adjustment	Closing Balance 31.03.2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Educational Projects					
London East Academy	307,422	733,689	799,524		241,587
Al Mizan	50,009	448,580	458,183		40,406
Evening Madrasah		72,190	88,003	15,813	
	<u>357,431</u>	<u>1,254,459</u>	<u>1,345,709</u>	<u>15,813</u>	<u>281,993</u>
General Projects					
Zakat Fitr Fund	61,057	205,219	138,694		127,582
Welfare Funds	165,905	206,748	172,982		199,671
Penny Appeal/EECF Counselling Grants	-	11,417	53,342	41,925	
Archiving Project	11,087	1,695	11,075		1,707
Baraka Khan Visitor Centre	107,388		4,321		103,067
Winter Food Campaign (Islamic Relief)	8,130	26,758	24,077		10,811
Islam Awareness Project	10,870	66,572	9,103		68,339
NHS Community Investment Scheme	4,600				4,600
Waqf	-	51,609	52,160	551	
Building Appeals (Dome/Phase 3)	220,672	459,133			679,805
	<u>947,140</u>	<u>2,283,609</u>	<u>1,811,463</u>	<u>58,289</u>	<u>1,477,575</u>

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22 Movement in Funds	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Unrestricted Total £	Restricted Fund £	Total Fund £
As at 1 April 2023	236,274	35,951,108	36,187,382	947,140	37,134,522
Current year surplus	165,528		165,528	472,146	637,676
Profit/(loss) on investment property disposal	(3,000)		(3,000)		(3,000)
Current year transfer	(153,776)	95,487	(58,289)	58,289	
As at 31 March 2024	245,026	36,046,595	36,291,622	1,477,575	37,769,198

Approximately £36m of funds are designated funds are tied up in buildings, investments and fixed assets. As at the balance sheet date the charitable company has £0.24m free reserves for its day to day operations. (2023: £0.24m)

23 Taxation

The entity is exempt from corporation tax, as it engages in charitable activities. Part of rental income is VATable, and charged at a rate of 20%.

24 Auditors' Remuneration

	2024 £	2023 £
Auditor's Remuneration for the audit of the charity's annual accounts	11,250	11,250
Fees Payable to the charity's auditor for non-audit services	11,210	11,210

25 Contingent Liabilities

The entity had no contingent liabilities as at 31 March 2024 nor at 31 March 2023.

26 Related Party Transactions - ELMT Waqf Ltd

The Trust has an existing loan of £401,010 with its subsidiary ELMT Waqf Ltd. The Trustees, Syed Tohel Ahmed and Harun Khan, are also directors of ELMT Waqf Ltd.

The loan is eliminated on consolidation, as ELMT Waqf Ltd, is a fully owned subsidiary of the East London Mosque Trust.

ELMT Waqf Ltd completed the off-plan purchase of two plots of land at a cost of £379,016 on Welland Way, in Northampton in December 2019. The subsidiary entered into a sale and purchase agreement with Welland Way Estates Ltd., which would allow it to realise the sale of the now developed properties.

One of the two plots have been sold in July 2023. The profit on disposal of £51,599 has been included in accrued income in the group accounts, and was realised as cash in the parent entity's bank account after the year-end (August 2024).

The Trust made charitable distributions to Muslim Aid of £14,365.76 in the year. Syed Tohel Ahmed is also a Trustee at Muslim Aid.

27 Volunteers

The charity benefited from work performed by volunteers, including counting of cash collections, and stewarding during Friday prayers, and Ramadan.

28 Capital Commitments

The Charity have committed to extension work to the prayer hall (Phase 3), which are likely to be £481k, in the 12 months after the signing of accounts.

29 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Total £	Restricted Fund £	Total Fund £
Tangible fixed assets	41,209,444	0	41,209,444
Investments	763,495		763,495
Current assets	1,839,327	1,478,220	3,317,547
Current liabilities	(3,679,184)		(3,679,184)
Creditors over 1 year	(3,842,104)		(3,842,104)
Total net assets	36,290,978	1,478,220	37,769,198

30 Investment - SV7 Limited

The ELMT investment with Sama Ventures Ltd commenced in August 2022, and currently stands at £763,494; the two entities formed a joint venture called SV7 Ltd. for the purpose of obtaining a planning gain on a plot of land aimed at provide student accommodation in Birmingham. A decision on planning permission was expected in the financial year, but it is likely that any gain or loss on the investment will now be determined in the following financial year.

31 Zakaat, Fitr and other charitable distributions

Where the Trust collects funds for specific charitable appeals that it cannot execute, it passes those funds to other UK registered charitable companies, at the discretion of the Trustees. All charities that receive collections for charitable use from ELMT, undergo a vetting process. During the financial year, the Trust did not engage in any grantmaking activities with other charities.

32 Analysis of changes in net debt

The analysis below serves as a note to the consolidated cash flow statement:

	At start of year	Cash flows	Acq/disp of investments	New finance leases	Fair value movements	Forex movements	Other non- cash changes	At end of year
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank	1,536,354	897,535	(224,561)	-	-	-	-	2,209,328
Cash equivalents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Overdraft facility	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total cash	1,536,354	897,535	(224,561)	0	0	0	0	2,209,328
Private loans <1 year	(1,893,873)	0	-	-	-	-	-	(1,893,873)
Private loans >1 year	(2,886,573)	(523,121)	-	-	-	-	-	(2,886,573)
Bank loans < 1 year	(180,789)	180,789	-	-	-	-	(180,789)	(180,789)
Bank loans > 1 year	(502,865)	-	-	-	-	-	144,664	(358,201)
Finance leases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total borrowings	(5,464,100)	(342,332)	-	-	-	-	36,125	5,319,436
TOTAL	(3,927,746)	555,203	(224,561)	-	-	-	(36,125)	(3,110,108)

33 Events after the Reporting period

The Trust sold one of its investment properties (37 Ullin Street), in July 2024, to improve its cashflow, and reduce its net current liabilities.

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Accounts

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT, STRATEGIC REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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CORPORATE DETAILS

Registered Name	East London Mosque Trust
Working Names	East London Mosque London Muslim Centre
Company Number	00468317
Charity Number	1122613
Trustees (Directors) <i>(on the date the report was approved)</i>	Ayub Khan – <i>Chairman</i> Abdul-Hayee Murshad – <i>Honorary Secretary</i> Syed Tohel Ahmed – <i>Treasurer</i> Abdullah Faliq Harun Rashid Khan Hussain Muhammad Shefaar Ibrahim Ian Thompson Mahera Ruby Muhammad Habibur Rahman Ruhana Ali Salma Siddiqua Sayeda Anzumara Begum
Registered Office	82–92 Whitechapel Road, London, E1 1JQ
Statutory Auditors	Abacus Partners (Ldn) LLP, Unit A, Abbotts Wharf, 93 Stainsby Road, London, E14 6JL
Main Bankers	HSBC, 1-3 Bishopsgate, London EC2N 3AQ Al Rayan Bank, 24A Calthorpe Road, Birmingham B15 1RP Barclays Bank Plc, Leicester LE87 2BB
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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

OBJECTS AND PUBLIC BENEFIT

The objects of the East London Mosque Trust ('Trust'), as set out in its Articles of Association, are to:

- 1) advance the Islamic faith for the benefit of the public by maintaining and managing a community centre and mosque in London;
- 2) advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the general public, and in particular the Muslim community, and;
- 3) promote such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.

In pursuance of these objects, the Trust hosts a range of services and activities for the benefit of the public.

ACTIVITIES

The Trust continued to deliver a wide range of services for Muslims and non-Muslims, often in partnership with other relevant organisations and charities.

This reporting period is the first complete year with no Covid-19 disruptions since the pandemic began. Worshippers returned to the mosque in large numbers while services delivered by the Trust continued without disruptions. Services in Ramadan returned to normal, especially with Iftar meals being provided to over 30,000 people for free. The Trust facilitated collections for 103 UK-registered charities for causes in the UK and abroad, raising over £490k (£345k more than the previous year).

Since its launch, the Dome and Phase 3 Appeal has raised approximately £0.5m. Full planning permission for the dome was granted in late 2022. A review of the specification and design has been initiated to bring the project closer to budget. The cost of delivering this project has increased with the rising cost of building materials. We are hopeful that contractors can be appointed in late September 2023.

The works to the ground floor extension re-started in February 2023 and is expected to be completed by December 2023.

The Trust has continued partnership work with a number of partner organisations to provide support to refugees. Help has been provided with basic needs such as food, clothing, and medication. The Trust has also provided information and guidance as appropriate.

The Trust places strong emphasis on building relationships with others so we can work together for the common good, holding several post-pandemic events, including an interfaith iftar gathering, Islamophobia Awareness seminar, Mosque Open days, and opportunities to network.

Volunteering

The Trust benefits greatly from dedicated, committed volunteers, from those helping with collections, to members and trustees helping to drive the organisation forward. They provide stewarding for Friday prayers, Ramadan, Eid, and other special occasions, and provide support for charity collections. Volunteers have also been essential in delivering programmes for refugees and the running of food banks. Over 150 volunteers contribute time estimated to be worth around £120,000 per year.

STRATEGIC REPORT

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The trust measures success in several ways, such as through satisfaction surveys, fundraising targets, and educational outcomes.

Religious Projects and Services

Prayer Facilities

This year has seen a return to normal service for the use of the facilities of the East London Mosque Trust (ELMT). The Mosque was open to the public every day of the year for all the daily prayers, with congregations returning to pre-pandemic levels for Jumu'ah, in the well-maintained, accessible spaces of the East London Mosque and adjoining London Muslim Centre and Maryam Centre. Our khutbahs (sermons) on Friday continue to be delivered by our Head Imam (in Arabic, English and Bangla) and Senior Imam (in Arabic and English) on alternate weeks. Guest Imams in the last year included: Shaykh Dr Ahmed Essa El Mawasari, Shaykh Abdur Rashid Sufi.

There is British Sign Language interpretation for the khutbahs on Fridays and Eid days, available on screens across the Mosque complex. The East London Mosque's sermons and Islamic circles have a global reach, especially within the Bangladeshi diaspora.

Religious Teaching

Religious teachings are provided through daily lectures from the main prayer hall of the Mosque every week. In total there are more than 20 courses of religious knowledge delivered within the complex to all ages, every week. The promotion of Islamic teachings helps prevent misunderstanding and aids the spiritual and academic growth of patrons in a safe environment. Most lectures are streamed live.

Ramadan & Eid

Fasting began on Saturday 2 April 2022, and completed after 30 days. The theme chosen for this year, 'Count Our Blessings', recognised our need to be grateful to Allah, especially in the wake of the Covid pandemic. 'From The Pulpit – Ramadan Talks' were delivered by our Imams and guest speakers every day. To prepare worshippers for the month of Ramadan, the East London Mosque organised four days of pre-Ramadan talks on the theme 'Ramadan – The Ultimate Season of Good Deeds'. Eid al-Fitr was on Monday 2 May 2022, and 'Eid al-Adha was on Saturday 9 July 2022, with operations back to normal after two years of pandemic restrictions. On both occasions, there were five congregations.

Funerals

London's oldest Muslim funeral service, Taslim Funerals, is based in the East London Mosque complex. They catered for 524 burials in this period, which included special prayers in the main prayer halls, usually after the midday prayer.

Compulsory and Other Education

The Trust offers full and part-time education.

Al-Mizan School & London East Academy

Al-Mizan School is a full-time junior school for girls and boys, and London East Academy (LEA) is a full-time secondary school for boys. Both schools operate under one headteacher, and a single governing body which is a committee of the Trust. As with other independent schools, recruiting good, qualified teachers and school leaders remains a challenge but nevertheless a priority. There has been a strong demand for school places leading to record levels of pupil recruitment. The governing body appointed the interim headteacher as the permanent headteacher from September 2022.

The GCSE results for 2022 reflected the post-pandemic return to exam-based grading, which nationally was lower than the previous two years: 93% of students achieved 5 GCSEs (including English and Maths) at grade 4 or higher (national was 73.2%); 67% of students achieved 5 GCSEs (including English and Maths) at

grade 5 or higher; similarly, 67% achieved grade 5 or higher in the EBacc; 20% of students achieved 5 GCSEs (including English and Maths) at grade 7 (equivalent to former grade A) or higher.

In the first SATs since the pandemic, year 6 students had an overall pass rate of 67%, which is above the national average of 59%. In Spelling Punctuation And Grammar (SPAG) students scored above 90%.

Supplementary Education

The ELM Evening Madrasah now operates eight classes with over 120 students having previously dropped to six classes with 82 students due to the pandemic. At the end of the academic year there was a very successful award ceremony, greatly appreciated by parents.

The London Iqra Institute (a project of London Education Trust) operates from the fifth floor of the Maryam Centre, specialising in structured Islamic courses for children aged six and above, and some courses for adults. The ELMT supports several other educational projects based in its complex that includes Rainbow House, Saturday Islamic School, Hornafric Development Association, and Al Qalam Madrasah.

Social Welfare

The Trust provides a range of welfare services directly and through supported projects.

Religious Advice and Support

The Mosque's Imams give advice and guidance on religious matters, on issues such as marriage, inheritance, family, and financial matters, with typically well over a hundred enquiries every day. The enquiries are mainly in person or via telephone. However, Imams also deal with email enquiries.

The Trust provides subsidised office space to Al Ihsan Marriage & Family Advice Service, which provides a marriage introduction and advice service, and organises public lectures on marriage in the Muslim community.

Food Bank

Established during the first pandemic lockdown, we saw a rise in clients as other food banks disbanded, and realised there was an ongoing need for our food bank. We means-test and review individual circumstances to filter eligible clients. We continued supplying basic food items, with support from Islamic Relief UK as a partner in the winter food drive, providing over 300 families with essentials. ELMT staff and volunteers provide food packages for both Muslims and non-Muslims in Tower Hamlets

Vaccination support

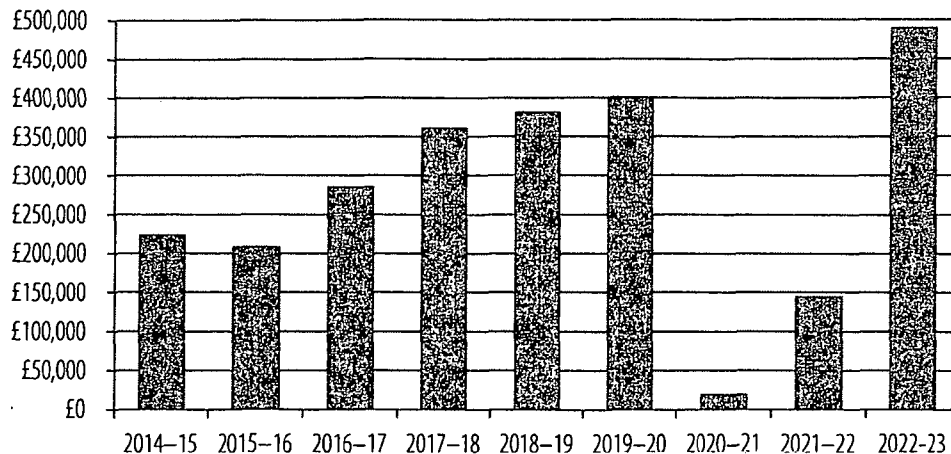
The ELMT continued to promote the vaccination programme and hosted a vaccination service in the LMC main hall until the end of August 2022, initially once each week, then later for two days a week on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Support for refugees

Following our emergency support two years ago, for refugees who had arrived in the local area, the ELMT has continued to work with Islamic Relief UK and the local council as part of a multi-agency partnership, to coordinate further support throughout the year.

Supporting charitable causes

External charity collections for this reporting period were the highest in the Trust's history. Over £490k was raised on behalf of 103 UK charities – £345k more than the previous year. The Covid pandemic had a profoundly detrimental impact on external charity collections. With 2022-23 being the first full year with no pandemic restrictions, UK charities were able to benefit from the generosity of worshippers visiting the Trust.



Women-only services

The Trust hosts over 20 female user groups every week, covering all ages and from different backgrounds, such as the London Saturday Circle, the Tafseer Class, the Friday Youth Circle, and the New Muslims Circle. Most are based in the Maryam Centre, which has excellent female prayer facilities, classes, and seminars for women. The Trust continues to offer a professional counselling service for women. Our frontline staff are trained as 'Violence against women and girls' champions, and to support women facing domestic violence. A record 9,143 women sought support over the course of the year.

Support for new Muslims

New Muslims have continued to benefit from the services run by the Mosque and its partners through weekly programmes, one-to-one learning, and social gatherings.

Services for the elderly

The senior citizens resumed their exercise and social sessions after the pandemic by slowly getting back into the mosque to meet fortnightly. As well as addressing isolation and loneliness, the project supports people with mental health issues by helping them overcome low self-esteem and other challenges. Through funding from Faith Action Health Partnership grant, the Project Co-ordinator was able to support the 25 participants with the help of volunteers. Senior citizens would meet and receive health awareness advice through games and leisure activities. It is also an opportunity to engage in story telling sessions before having a healthy lunch. They also enjoyed a trip through London on an Open tour bus and stopped at the London Central Mosque for prayers and Lunch.

Community Cohesion

The ELMT works actively to forge stronger relationships and alliances with interfaith groups, civic society and wider society through engagement programmes and activities throughout the year.

Open Days and Tea & Tour

The Trust facilitates regular open days and exhibitions in partnership with the Islam Awareness Project (IAP), with the aim to improve community relations and remove misunderstandings about Islam and Muslims. This year we organised two open days, receiving over 1,000 non-Muslim visitors, many of whom gave positive feedback. Also, regular Tea & Tour sessions for non-Muslim visitors are arranged by the volunteers of IAP on the last weekend of every month.

Islam Awareness Courses (CPD Accredited)

The cultural diversity programme for non-Muslim professionals remains a unique and an important service that has reached hundreds of professionals from diverse backgrounds since the first course delivered in 2013. This year the team running the programme rebranded the project as 'Faith in Diversity,' drawing inspiration from the success of our 'Faith in Health' initiative. As part of our rebranding efforts, a brand-new website has been

launched that seamlessly integrates with the ELM website. Nine full-day courses have been delivered, including one free taster session. Our largest client, Tower Hamlets Primary Care Mental Health Service, has committed to training 100 staff members. The Trust has also provided training for the London Fire Brigade and the Metropolitan Police, with plans to deliver more sessions throughout 2023.

Visit My Mosque

The visit my mosque day was held in September this year. There was a steady flow of people visiting the mosque and enjoying the guided tours and exhibition, not to mention, the tea and cake. This year's tour included a special Quran exhibition and 'Ted talk' style faith talks with special guest Dr Muhammad A. S. Abdel Haleem, a prominent translator of the Quran. The special Quran exhibition was a display of 9th and 12th century Quran and manuscripts.

Educational Tours & Visits

The Visits Team received many requests for visits and tours from schools and colleges, including many bookings from institutions and universities from abroad. The team has been busy this year taking back-to-back tours throughout the week. This year there were 74 school visits and 40 tours. There were some cancellations due to TfL strikes but all in all schools were busy with requests and we even accommodated school assemblies too.

Baraka Khan Visitor Gallery

The Baraka Khan Visitor Gallery (BKVG), on the first floor of the Maryam Centre overlooking the prayer hall, is a legacy initiative of the Baraka Khan Foundation that seeks to raise funds, improve engagement, and open doors to those who want to know more about Islam. The Trust occasionally holds special public presentations with renowned experts from the business, healthcare, and financial sectors. By bringing leading thinkers and the Muslim community together, these discussions contribute to sharing ideas, and offer knowledge for the benefit of the community.

Tackling Racism and Islamophobia

The Trust has been working with anti-racist organisations to challenge racism and Islamophobia, and organised and supported several events throughout the year. The Trust is a member of Tower Hamlets Interfaith Forum, which provides a platform for different faith groups to discuss issues of common interest and concerns and to promote cohesion between various faith communities. The forum meets every two months, and is led by a small steering group, where the Trust is represented by our Head of Programmes & Maryam Centre. The Trust is a founding member of the Faiths Forum for London (FFL). It empowers religious communities to work together towards a better London. Central and regional bodies seek advice from FFL on issues affecting faith communities.

As part of the Islamophobia Awareness Month, the Trust organised an event on, 'The Bosnian state, and the Muslim population, under attack again', with Peter Osborne and Bosnian Ambassador Vanja Filipović. Around 200 participants attended the event.

Special Events & Notable Visitors

Throughout the year, the Trust organised several special events and hosted dozens of notable visitors.

On Friday 15th July 2022, the Trust marked the 27th memorial of the Srebrenica Genocide. Earlier in the week, a banner was unfurled at the front of the Mosque depicting the 'Srebrenica flower', which represents the day on which the genocide began (11th July 1995). On Monday 11th July, coinciding with the funeral and memorial taking place in Srebrenica, a special address by the Grand Mufti of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Dr Husein Kavazović, was published and shared with English-speaking audiences in the UK and Europe.

The memorial event took place at the London Muslim Centre with guests from the community, which also included a survivor from a Bosnian Serb-run concentration camp.

Over 200 people attended a special programme in December at the London Muslim Centre, drawing attention to the dire situation faced by Uyghur Muslims in China.

Physicians Across Continents in partnership with the Trust organised My Mosque Clinics where more than 400 people were given advice on how to improve their health by doctors and nurses.

Public Relations

The Trust continues to facilitate many journalists and news broadcasters. In the past year, the Trust has been featured in broadcast, print and online media, including BBC News, ITV, iNews, MyLondon, The Huffington Post, East London Advertiser, The Tablet, Arab News, The New Arab, and Morocco World News.

The website plays an important role in explaining the work and services of the Trust, providing news and details of events, and raising funds through appeals. The Trust's website provides news and information for our community and helps to raise funds through appeals. For the year 1st Apr 2022 to 31st Mar 2023 there were 20,215,888 page views, with the most popular use being to check prayer times. The website is also used by thousands every week for the audio and video streams, including the Adhan for all the daily prayers, and most of the talks from the main prayer hall, especially the Friday khutbah.

For the same period, online donations through the website, including Gift Aid, and restricted funds such as Zakah, amounted to £0.67m, up from previous year's £0.58m. The website performed particularly well in Ramadan 2023, bringing in a record £0.33m (£0.26m the previous year), which includes Zakah and Zakat al-Fitr. The website brings in further revenue by serving adverts for almost all the page views, with the advertisers purchasing space directly from our fundraising team

The Trust's Facebook page has over 341,000 followers. The page is regularly updated with information on fundraising activities, services, announcements, and media statements. Enquiries directed to the Trust via Facebook and Instagram messages are also responded to, and advice given to users. The Trust's Twitter account now has over 14,800 followers while its YouTube channel has continued to grow significantly. The site has recorded a total lifetime 7.9 million views, 2.1 million views within last year and 58,200 subscribers. The Trust's Instagram account has grown to 23,500 followers; and it's TikTok channel, has over 26,600 followers.

Premises

Phase 3 & ELM dome

The Dome and Phase 3 appeal raised £0.29m in donations in 2022-23. Some donors continue to pay in instalments over several years, using standing orders and direct debits. Full planning permission for the dome was granted in late 2022. The Dome project was sent out for tender and four official tenders were received. Unfortunately, all the tenders came in considerably over budget due to the rising cost of building materials. This has resulted in a review of the specification and design to bring the project closer to budget. We are hopeful that contractors can be appointed in late September 2023.

The works to the ground floor extension re-started in February 2023 and is scheduled to be completed in December 2023. We are looking forward to starting Ramadan, in 2024, with a larger, merged, prayer hall and increased space for worshippers. The enlarged hall will be fully airconditioned for the comfort of our worshippers.

Security

The Trust is constantly at potential risk from criminal damage, burglary, theft, arson, and hate crimes. In some circumstances, the safety of staff, volunteers, users, and visitors could be in jeopardy. Any breach of security may have an impact on the running of the Trust. It follows that all reasonable measures should be taken to enhance security. To this end, risk assessments are conducted at least annually. Where appropriate, expert advice has been sought to determine security risks and precautions required to deal with these potential threats. The Trust is in regular contact with the police.

Maintaining a secure and efficient IT infrastructure is a key priority for the Trust. To ensure that its IT systems is up to date and resilient against cyberattacks, the Trust engaged IT consultants to identify vulnerabilities as well as identify ways to enhance its usability, reliability, and efficiency.

Staff and volunteers are provided with sufficient resources, information, and training to implement the security procedures, which are reviewed regularly. The Security Team provides 24/7 security cover for our buildings, which acts as a deterrent, and is reassuring for staff, volunteers, and users. Members of the Security Team are SIA qualified, and their core duties include opening and closing of the buildings, monitoring CCTV, signposting, implementing access/exits restrictions, recording and reporting incidents (including to the police), as well as carrying out internal and external patrols throughout the day and night. Security is increased during high profile visits by dignitaries to the Mosque and Centre, also for Ramadan night-time prayers and Eid prayers.

Governance and Administration

The Strategic Plan 2020–24 is guiding the ELMT's priorities. The review of staffing continued, covering the reception, security, premises, maintenance, and events teams. The ELMT's policies and procedures are kept under regular review by the Governance, Compliance & Audit Committee.

Fundraising, Income Generation, and Investment Performance

The ELMT's income in 2022-23 came mainly from donations, investment income and school fees. The income rose substantially to £5.11m, compared to £4.39m in 2021-22. However, the expenditure also grew considerably to £4.39m, up from £3.56m in 2021-22.

The Dome and Phase 3 appeal raised £0.29m in donations in 2022-23. However, some of the donors have chosen to pay in instalments over several years, using standing orders and direct debits. The website and digital fundraising income was consistent with the previous year, at £0.25m, which represents a 300% return on investment.

Income from hall hire also increased to £0.21m (£0.19m in 2021-22), benefiting from the continuation of the Covid19 vaccination clinics.

The ELMT investment properties, valued at £16.10m, comprise a portfolio of freehold and leasehold assets within and outside the Mosque complex. These assets generated a rental income of £0.95m this year (£0.86m in 2021-22) yielding a return of 5.87%, a slight improvement on the previous year.

One of the properties in Northampton was sold at the end of July 2023, with a return of approx. 30%. The sale of the remaining property is anticipated to be in the next couple of months.

The Trust made a substantial investment in Matz Medical, a supplier to the NHS. Unfortunately, this investment did not materialise as Matz Medical went into administration. Subsequently, it emerged that the Trust and other investors might have been victims of fraud. The issue was reported to the Charity Commission (CC) as a serious incident.

The ELMT and Sama Ventures Ltd formed a joint venture (SV7 Ltd) to invest in a planning gain investment. This investment is projected to generate a return in mid-2024.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Governance and Administration

1. Arrange for external review of policies and procedures to ensure a strong governance structure.
2. Continue with the annual training programme for trustees.
3. Further strengthen with succession planning for trustees and members, building capacity and improving processes to increase diversity, ensuring a broad range of skills, and improving compliance.
4. Complete review of staffing and departmental structure.
5. Appointment of a Chief Executive Officer.

Fundraising and Income Generation

6. Maintain net income of the Trust at a sustainable £0.5m per annum.
7. Diversify fundraising strategies to increase income generation and reduce Qard Hasana.
8. Develop further better use of internet and social media streams through digital fundraising.

Projects and Services

9. Complete the review of all supplementary education for children.
10. Revive the youth forum to build relationships between young people and the Mosque and find ways to offer social and recreational opportunities for young people in an Islamic environment.
11. Develop a structured, holistic approach to promoting family values and tackling family break-up.
12. Continue to improve opportunities for researchers by developing the Trust's archive service.

Assets & Premises

13. Further improvements to the IT infrastructure and security.
14. Complete the Phase 3 extension.
15. Begin replacement of the dome and enhancement of minarets and main entrance.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Performance

The ELMT raised £1.58m through donations (£1.32m in 2021-22). Income from charitable activities increased to £1.94m (£1.46m in 2021-22). Investment income increased to £0.94m (£0.89m in 2021-22) and income from fundraising activities also increased, to £0.60m (£0.55m in 2021-22). There is a deficit of £0.23m in this year when the impairment in investment is taken into account.

Restricted income includes donations received for specified projects and income for the full-time schools and evening madrasah.

Reserves

The total unrestricted reserves of the charity were £36.20m at 31st March 2023. Of this, £0.24m is regarded as immediately available free reserves, with the remainder being tied up in assets. This falls short of the target Reserves as per the Trust's policy. The Trust has an action in place to restore the reserves to target levels, primarily through sale of investment properties.

The reserves policy is to ensure that the Trust is able to meet its short-term operational costs in an event where income drops to an unsustainable low. It is currently operating to service at least two months of liabilities, which is £0.71m. The Board of Trustees considers the reserve policy to be adequate, as the giving tradition is strong in such a faith-based organisation, with regular income received from the investments.

Staff Remuneration

The remuneration committee agreed an overall 4% increase to the pay scale for 2023-24. The National Minimum Wage increased by 9.7% which will benefit those on the lower end of the pay scale.

Investment Policy

The ELMT operates an investment policy with the objective to grow its assets so that financial gains can be used to further its aims and objectives as well as meeting its cost centres. The Board of Trustees are responsible for reviewing the overall financial position of the charity through budgets, management accounts and cash flow forecasts, paying particular attention to short-term and long-term financial commitments. All investments must be ethically sound and do not conflict with Islamic values, nor with the aims and ethos of the ELMT.

All other cash reserves are held in bank accounts, and any bank interest received are allocated to the welfare fund, consistent with Islamic guidelines on the treatment of interest. Any profits from the deposits at Al-Rayan Bank are included in the ELMT's main fund.

Principal Uncertainties, Risks and Management

The Trust identifies and monitors risks in the areas of compliance, reputation, financial management, governance, and operations, and puts in place measures to mitigate these risks, especially those deemed as major. These measures, backed by regular review, ensure strong protection of the charity.

Amongst the key measures the Trust has in place are:

- DBS checks whenever appropriate for staff, volunteers, and trustees.
- scrutiny of policies and procedures by the Governance, Compliance and Audit Committee.
- regular monitoring by trustees of the reserves policy and the risk register.
- all suitable insurance policies.
- 24/7 security guards based in the Trust's premises.

The Trust's booking process and policy for speakers helps to mitigate reputational risks. The Trust robustly challenges any misleading or malicious media reports. It has enhanced its due diligence procedures.

Security is kept continuously under review. The Trust employs 24/7 security guards and maintains close contacts with the local police force and other agencies, such as the Tension Monitoring Group.

Independent Auditor

An independent audit was carried out by Abacus Partners (Ldn) LLP, Chartered Certified Accountants & Registered Auditors. The auditor is deemed to have been re-appointed in accordance with section 487 of the companies Act 2006.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The East London Mosque Trust is a company limited by guarantee. Its Articles of Association were last updated in 2020. Ten trustees are elected by the Trust's membership from amongst themselves every two years. The elected trustees may appoint up to five additional trustees whose expertise may benefit the Trust. Trustees are the company directors for the purpose of company law. Trustees do not receive any remuneration.

A trustee induction procedure outlines steps for vetting trustees, key documents that are considered essential, and expectations for appropriate training. The Board of Trustees typically meets every six weeks; in this reporting period, they met 29 times. The large number of meetings were required to deal with the Matz Medical investment. It has established three principal committees for effective governance:

- Executive Committee
- Governance, Compliance & Audit Committee
- Schools' Governing Body

The Trust considers the Executive Committee (currently consisting of the Trust's Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Treasurer, another trustee and four senior members of staff) to be the key management personnel. The delegation of decisions to committees is outlined in terms of references, and to staff in job descriptions. The Board of Trustees retains ultimate oversight of financial controls, the management of risks, significant developments, and in ensuring the Trust operates in accordance with its Articles of Association, charity law and other legal requirements, and best practice.

The Trust has a subsidiary, the ELMT Waqf, to make investments. The Trust cooperates with other charities and organisations where this will help deliver its objects to its beneficiaries, with due regard to any conflicts of interest.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also directors of East London Mosque Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report including the Strategic Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

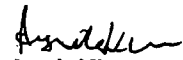
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS102);
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is not appropriate to assume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

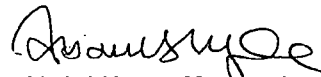
The Board of Trustees is responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company, and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Each of the persons who is a director/trustee at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and
- they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

The Trustees' Annual Report and the Strategic Report were approved by the Board of Trustees (in their capacity as company directors) on 2 September 2023 and signed on its behalf by:


Ayub Khan
Chairman


Abdul-Hayee Murshad
Honorary Secretary

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE EAST LONDON MOSQUE TRUST FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The East London Mosque Trust for the year ended 31st March 2023, which comprise the statement of financial activities, the Statement of Financial Position, the statement of cash flows, and the related Notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Emphasis of matter – Investment in Matz Medical Limited

Users should refer to Note 30 of the financial statements, which explains the significant financial loss in the year, due to an irrecoverable investment.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31st March 2023, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

We sought clarity on the Trust's legally enforceable capital commitments to help conclude on this, as it was considered the largest risk to going concern. Based on this, and other work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that cast doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read other information and, in doing so consider whether the other information is

materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' report, including the Strategic Report, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared, is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Trustees Annual Report, including the Strategic Report, has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Strategic report and the Trustees Annual Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

As part of our planning process:

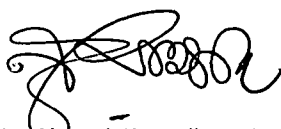
- We enquired of management and staff the systems and controls the charity has in place, the areas of the financial statements that are most susceptible to the risk of irregularities and fraud, and whether there were any known instances of suspected or alleged fraud
- We obtained an understanding of the various legal and regulatory frameworks under which the charity operates, and made the necessary enquiries of management to understand if there were any major areas of non-compliance
- We considered incentives and opportunities that exist within the charity, including management bias, to present the potential for irregularities and fraud to be perpetuated, and tailored our risk assessment accordingly

The key procedures we undertook to detect irregularities and misstatements including fraud, included:

- Testing revenue and revenue recognition for evidence of management bias, across all revenue streams, including within the schools
- Verifying the existence and status of investments held by the Trust, as well as making an assessment of impairment where relevant
- Verifying the existence of bank balances
- Performing a physical verification of key assets, and title to those assets
- Reviewing minutes of Trustee meetings, to identify any information that may have not been reflected in the accounting records
- Testing for the existence of related party transactions
- Testing for the existence of expenditure by the charity, and in the case of payroll costs, the existence of a sample of staff within those costs

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Acts 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinion we have formed.



Mr Nur Ahmed Chowdhury (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Abacus Partners (Ldn) LLP
Statutory Auditor
Unit A, Abbots Wharf
93 Stainsby Road
London E14 6JL

Date: 2nd September 2023

EAST LONDON MOSQUE TRUST
(Company Limited by Guarantee)
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (INCORPORATING THE INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<u>Incoming Resources</u>					
Donations and Legacies	3	1,576,889	2,025	1,578,914	1,316,287
Activities for Generating Funds	4	604,783	-	604,783	546,771
Investment Income	5	945,046	-	945,046	885,141
Income from Charitable Activities	6	269,048	1,667,055	1,936,103	1,456,062
Others Incoming Resources	7	46,916	-	46,916	189,741
Total Incoming Resources		3,442,682	1,669,080	5,111,762	4,394,002
<u>Resources Expended</u>					
Fundraising Costs	8	266,484	-	266,484	210,664
Investment Management Costs	9	299,690	588	300,278	215,289
Charitable Activities Costs	10	1,270,565	1,707,797	2,978,361	2,439,541
Support costs	11	738,348	-	738,348	645,877
Governance costs	11	105,170	-	105,170	69,016
Total Resources Expended		2,680,257	1,708,385	4,388,641	3,580,387
Net Income/Deficit Before Fund Movements and exceptional items		762,425	(39,305)	723,121	813,614
Gross Transfer Between Funds	24	3,378,765	(3,378,765)		-
Net Movement before other recognised gains and losses		4,141,190	(3,418,070)	723,121	813,614
Impairment of investment	Note 30	(1,000,000)		(1,000,000)	
Gains / (losses) on revaluation of Fixed assets	13	46,320	-	46,320	
Net Movement in Funds		3,187,510	(3,418,070)	(230,559)	813,614
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total Funds Brought Forward		32,999,872	4,365,209	37,365,081	36,551,467
Total Funds as at 31 March 2023		36,187,382	947,140	37,134,522	37,365,081

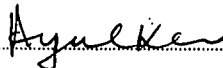
All the activities of the company are from continuing operations.

EAST LONDON MOSQUE TRUST
(Company Limited by Guarantee)
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	£	Total 2023 £	£	Total 2022 £
Fixed Assets:					
Freehold Land and Buildings	13		13,970,977		13,341,232
Leasehold Land and Buildings	13		10,456,034		10,456,034
Investment Properties	13		16,099,751		16,049,751
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	13		433,299		453,681
Other investments			538,933		
Investment in Subsidiaries			1		1
			<u>41,498,995</u>		<u>40,300,699</u>
Current Assets:					
Stock		2,863		3,027	
Debtors & prepayments	14	1,158,332		825,535	
Cash at bank & in hand		<u>1,536,354</u>		<u>2,736,054</u>	
		2,697,549		3,564,616	
Current Liabilities:					
Amount falling due within one year	15	<u>3,598,376</u>		<u>3,221,139</u>	
Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)			<u>(900,826)</u>		<u>343,477</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities			<u>40,598,169</u>		<u>40,644,176</u>
Creditors:					
Amount falling due after one year	16		3,463,647		3,279,095
Total Net Assets			<u>37,134,522</u>		<u>37,365,081</u>
Funds of the Charity					
Restricted Funds	21		947,140		4,365,209
Unrestricted Funds	22				
General Funds		236,274		1,453,265	
Designated Funds		<u>35,951,108</u>	36,187,382	<u>31,546,607</u>	32,999,872
Total Funds as at 31 March 2023			<u>37,134,522</u>		<u>37,365,081</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 2 September 2023.

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees



Trustee & Chairman



Trustee & Treasurer

EAST LONDON MOSQUE TRUST
(Company Limited by Guarantee)
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Notes	£	2023 £	£	2022 £
Cash from Operating Activities				
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	723,121		813,614	
Rent from investments	(944,017)		(883,069)	
Depreciation	74,874		80,646	
Other Investment Income	(1,029)		(2,068)	
(Gain)/Loss on fixed asset disposal	-		-	
(Increase)/Decrease in Debtors	(332,797)		11,232	
(Increase)/Decrease in Stock	164		422	
Increase/(Decrease) in Creditors	367,660		275,840	
Cash from Operations	<u>(112,025)</u>		<u>296,617</u>	
Net Cash Generated from Operations		(112,025)		296,617
Cash from Investment Activities				
Purchase of Tangible Fixed Assets	(687,917)		(122,088)	
Investments purchased	(1,538,933)		-	
Fixed assets disposal	-		-	
Rents from investments	944,017		883,073	
Interest / Profit on investment	1,029		2,068	
Net Cash Inflow/outflow from Investment Activities		(1,281,804)		763,053
Cash from Financing Activities				
Increase/(Decrease) of Bank Loan	(142,720)		(141,068)	
Increase/(Decrease) of Qard Hasanah (Private Loan)	336,850	194,129	(262,641)	(403,709)
Net Increase/(decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents		(1,199,700)		655,957
Opening Cash and Cash Equivalents		2,736,054		2,080,097
Closing Cash and Cash Equivalents		<u>1,536,354</u>		<u>2,736,054</u>
Reconciliation:				
Cash at bank and in hand		1,536,354		2,736,054
		<u>1,536,354</u>		<u>2,736,054</u>

See Note 33 for analysis of changes in net debt

EAST LONDON MOSQUE TRUST

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

1 Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of accounts:

The charitable company is a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102, and the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities, preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)- Charities SORP FRS 102, and the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in pound sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below.

1.2 Going Concern

The Trust recognised an exceptional loss of £1m, due to an investment that may have been misrepresented (See Note 31), which is the main driver in the £0.9m net current liabilities on the balance sheet. This, alongside other cash funds tied up in investments, required the Trust to undergo a comprehensive cashflow analysis to forecast monthly cash positions for a year from the date of signed accounts. This demonstrated that the Trust will be able to maintain positive cashflow by managing and deferring some of its capital commitments. The Trust currently has 4 investment properties listed for sale, which if sold would significantly add to the free cash reserves. There are currently discussions regarding a potential £1m private loan too. When considering cashflow forecasting, and the further potential to realise cash via asset sales, Trustees believe the Going Concern basis is appropriate.

1.3

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The current designated fund is tied up within fixed assets and investments (See Note 22). Restricted funds are those funds that are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The funds are set out in Note 21.

1.4 Income recognition:

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activity (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

- Cash donations are recognised on receipt.
- Tuitions Fee income is recognised when entitlement has occurred. Fee Invoices are usually raised at the beginning of the academic year and any income related to future accounting periods are deferred to those periods.
- Investment income is earned through holding property and cash deposits for investment purposes. Rental income is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established. Profit on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably.
- Hall and room hire income is recognised as at the date of the event.
- Grants for immediate expenditure are accounted for when they become receivable.

1.5 Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT:

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis within the Statement of Financial Activity, and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Input VAT that cannot be claimed is included in the cost to which it relates.

1.6 Allocation of costs:

Costs are allocated between restricted and unrestricted funds according to the terms of the income. Where items expended are mixed, they are apportioned between the categories according to the income they relate to.

1.7 Support costs:

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the charities programmes and activities. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

EAST LONDON MOSQUE TRUST
Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

1.8 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation:

Freehold and long leasehold properties are not depreciated as they are maintained at a high standard, thus extending their useful life and residual value. Annual impairment reviews are conducted where assets are not depreciated. Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are capitalised at cost, and are stated in the accounts at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

Computers and Equipment	15% Reducing balance.
Furniture, Fixtures and fittings	15% Reducing balance.

1.9 Investment properties:

Investment properties are held at fair value, which is measured annually with changes in fair value recognised in 'net gains / (losses) on investments' in the SoFA.

1.10 Investments :

Investments are recognised initially at fair value, which is normally stated at cost less provision for permanent diminution in value. Subsequently, they are measured at fair value with changes recognised in 'net gains / (losses) on investments' in the SoFA. Other investments are measured at cost less impairment.

1.11 Stock:

Stock held by the entity consists of books and radios. Goods are stated at the lower of, cost or net realisable value. The cost includes all costs of purchase, any costs of conversion and other costs incurred in bringing the goods to its present location and condition.

1.12 Debtors and prepayments:

Debtors are receivable within one year and/or more than one year recognised at the transaction price. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any discounts due.

1.13 Creditors and accruals:

Creditors payable within one year and/or more than one year are recognised at the transaction price. Accruals are valued at the net cost, less any discounts offered.

1.14 Loans and borrowings:

Loans and borrowings are initially recognised at the transaction price, including transaction costs.

Private Loans: "Qard Hasanah" is a interest free loans from the charity's beneficiaries, which only have a moral obligation to repay as per agreement. Qard Hasanah is recognised when received / paid and recorded under liabilities due within one year and/or more than one year.

1.15 Provisions:

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount can be reliably estimated.

1.16 Pensions:

Employees of the charity are entitled to join a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension contributions by the charity are charged to the financial statements, and equal or exceed the statutory minimum percentages applied to pensionable earnings.

1.17 Taxation:

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

1.18 Group accounting

The entity has a 100% stake in a dormant subsidiary LMC Limited and a 100% stake in ELMT Waqf Ltd. The latter's total reserves at 31 March 2023 were (£2,183). ELMT has a loan outstanding with ELMT Waqf Ltd., the details of which are discussed in Note 26.

EAST LONDON MOSQUE TRUST

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

2. Legal status of the charity

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 for each member of the charity.

Incoming Resources						
3	Donations and Legacies	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 £	2022 £
	General Donations		1,191,532		1,191,532	956,314
	Baraka Khan Visitor Centre					
	Archiving Project			2,025	2,025	5,558
	MyELM		14,860		14,860	12,124
	DOMÉ/Phase 2		288,645		288,645	241,672
	Gilt Aid		81,852		81,852	100,619
			<u>1,576,889</u>	<u>2,025</u>	<u>1,578,914</u>	<u>1,316,287</u>
4	Activities for Generating Funds		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 £	2022 £
	Hall and Room Hire		210,556		210,556	188,586
	Fundraising Activities		58,068		58,068	32,185
	Digital Fundraising incl. website		251,170		251,170	256,226
	Bookstall and similar sales		31,739		31,739	21,741
	Charity package sponsorships		53,250		53,250	48,033
			<u>604,783</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>604,783</u>	<u>546,771</u>
5	Investment Income		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 £	2022 £
	Rent and Services Charges		944,017		944,017	883,073
	Profit on Bank Deposits and investments		1,029		1,029	2,068
			<u>945,046</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>945,046</u>	<u>885,141</u>
6	Income from Charitable Activities		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 £	2022 £
	<u>a) Educational Projects</u>					
	Al Mizan School			547,855	547,855	454,752
	London East Academy			715,238	715,238	574,336
	ELM Evening Madrasah			58,546	58,546	68,330
				<u>1,321,639</u>	<u>1,321,639</u>	<u>1,097,418</u>
	<u>b) Contributions to ELMT for service use</u>					
	Al Mizan School		79,752		79,752	39,876
	London East Academy		101,056		101,056	50,528
			<u>180,808</u>		<u>180,808</u>	<u>90,404</u>
	<u>c) Other charitable funds</u>					
	Fir Fund			80,070	80,070	57,193
	Zakat Fund			88,482	88,482	81,545
	Welfare Fund			118,886	118,886	63,914
	Counselling Projects			36,719	36,719	12,618
	Winter Food Project					13,750
	Kickstarter scheme					7,565
	Burial Support					1,546
	Islam Awareness Project			21,259	21,259	
	Foodbank and Community Projects					4,293
	Itar and Iftar, and Huffaz collections		88,240		88,240	25,816
			<u>88,240</u>	<u>345,416</u>	<u>433,656</u>	<u>268,240</u>
	Total		<u>269,048</u>	<u>1,667,055</u>	<u>1,936,103</u>	<u>1,456,062</u>

Contributions by the schools for use of ELMT facilities are within the schools' costs in Note 10. The current year includes prior deferred contribu

7	Other Incoming Resources	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 £	2022 £
	HMRC Job Retention Scheme				147,783
	User Groups' Contributions	3,155		3,155	5,000
	Weddings and Attestations	28,900		28,900	30,950
	Sundry	14,861		14,861	6,008
		<u>46,916</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,916</u>	<u>189,741</u>
	Total Income	<u>3,442,682</u>	<u>1,669,080</u>	<u>5,111,762</u>	<u>4,394,001</u>

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8 Fundraising Costs		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 £	2022 £
Salaries and Employer's NIC		98,459		98,459	89,600
Fundraising Events and Campaigns		152,633		152,633	109,802
Bookstall and Similar Supplies		15,392		15,392	11,262
		<u>266,484</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>266,484</u>	<u>210,664</u>
9 Investment Management Costs		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 £	2022 £
Salaries and Employer's NIC	13	86,625		86,625	77,002
Premises Expenses	13	162,638		162,638	89,943
Insurance	13	9,166		9,166	8,056
Finance Charges		41,261		41,261	39,722
Waqf Ltd.			588	588	566
		<u>299,690</u>	<u>588</u>	<u>300,278</u>	<u>215,289</u>
10 Charitable Activities		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 £	2022 £
<u>Educational Projects</u>					
Al Mizan School			531,933	531,933	444,309
London East Academy			720,194	720,194	565,060
Elm Evening Madrasah			75,440	75,440	74,369
			<u>1,327,567</u>	<u>1,327,567</u>	<u>1,083,739</u>
Salaries and NIC - Imams and Religious support		180,704		180,704	170,355
Welfare Fund Distribution			92,467	92,467	36,889
Counsellor Fees			37,105	37,105	48,028
NHS Community Investment Scheme					15,400
Fitr Fund Distribution			77,821	77,821	55,190
Zakat Fund Distribution			88,243	88,243	90,095
		<u>180,704</u>	<u>295,636</u>	<u>476,340</u>	<u>415,957</u>
Other Salaries and Employer's NIC	13	196,875		196,875	175,004
Premises Expenses	13	747,978		747,978	642,588
Archiving Expenses			15,892	15,892	23,687
Baraka Khan Visitor Centre			4,672	4,672	
Winter Food Project					6,249
Burial Support			28,800	28,800	
Foodbank and Community Support			17,276	17,276	15,844
Kickstarter scheme			7,565	7,565	
Islam Awareness Project			10,389	10,389	
Iftar, Iltikaaf and Huffaz Expenses		85,284		85,284	19,574
Publications related to charitable events		13,751		13,751	16,015
Web hosting and digital hub		27,807		27,807	25,597
Telephone, Fax and Internet	13	4,980		4,980	4,680
Computers and IT Expenses	13	9,288		9,288	7,513
Postage and Stationery	13	3,899		3,899	3,095
		<u>1,089,862</u>	<u>84,594</u>	<u>1,174,455</u>	<u>939,847</u>
		<u>1,270,565</u>	<u>1,707,797</u>	<u>2,978,362</u>	<u>2,439,541</u>

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11	Support and Governance Costs:	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
			£	£	£	£
	a) Support Costs					
	Salaries and Employer's NIC	13	440,999		440,999	392,008
	Insurance	13	18,332		18,332	16,108
	Telephone, Fax and Internet	13	4,980		4,980	4,680
	Computers and IT Expenses	13	9,288		9,288	7,513
	Postage and Stationery	13	3,899		3,899	3,096
	Legal and Professional Fees		87,236		87,236	62,233
	Payroll service		161		161	
	Training and Courses		8,905		8,905	4,800
	Book-Keeping and Accountancy		9,660		9,660	8,800
	Bank and Credit Card Charges		48,684		48,684	43,788
	Volunteer Expenses		4,968		4,968	4,326
	Subscriptions		11,484		11,484	8,531
	Sundry		26,818		26,818	23,961
	Depreciation on FF and Equipment		62,934		62,934	66,033
			<u>738,348</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>738,348</u>	<u>645,877</u>
	b) Governance Costs					
	Salaries and Employer's NIC	13	63,000		63,000	56,001
	Legal fees		26,203		26,203	
	Auditor remuneration		9,160		9,160	9,160
	Meetings and Training		6,807		6,807	3,643
	Trustee Indemnity insurance					212
			<u>105,170</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>105,170</u>	<u>69,016</u>
			<u>843,518</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>843,518</u>	<u>714,893</u>
	Total Expenses		<u><u>2,680,257</u></u>	<u><u>1,708,385</u></u>	<u><u>4,388,642</u></u>	<u><u>3,580,388</u></u>
12	Allocation of Costs:	Ratio	Total	Support Costs	Investment Governance Mgt cost	Charitable Activities
	a) Charitable Activities:					
	Cleaner Salaries & Cleaning Supplies	1: 9	346,394		34,639	311,754
	Service Charges		6,722		6,722	
	General Rates and Water	1: 9	69,999		65,143	4,856
	Lighting and Heating	1: 9	265,203		26,520	238,683
	Repairs and Maintenance	1: 9	214,094		21,409	192,685
			<u>902,411</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>154,434</u>	<u>747,978</u>
	b) Support Costs:					
	Computer and IT Expenses	1: 1	18,576	9,288		9,288
	Postage and Stationery	1: 1	7,798	3,899		3,899
	Insurance	1: 1	27,498	18,332	9,166	
	Salaries and Employer's NIC	56:8:11:25	787,498	440,999	63,000	196,875
	Telephone, Fax and Internet	1: 1	9,960	4,980		4,980
			<u>851,330</u>	<u>477,497</u>	<u>63,000</u>	<u>95,791</u>
						<u>215,042</u>

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13 Tangible Fixed Assets:	Freehold	Leasehold	Investment	Fixtures, Fittings	
	Land & Building	and Building	Properties	& Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost or valuation:					
At 1 April 2022	13,341,232	10,456,034	16,049,751	1,633,414	41,480,431
Additions	629,745		3,680	54,492	687,917
Gains / (losses) on fair value of Fixed assets			46,320		46,320
Disposal					
Land and Buildings transferred to FA Investment					
	<u>13,970,977</u>	<u>10,456,034</u>	<u>16,099,751</u>	<u>1,687,906</u>	<u>42,214,668</u>
Depreciation:					
At 1 April 2022				1,179,733	1,179,733
Charge for the year				74,874	74,874
Eliminated by Disposal					
				<u>1,254,607</u>	<u>1,254,607</u>
Net Book Value					
As at 31 March 2023	<u>13,970,977</u>	<u>10,456,034</u>	<u>16,099,751</u>	<u>433,299</u>	<u>40,960,061</u>
As at 31 March 2022	<u>13,341,232</u>	<u>10,456,034</u>	<u>16,049,751</u>	<u>453,681</u>	<u>40,300,698</u>

	2023	2022
	£	£
Fair Value reconciliation		
Cost of investment Properties	16,049,751	16,049,751
Reclassifications and additions	3,680	-
Gains / (losses) on revaluation of Fixed assets	46,320	-
	<u>16,099,751</u>	<u>16,049,751</u>

Mixed use Land and buildings (with investment element), were all last subject to a professional valuation during the financial year 2018/19. Professional valuations were made on 2 investment properties in July 2023. These led to a -£77k fair value loss for a property on Ernest Street, and a +£125k fair value gain for a property on Eastern Avenue.

Investment property classified in the accounts is allocated between mixed use property at the East London Mosque, Maryam Centre and LMC, as well as residential properties in the E1, E3, E14, and IG2 postcodes.

	£
East London Mosque	859,880
Maryam Centre	4,090,905
LMC	5,368,967
Other residential properties	5,780,000
	<u>16,099,752</u>

Four of the residential properties have been put on the market for sale.

14 Debtors & Prepayments:	2023	2022
	£	£
Prepayments	89,936	68,658
Rent and Others	588,086	373,003
Gift Aid accrued	21,415	13,048
Welfare debtors	20,000	20,000
Bad debts		(3,000)
Payroll debtors		532
Job Retention Scheme		13,048
Student Fees	438,895	340,246
	<u>1,158,332</u>	<u>825,535</u>

Rent debtors include £283,352 billed in advance to Al-Khair Foundation. As this income is related to the next financial year, this identical amount also forms part of the accruals and deferred income balance in Note 15.

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15 Creditors: Falling due within one year	2023	2022
	£	£
Other Taxes and Social Security Costs	46,465	41,330
Trade Creditors	203,172	98,651
Rent and Hall Hire Deposits	148,016	117,142
Advance Tuition Fees	363,964	532,255
Accruals and Deferred Income	701,634	343,498
Unidentified schools receipts	22,155	
Al Rayan (IBB) Bank Loan	190,367	180,789
Qard Hasanah - Private Loan	1,893,873	1,893,873
Pension Contributions	28,726	13,597
	<u>3,598,376</u>	<u>3,221,139</u>

16 Creditors: Falling due after more than one year	2023	2022
	£	£
Qard Hasanah - Private Loan	2,960,782	2,623,932
Al Rayan (IBB) Bank Loan	502,865	655,163
	<u>3,463,647</u>	<u>3,279,095</u>

Private Loans: "Qard Hasanah" are loans from the charity's beneficiaries, which are repayable on request. There is no interest due or security given for these loans. Long-term Qard Hasanah loans have been contractually agreed with private individuals, as not repayable within 12 months. Short-term loans can be repayable at any time.

FRS102 requires long-term interest-free loans to be stated at their present value. Effectively this would mean loan amounts stated in the account are lower than the actual amounts payable in future. This has potential to confuse the charity's stakeholders, as such the trustees have opted not to follow FRS102 treatment for these loans.

17 Analysis of Staff Costs:	2023	2022
	£	£
Total Salaries	2,029,789	1,880,318
Employer's NIC	156,582	134,314
Pension Contributions	112,877	101,754
Total Employment cost	<u>2,299,249</u>	<u>2,116,387</u>
Average number of employees: Support	38	30
Average number of employees: Charitable	91	94
	<u>129</u>	<u>124</u>
Employees paid in excess of £60,000	-	-

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18 Trustees' and key management personnel remuneration and expenses

The trustees neither received nor waived any remuneration during the year (2022: £Nil)

Key management personnel (this excludes all Company directors/trustees) received remuneration of £212,326 during the year (2022: £194,972) including pension costs.

The trustees did not have any expenses reimbursed during the year (2022 - £nil).

19 Pensions:

The charity's pension scheme incorporates a SMART salary sacrifice scheme. It is operated by Evolve. Employer's contributions made to pension schemes were £112,877 (2022: £101,754), recognised as an expense under staff emoluments.

20 Deferred income:	2023	2022
	£	£
At start 01.04.2022	804,031	552,151
Additions during the year	629,456	804,031
Amounts released to income	(804,031)	(552,151)
At end 31.03.2023	<u>629,456</u>	<u>804,031</u>

Deferred income occurs where the entity has raised invoices for a service to be provided in the next financial period. This includes:

Rent and service charges: Invoices are raised a month in advance of the rent quarter to be billed.

Hall Hire: Bookings made for events occurring in the period after 31st March 2023.

Student fees: Fee invoices raised in the school academic year, but actually pertaining to the next financial year. The academic year crosses 2 financial years, and fees are allocated accordingly. Students awaiting enrolment may also be invoiced in advance.

21 Restricted Fund Movements	Opening Balance 01.04.2022 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Adjustment £	Closing Balance 31.03.2023 £
Capital Grants					
LDA Capital Grant	710,750			(710,750)	
Sure Start Capital Grant	258,000			(258,000)	
NRF Capital Grant	700,000			(700,000)	
ERDF Capital Grant	750,000			(750,000)	
	<u>2,418,750</u>			<u>(2,418,750)</u>	
41 Fieldgate Street	822,454			(822,454)	
Maryam Academy	159,131			(159,131)	
Educational Projects					
London East Academy	312,378	715,238	720,194		307,422
Al Mizan	34,087	547,855	531,933		50,009
Evening Madrasah	3,178	58,546	75,440	13,716	
	<u>349,643</u>	<u>1,321,639</u>	<u>1,327,567</u>	<u>13,716</u>	<u>357,431</u>
General Projects					
Zakat Fitr Fund	58,569	168,552	166,064		61,057
Welfare Funds	139,486	118,886	92,467		165,905
Penny Appeal/EECF Counselling Grants		36,719	37,105	386	
Archiving Project	24,954	2,025	15,892		11,087
Baraka Khan Visitor Centre	112,060		4,672		107,388
Winter Food Campaign (Islamic Relief)	8,130				8,130
Kickstarter scheme	7,565		7,565		
Islam Awareness Project		21,259	10,389		10,870
Burial Support	26,009		28,800	2,791	
Foodbank and Community Support	13,187		17,276	4,089	
NHS Community Investment Scheme	4,600				4,600
Waqf			588	588	
Dome appeal	<u>220,672</u>				<u>220,672</u>
	<u>4,365,210</u>	<u>1,669,080</u>	<u>1,708,385</u>	<u>(3,378,765)</u>	<u>947,140</u>

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22 Movement in Funds	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Unrestricted Total £	Restricted Fund £	Total Fund £
As at 1 April 2022	1,453,265	31,546,607	32,999,872	4,365,210	37,365,081
Current year surplus	762,425		762,425	(39,305)	723,121
Investment impairment/revaluations	(1,000,000)	46,320	(953,680)		(953,680)
Current year transfer	(979,416)	4,358,181	3,378,765	(3,378,765)	
As at 31 March 2023	236,274	35,951,108	36,187,382	947,140	37,134,522

Approximately £35.9m of funds are designated funds are tied up in buildings, investments and fixed assets. As at the balance sheet date the charitable company has £0.24m free reserves for its day to day operations. (2022: £1.4m)

£3.4m of historical restricted capital funds have been transferred to unrestricted reserves, as the term for use of these capital funds had expired.

23 Taxation

The entity is exempt from corporation tax, as it engages in charitable activities. Part of rental income is VATable, and charged at a rate of 20%.

24 Auditors' Remuneration

	2023 £	2022 £
Auditor's Remuneration for the audit of the charity's annual accounts	11,250	11,250
Fees Payable to the charity's auditor for non-audit services	11,210	11,210

25 Contingent Liabilities

The entity had no contingent liabilities as at 31 March 2023 nor at 31 March 2022.

26 Related Party Transactions - ELMT Waqf Ltd

The Trust has an existing loan of £401,000 with its subsidiary ELMT Waqf Ltd. The Trustees, Ayub Khan, Syed Ahmed and Harun Khan, are also directors of ELMT Waqf Ltd.

The loan is eliminated on consolidation, as ELMT Waqf Ltd, is a fully owned subsidiary of the East London Mosque Trust

The purpose of ELMT Waqf Ltd is to invest funds entrusted by donors in projects that will help sustain the activities of ELMT in the future.

ELMT Waqf Ltd completed the off-plan purchase of two plots of land at a cost of £379,016 on Welland Way, in Northampton in December 2019. The subsidiary entered into a sale and purchase agreement with Welland Way Estates Ltd., which would allow it to realise the sale of the now developed properties.

After the year-ended March 2023, one of the two plots have been sold (Completed 13/07/23). The net sale proceeds were £241,117.

27 Volunteers

The charity benefited from work performed by volunteers, including counting of cash collections, and stewarding during Friday prayers, and Ramadan.

28 Capital Commitments

The Charity has contractual commitments to extension work to the prayer hall (Phase 3), which are likely to be £1.2m from the date of signing accounts. They will be paid in monthly instalments.

29 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Total £	Restricted Fund £	Total Fund £
Tangible fixed assets	40,960,061		40,960,061
Investments	538,933		538,933
Current assets	1,750,771	947,140	2,697,911
Current liabilities	(3,598,376)		(3,598,376)
Creditors over 1 year	(3,463,647)		(3,463,647)
Total net assets	36,187,742	947,140	37,134,882

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30 Investment impairment - Matz Medical Limited

During the financial year, the Trust invested £1,000,000 with a company called Matz Medical Limited. The investment was introduced by a company called Olive Capital Group. The purpose of the investment was to fund medical instrument purchase orders for the NHS. In September 2022, a freedom of information request, submitted to NHS Supply Chain Coordination Ltd, by another investor, had revealed that the said investor had entered into agreements with Matz Medical Limited, where false purchase order numbers may have been provided. Matz Medical Limited were confirmed as not being a listed supplier under the NHS Supply Chain Framework, as at September 2022. Matz Medical Limited entered into administration in November 2022, following action by another creditor. The full investment amount of ELMT, is deemed irrecoverable.

The Trust is attempting to pursue recovery of some of the loss by assessing personal guarantees that were provided at the time the investment was entered into.

31 Planning Gain Investment - SV7 Limited

ELMT invested in a joint venture with Sama Ventures Ltd during the year; the joint venture company created, was called SV7 Limited. ELMT invested £538,933 during the financial year, and another £122,833 in June 2023, with total financing not expected to exceed £794k. SV7 Ltd plans to purchase the rights to procure development of land on Pershore Street, Birmingham, for the purpose of building student accommodation. Its financial resources are being contributed by ELMT, whereas the research and expertise on seeking planning permission, as well as administrative and strategic planning time, is being devoted by staff of Sama Ventures Ltd. A decision on planning permission is expected to be received at the end of 2023.

32 Zakaat and Fitr

Payments were made after the year-end to several organisations who specialised in these charitable distributions. These included Islamic Relief, Muntada Aid, Human Appeal, Penny Appeal, Eden Care, Islamic Help, Human Relief Foundation, Human Care Initiative, Lonely Orphans, Global Relief Trust, Ummah Welfare Trust, Syria Relief, Help Yaleem, Bangladesh Regeneration Trust, Tawakkulia Foundation, Global Citizens UK, Onia Education & Welfare Trust, Jogonnathpur Islamic Society, Muslim Aid, Baytul Maqdis Foundation and Muslim Rose Welfare.

33 Analysis of changes in net debt

The analysis below serves as a note to the consolidated cash flow statement

	At start of year	Cash flows	Acq/disposal of investments	New finance leases	Fair value movements	Forex movements	Other non- cash changes	At end of year
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cash	2,736,054	339,233	(1,538,933)	-	-	-	-	1,536,354
Cash equivalents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Overdraft facility	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total cash	2,736,054	339,233	(1,538,933)	0	0	0	0	1,536,354
Private loans <1 year	(1,893,873)	0	-	-	-	-	-	(1,893,873)
Private loans >1 year	(2,623,932)	(336,850)	-	-	-	-	-	(2,886,573)
Bank loans < 1 year	(180,789)	180,789	-	-	-	-	(180,789)	(180,789)
Bank loans > 1 year	(655,162)	-	-	-	-	-	152,297	(502,865)
Finance leases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total borrowings	(5,353,756)	(156,061)	-	-	-	-	28,492	5,464,100
TOTAL	(2,617,702)	183,172	(1,538,933)	-	-	-	(28,492)	(3,927,746)

34 Events after the Reporting period

The schools received an unannounced visit from Ofsted inspectors at the end of June 2023. The inspection included a review of compliance and safeguarding procedures. No recommendations have been made following the visit, as of yet.

35 Grant making

The entity did not engage in grant making activity during the year.

EAST LONDON MOSQUE TRUST

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Accounts

EAST LONDON MOSQUE TRUST

(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT, STRATEGIC REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

ABACUS PARTNERS (LDN) LLP

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CORPORATE DETAILS

Registered Name	East London Mosque Trust
Working Names	East London Mosque London Muslim Centre
Company Number	0468317
Charity Number	1122613
Trustees (Directors)	Ayub Khan – <i>Chairman</i> Abdul-Hayee Murshad – <i>Honorary Secretary</i> Syed Tohel Ahmed – <i>Treasurer</i> (from Oct 2021) Abdullah Faliq (from Oct 2021) Harun Rashid Khan (from Oct 2021) Hussain Muhammad Shefaar Mahera Ruby Muhammad Habibur Rahman Ruhana Ali Salma Siddiqua (from Oct 2021) Sayeda Anzumara Begum (from Oct 2021) Aman Ali (until Oct 2021) Ismail Patel (until Aug 2021) Mohammed Abdul Malik (until Oct 2021) Rahela Choudhury (until Oct 2021) Shafiur Rahman (until Oct 2021) Sirajul Islam (until Oct 2021) Sirajul Islam (Hira) (until Oct 2021)
Lead Officer	Dilowar Hussain Khan
Company Secretary	Usamah Kenneth Ward (from Nov 2021) Abdul-Hayee Murshad (until Nov 2021)
Registered Office	82–92 Whitechapel Road, London, E1 1JQ
Statutory Auditors	Abacus Partners (Ldn) LLP, Unit A, Abbotts Wharf, 93 Stainsby Road, London, E14 6JL
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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

OBJECTS AND PUBLIC BENEFIT

The objects of the East London Mosque Trust ('Trust'), as set out in its Articles of Association, are to:

- 1) Advance the Islamic faith for the benefit of the public by maintaining and managing a community centre and mosque in London;
- 2) Advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the general public, and in particular the Muslim community;
- 3) Promote such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.

In pursuance of these objects, the Trust hosts a range of services and activities for the benefit of the public.

ACTIVITIES

The Trust continued to provide a wide range of services for Muslims and non-Muslims, despite the earlier Covid-19 restrictions, often in partnership with others.

For the first time in two years, prayers were held normally in the month of Ramadan, with all Ramadan activities resuming. Normal Eid prayers also resumed. The Trust facilitated Ramadan collections for 38 UK-registered charities for causes in the UK and abroad, raising over £250k, more than any previous year.

The Trust's appeal to replace the Mosque's dome raised approximately £0.5m in donations and pledges. A firm was appointed to redesign the dome and main entrance. The local planning authority gave outline planning permission. Works to the ground floor extension were halted to seek planning approval for a second floor hall extension for women, which has now been obtained. Completion is expected by the middle of next year.

The Trust continued to encourage people to be vaccinated, especially as the take up rate in Tower Hamlets is low compared to other parts of UK. The ground floor hall of the London Muslim Centre was used as a vaccination centre twice a week, even in Ramadan. This helped to remove the vaccine hesitancy in the Muslim community due to anti-vaccination messages in social media.

Both of the Trust's schools underwent Ofsted inspections in the last academic year, and were rated overall as 'good' again, with 'outstanding' judgements on 'behaviour & attitude' for the LEA and in 'behaviour & attitude' and 'personal development' for Al Mizan School.

This year a great deal of effort was spent on supporting refugees who were placed in the vicinity of the Mosque. The Trust worked in partnership with other charities to support hundreds of refugees with some of their basic needs, food, clothing, toiletries, etc, and continued with the food bank that was initiated during the pandemic.

The Trust places strong emphasis on building relationships with others so we can work together for the common good, holding several post-pandemic events, including an interfaith iftar gathering, Islamophobia Awareness seminar, Mosque Open days, etc.

Financially, the Trust performed better than last year, due to the lifting of Covid restrictions. In this financial year the Trust raised £1.86m in donations and from other fundraising initiatives. The accounts show that income from rent, hall hire and investment increased significantly after the lifting of the restrictions.

Volunteering

The Trust benefits greatly from dedicated, committed volunteers, from those helping with collections, to members and trustees helping to drive the organisation forward. They provide stewarding for Friday prayers, Ramadan, Eid and other special occasions, and provide support for charity collections. Over 150 volunteers contribute time estimated to be worth around £120,000 per year.

STRATEGIC REPORT

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The trust measures success in a number of ways, such as through satisfaction surveys, fundraising targets and educational outcomes.

Religious Projects and Services

Prayer Facilities

The mosque is normally open to the public every day from 10am, up to 9pm in the winter months, and later in the summer months. The annual footfall for prayers is about 1.7 million. The average weekly footfall for prayers is over 32,000 people, almost doubling in Ramadan. The congregation for the Friday 'Jumuah' prayer averages at well over 5,000, peaking at about 7,000 on the busiest Fridays. The Friday sermon and weekly talks is delivered in English and community languages, plus British Sign Language for deaf worshippers; it is streamed live on Facebook, Mixlr Alexa and local digital radios, and made available for download on the ELM website and YouTube channel.

Religious Teaching

Religious lectures are delivered in the main prayer hall of the Mosque every day of the week, with more than 20 circles of religious knowledge every week within the Mosque complex for men, women and children. The promotion of Islamic teachings helps prevent misunderstanding, and aids the spiritual and academic growth of worshippers in a safe environment. Most lectures are streamed live.

Ramadan & Eid

The Mosque was open for Ramadan in 2021, but with pandemic restrictions in place, limiting its capacity. Teams of stewards helped ensure safe access to the Trust's facilities. The Trust was also able to hold five congregational prayers for each of Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha.

Funerals

London's oldest Muslim funeral service, Taslim Funerals, is based in the East London Mosque complex. They catered for 664 funerals in this period, which included special prayers in the main prayer halls, usually after the midday prayer.

Education

The Trust offers full- and part-time education.

Al-Mizan School & London East Academy

Al-Mizan School is a full-time junior school for girls and boys, and London East Academy (LEA) is a full-time secondary school for boys. Both schools operate under one headteacher, and a single governing body that is a committee of the Trust. As with other independent schools, recruiting good qualified teachers remains a challenge but nevertheless a priority. There has been a strong demand for schools places leading to record levels of pupil recruitment. The governing body appointed the interim headteacher as the permanent headteacher from June 2022.

Both Al-Mizan School and London East Academy underwent Ofsted inspections in the last academic year, and were rated overall as 'good' again, with 'outstanding' judgements on 'behaviour & attitude' for LEA and in 'behaviour & attitude' and 'personal development' for Al Mizan. This was an improvement from the previous inspections that took place four years ago, despite the more demanding framework, achieved through the hard work of the pupils and the contributions of all stakeholders: of parents, staff, and the governing body.

The GCSE results for 2022 reflected the post-pandemic return to exam-based grading, which nationally was lower than the previous two years: 93% of students achieved 5 GCSEs (including English and Maths) at grade 4 or higher (national was 73.2%); 67% of students achieved 5 GCSEs (including English and Maths) at grade 5

or higher; similarly, 67% achieved grade 5 or higher in the EBacc; 20% of students achieved 5 GCSEs (including English and Maths) at grade 7 (equivalent to former grade A) or higher.

In the first SATs since the pandemic, year 6 students had an overall pass rate of 67%, which is above the national average of 59%. In Spelling Punctuation And Grammar (SPAG) students scored above 90%.

Supplementary education

The Trust's part-time evening school, the ELM Evening Madrasah, operates weekdays 5–7pm, with a curriculum giving essential Islamic knowledge. Following a decline in pupil numbers during the pandemic, it has slowly been increasing; it now operates 7 classes with over 120 pupils.

The London Iqra Institute (a project of London Education Trust) operates from the fifth floor of the Maryam Centre, specialising in structured Islamic courses for children aged six and above, and some courses for adults. The Trust supports several other educational projects based in its complex: Rainbow House, Saturday Islamic School, Hornafric Development Association, and Al Qalam Madrasah.

Social Welfare

The Trust provides a range of welfare services directly and through supported projects.

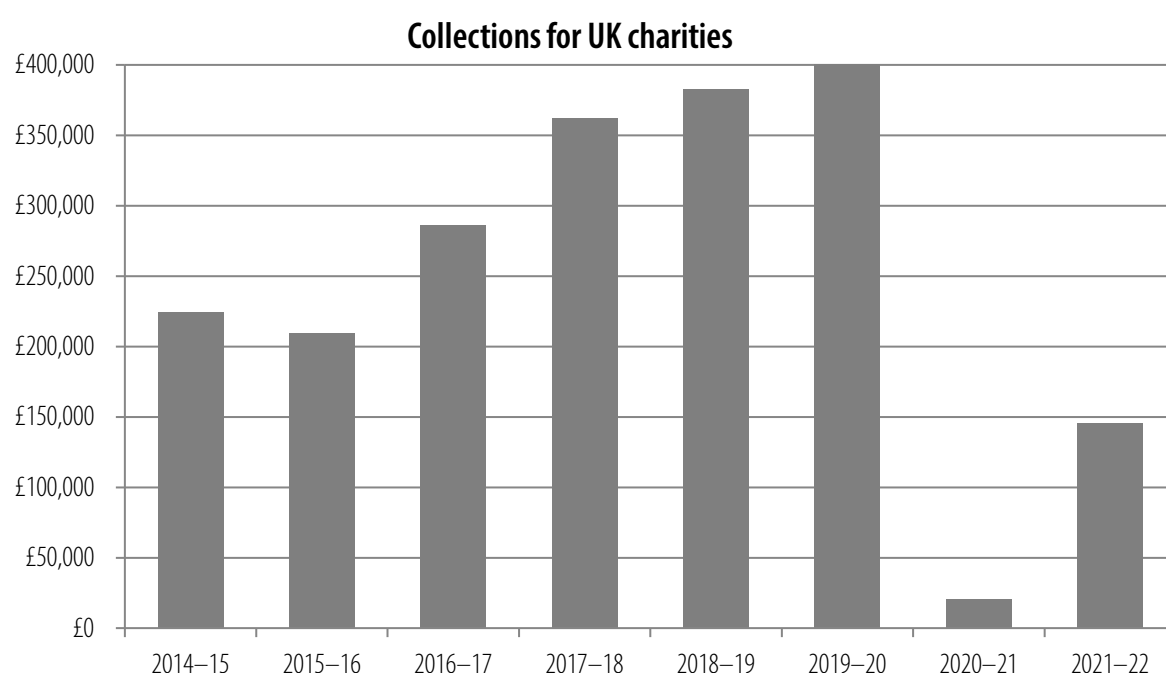
Religious Advice and Support

The Mosque's Imams give advice and guidance on religious matters, on issues such as marriage, inheritance, family and financial matters, with typically well over a hundred enquiries every day.

The Trust provides subsidised office space to Al Ihsan Marriage & Family Advice Service, which provides a marriage introduction and advice service, and organises public lectures on marriage in the Muslim community.

Supporting charitable causes

Last year the Covid pandemic had a profoundly detrimental impact on external charity collections. Over the course of this year, with the easing of restrictions, there has been a gradual return of both congregations and of charities making collections. The Trust was able to host 54 external collections from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 for UK registered charities (12 last year, 109 the year before), raising £145,593 for worthy causes in the UK and overseas.



Women-only services

The Trust hosts over 20 female user groups every week, covering all ages and from different backgrounds, such as the London Saturday Circle, the Tafseer Class, the Friday Youth Circle, and the New Muslims Circle. Most are based in the Maryam Centre, which has excellent female prayer facilities, classes and seminars for women. The Trust continues to offer a professional counselling service for women. Our frontline staff are trained as 'Violence against women and girls' champions, and to support women facing domestic violence.

Support for new Muslims

New Muslims are supported through weekly programmes, one-to-one learning, and social gatherings.

Services for the elderly

The Trust organises regular social gatherings for the elder members of our community, though this was seriously affected by the pandemic. Our senior citizens group has had a slow start to bring back people who came before the pandemic. We organised a trip to Woking Mosque, which they chose to give them confidence to get out and about, after starting with storytelling sessions about their pandemic experiences, which were sad as many of their friends passed away to Covid. We now have fortnightly social gatherings and exercise sessions for our elders.

Legal advice

Pro Bono in the LMC (PBLMC) is a free legal advice service, run by volunteer practising barristers, solicitors and CILEx (Chartered Institute of Legal Executives), for those unable to afford or obtain legal aid. Where PBLMC is not able to assist, it signposts to other legal help providers. Areas of law include family, crime, tenancies, employment, and immigration. Whilst many of PBLMC's clientele are Muslims, non-Muslims also come to PBLMC for legal help. It had to close during the pandemic, but we are asking them to re-establish the service now that there has been a return to normal.

Community Cohesion

The Trust pro-actively engages with faith and non-faith organisations and works to promote community cohesion.

Open Days and Tea & Tour

The Trust facilitates regular open days and exhibitions in partnership with the Islam Awareness Project (IAP), with the aim to improve community relations and remove misunderstandings about Islam and Muslims. This year we organised two open days, receiving over 1000 non-Muslim visitors, many of whom gave positive feedback. Also, regular Tea & Tour sessions for non-Muslim visitors are arranged by the volunteers of IAP on the last weekend of every month.

Islam Awareness Courses (CPD Accredited)

The cultural diversity programme for non-Muslim professionals remains a unique and an important service that has reached over 250 professionals from diverse backgrounds since the first course delivered in 2013. This year we held four CPD accredited training courses, two full-day and two half-day. These included tailor-made courses for the London Fire Brigade and University of East London.

Baraka Khan Visitor Gallery

The Baraka Khan Visitor Gallery (BKVG), on the first floor of the Maryam Centre overlooking the prayer hall, is a legacy initiative of the Baraka Khan Foundation that seeks to raise funds, improve engagement and open doors. This year has seen significant upgrades to the facilities to enhance visitor experiences. The BKVG Boardroom has been designed to merge the Trust's service-orientated values with Baraka Khan's legacy of creating an alliance of goodness with people of all faiths and none.

The Trust occasionally holds special public presentations with renowned experts from the business, healthcare, and financial sectors. By bringing leading thinkers and the Muslim community together, these discussions

contribute to sharing ideas, and offer knowledge for community benefit. This year we had the honour of hosting Sir Michael Barber's third visit (see 'Special Events & Notable Visitors' below).

Tackling Racism, Islamophobia and Anti-Semitism

The Trust has been working with anti-racist organisations to challenge racism, Islamophobia and anti-Semitism, and organised and supported a number of events throughout the year.

As part of the Islamophobia Awareness Month, on 29 Nov 2021 the Trust organised an event on, 'The Bosnian state, and the Muslim population, under attack again', with Peter Osborne and Bosnian Ambassador Vanja Filipović. Around 200 participants attended the event.

The Trust hosted a press briefing with Stand Up To Racism to promote the National UN Anti-Racism Day Demonstration, which was held on 19 March 2022.

Special Events & Notable Visitors

On 24 September 2021, a community rally was hosted in the Maryam Centre, forging solidarity and seeking justice after the shocking and brutal murder of Sabina Nessa. The event was attended by faith leaders, women's groups and local politicians who delivered short speeches. Organisers for the event included the East London Mosque, The Muslim Women's Collective, Women 100 and The East London Citizens Organisation.

In order to address the challenges Muslim families are facing in UK, the Trust organised two days of talks on 25 and 26 of December 2021, in Bangla and English, delivered by its Imams and guest scholars, on the theme of 'Our Family, Our Future'. Speakers covered the following topics: The Institution of Family in Islam, Husband & Wife, the Foundation of Family Life, and Foundations of Parenting. The programmes were well attended and also broadcast on social media.

The Trust hosted the Qur'an Revision Day on 13 February 2022, the first of its kind in the UK. More than 100 students of the Qur'an gathered from all over UK, and recited the Qur'an to teachers over the course of the whole day. The event was hugely sold out; many people have sent in messages of support and have asked for information about the next event. The Trust is planning to repeat this event annually.

The Baraka Khan Foundation, in partnership with the Trust, welcomed back Sir Michael Barber for an event to discuss the current 'State of the World' on 23 February 2022. Sir Michael recounted the history of eighth-century Baghdad and the 'House of Wisdom', a focal point of knowledge, dialogue, diversity, and discussion. He cited the need for Houses of Wisdom in the modern age.

The Trust was delighted to welcome guests for its annual iftar on 9 April 2022, this year with the theme 'Supporting Refugees: A Divine Call'. Former ELM trustee, Shafiur Rahman, spoke about 'What Islam Says About Supporting Refugees.' Reverend Alan Green, Chair of Tower Hamlets Inter Faith Forum, shared the Christian perspective on supporting the refugees. Leon Silver, President of Nelson Street Synagogue, drew attention to 'Commonality amongst refugees.' Other guests who spoke at the event included: Rushanara Ali MP; John Biggs, Executive Mayor of Tower Hamlets; and Phil Warburton from London Citizens.

Award-winning journalist, broadcaster and author Peter Osborne was hosted by the Trust on 9 June 2022, for the launch of his latest book, 'The Fate of Abraham – Why the West is Wrong about Islam'. Over 250 guests attended the event.

On 15 July 2022, the Trust marked the 27th memorial of the Srebrenica Genocide in an event at the London Muslim Centre, with guests from the community, which also included a survivor from a Bosnian-Serb-run concentration camp. A video was played to honour 50 victims who were recently buried, having been identified after years of painstaking forensic process piecing together the remains of the deceased.

Public Relations

The Trust's continues to facilitate many journalists and news broadcasters. In the past year, the Trust has been featured in broadcast, print and online media, including: BBC News, ITV, iNews, MyLondon, The Huffington Post, East London Advertiser, The Tablet, Arab News, The New Arab, and Morocco World News.

The website plays an important role in explaining the work and services of the Trust, providing news and details of events, and raising funds through appeals. It is especially popular for checking prayer times, and also has audio and video, and Islamic articles. The number of page views for the year 1 Apr 2021 to 31 Mar 2022 was 18,310,929. Many talks are live streamed from the website, and the live broadcast of the Adhan (call to prayer) is widely used in London for commencing Iftar (breaking of the fast).

A new app was launched in October 2021 for the Trust, initially including prayer times and the facility to make donations.

Social Networks

Our Facebook account has over 344,000 followers. The page is regularly updated with information on fundraising activities, notices and media statements. Enquiries directed to the Trust via Facebook messages are also responded to, and advice given to users.

Our Twitter account now has over 14,100 followers.

The Trust's YouTube channel continues to grow, with a total of over 6.5 million views, and 49,500 subscribers (5.0 million and 38,300 respectively the previous year).

The Trust Instagram account has grown to 18,900 followers, and our TikTok channel has over 21,500 followers.

The Trust produced 8,000 annual calendars for 2022, featuring an image from the Mosque complex for each month, taken by photographer Rehan Jamil. The calendar is sold for £1 to cover printing costs. The Trust printed 20,000 copies of its popular Ramadan timetable; the digital version on the website was downloaded over 100,000 times.

Premises

Phase 3 & ELM dome

The structural and shell works to the ground floor men's hall extension have been completed. Works were halted to obtain the full planning approval to build the second floor hall extension for women, which has now been approved. The works to complete the extensions are planned to resume later this year.

Outline planning permission has been obtained, now works are being carried out to complete the design and specification of the dome, roof and minaret caps. Works are scheduled to commence in early 2023.

Security

The Trust is constantly at potential risk from criminal damage, burglary, theft, arson, and hate crimes. In some circumstances, the safety of staff, volunteers, users and visitors could be in jeopardy.

Any breach of security may have an impact on the running of the Trust. It follows that all reasonable measures should be taken to enhance security. To this end, risk assessments are conducted whenever necessary, and at least annually.

Where appropriate, expert advice has been sought to determine security risks and precautions required to deal with these potential threats. The Trust is in regular contact with the police, in particular the counter-terrorism branch.

Staff and volunteers are provided with sufficient resources, information and training to implement the security procedures, which are reviewed regularly. The Security Team provides 24/7 security cover for our buildings,

which acts as a deterrent, and is reassuring for staff, volunteers and users. Members of the Security Team are SIA qualified, and their core duties include opening and closing of the buildings, monitoring CCTV, signposting, implementing access/exits restrictions, recording and reporting incidents (including to the police), as well as carrying out internal and external patrols throughout the day and night.

Security is increased during high profile visits by dignitaries to the Mosque and Centre, also for Ramadan night-time prayers and Eid prayers.

Governance and Administration

The Director of Finance & Engagement remains as the lead member of staff. The Strategic Plan 2020–24 is guiding the Trust's priorities.

The review of staffing continued, with restructuring of the security, premises, maintenance, reception and events teams.

The Trust's policies and procedures are kept under regular review, with oversight from the Trust's Governance, Compliance & Audit Committee.

Fundraising, Income Generation and Investment Performance

The main sources of income for the Trust continue to be from donations from our congregation/well-wishers, rental/investment income and school fees. In this financial year, the Trust has resumed its general and specific fundraising campaigns. The Trust has been able to increase the income from all of the regular sources.

The overall income, £4.39m, remained similar to last year (£4.38m) when the Trust benefited from the furlough scheme. However, expenditure has increased by 5.6% due to inflation and an increase in staffing. Although the net surplus was less than last year, it was much more than was budgeted.

The Trust continues to meet its target of maintaining an annual operating surplus of at least £0.5M, so it can repay its loan and pay for capital projects such as the dome, phase 3 extension and refurbishment of the main entrance of the Mosque.

The Trust's investment in digital fundraising continued to be value for money despite tough competition with other charities in securing online donations.

The rental income of the Trust is recovering. This year it received 14% more rent than last year. The Trust achieved just under 5.5% rental income from its investment properties. Income from hall hire increased significantly, but has not reached the pre-pandemic level due to the effect of the partial restrictions. The halls and rooms of the London Muslim Centre and Maryam Centre are primarily used by the Trust's schools on term-time weekdays, and hired to charities and community groups at a discount to promote educational, social and religious activities. The halls are also hired for Muslim wedding celebrations.

The Trust investment of £379k via ELMT Waqf Ltd in two new build properties in Northampton is complete; they are currently in the process of being sold. The completion was delayed by due to the pandemic. It is estimated that there will be a gain of around 35% once the properties are sold.

The 'Legacy Giving' campaign continues. There have not many pledges in the last period; the amount pledged fluctuates as people change their mind about the beneficiaries of their will.

The Trust's schools continue to operate in surplus.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Governance and Administration

1. Arrange for external review of policies and procedures to ensure a strong governance structure.
2. Continue with the annual training programme for trustees.
3. Continue with succession planning for trustees and members, building capacity and improving processes to increase diversity, ensuring a broad range of skills, and improving compliance.
4. Complete review of staffing and departmental structure, including lead member of staff.

Fundraising and Income Generation

5. Maintain net income of the Trust at a sustainable £0.5m per annum.
6. Continue to make better use of internet and social media streams through digital fundraising.

Projects and Services

7. Complete the review of the Trust's full-time education.
8. Carry out review of all supplementary education for children.
9. Establish a youth forum to build relationships between young people and the Mosque.
10. Find ways to offer social and recreational opportunities for young people in an Islamic environment.
11. Continue to enhance support for new Muslims.
12. Develop further support for charitable giving to good causes.
13. Continue to develop services for the elderly.
14. Develop a structured, holistic approach to promoting family values and tackling family break-up.
15. Continue to improve opportunities for researchers by developing the Trust's archive service.
16. Continue to provide support for refugees and asylum seekers being housed in our Borough.

Developing Relationships / Improving Image

17. Develop further ways to work with wider society.
18. Create a series of media assets that challenge misconceptions about Islam and explain Muslim concepts.
19. Provide courses and seminars that give a balanced and contextual understanding of Islam.
20. Enhance visitor use of the BKVG with displays and a comprehensive range of exhibition materials.

Assets & Premises

21. Continue with the Phase 3 extension.
22. Begin refurbishment of dome, minarets and main entrance.
23. Improve IT provision and security.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal Funding Sources

The Trust raised £1.32m through donations (£1.2m in 2021). Income generated from charitable activities decreased to just under £1.5m (£1.7m in 2021). The income from investment increased to £0.9m (£0.8m in 2021) and income from fundraising activities also increased significantly to £0.55m (£79k in 2021). The Trust claimed £148k from the HMRC Job Retention Scheme.

Restricted income is either the fees or donations received for individual projects, e.g. the Trust's schools and ELM Waqf (sustainability fund).

Staff Remuneration

The Trust has a pay scale for remuneration of staff. The remuneration committee decided the Trust could not afford to give an increase equal to inflation (the Consumer Price Index), so determined the annual increase to the pay scale from 1 April 2022 would be 2.6% (the figure for public sector wage growth up to November 2021), with the lowest level maintained at 20p per hour more than the minimum wage.

Investment Policy

The Trust operates an investment policy to grow the Trust's assets, so that the returns can be used to further its aims and activities as well as meet its cost centres. The Board of Trustees reviews the overall financial position of the Trust through the management accounts and budgets, paying particular attention to short-term and long-term financial commitments.

The Trust invests ethically, even if the investment yields a lower rate of return. Ethical investments for the Trust are those that do not conflict with Islamic values, nor do they counter the Trust's aims and ethos.

The investment level of the Trust is determined by the Board of Trustees by making sure sufficient liquid funds are available to meet immediate liabilities. However, up to 60% reserves of the Trust can be utilised for investment with the proviso that at least two months of operational costs can be liquidated within a three-month period.

The Trust has invested approximately £6.6m in income-generating properties within the complex and, more recently, outside of the complex. The LMC Business Wing is a part of its investment strategy, in particular the businesses and charities based there paying rent for the retail units and office spaces they occupy. The annual rental income from all investment properties was £0.86m this year, yielding a return of 5.5% based on the current investment value of £16.05m. There was around 90% occupancy in the investment properties; discounts had to be given due to the lockdowns.

All other cash reserves are held in bank accounts, and any bank interest received allocated to the welfare fund, consistent with Islamic guidelines on the treatment of interest. Any profits from the deposits at the Al-Rayan Bank are included in Trust's main fund.

Reserves Policy

The main objective of the reserves policy is to ensure that the Trust is able to meet its short-term operational costs in an event where income drops to an unsustainable low. It is currently operating to service at least two months of liabilities, which is £0.60m. The Board of Trustees considers the reserve policy to be adequate, as the giving tradition is strong in such a faith-based organisation, with regular income received from the investments.

Principal Uncertainties, Risks and Management

The Trust identifies and monitors risks in the areas of compliance, reputation, financial management, governance and operations, and puts in place measures to mitigate these risks, especially those deemed as major. These measures, backed by regular review, ensure strong protection of the charity.

Amongst the key measures the Trust has in place are:

- DBS checks whenever appropriate for staff, volunteers and trustees
- scrutiny of policies and procedures by the Governance, Compliance and Audit Committee
- regular monitoring by trustees of the reserves policy and the risk register
- all suitable insurance policies
- 24/7 security guards based in the Trust's premises

The Trust's booking process and policy for speakers helps to mitigate reputational risks. The Trust robustly challenges any misleading or malicious media reports. It has enhanced its due diligence procedures.

Security is kept continuously under review. The Trust employs 24/7 security guards, and maintains close contacts with the local police force and other agencies, such as the Tension Monitoring Group.

The Trust's schools uncovered possible fraud and theft by a former employee last year. The Trust appointed a consultant to review the schools' financial policy and procedures, and recommended improvements. The matter was reported to the police and the Charity Commission. The matter is still ongoing, but already the schools have improved their procedures according to the recommendations.

The Trust benefits from interest-free loans from supporters, known as Qard Hasanah. The balance of this loan dropped to £4.52m from £4.78m at the end of this reporting period, i.e. a reduction of £262k. These loans have helped the Trust to undertake past capital developments, and to establish investments to help sustain the Trust, known as Waqf. The Trust ensures it keeps sufficient cash flow to repay Qard Hasanah upon request, and can sell its investment properties should the need arise.

Independent Auditor

An independent audit was carried out by Abacus Partners (Ldn) LLP, Chartered Certified Accountants & Registered Auditors. The auditor is deemed to have been re-appointed in accordance with section 487 of the companies Act 2006.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The East London Mosque Trust is a company limited by guarantee. Its Articles of Association were last updated in 2020. Ten trustees are elected by the Trust's membership from amongst themselves every two years. The elected trustees may appoint up to five additional trustees whose expertise may benefit the Trust. Trustees are the company directors for the purpose of company law. Trustees do not receive any remuneration.

A trustee induction procedure outlines steps for vetting trustees, key documents that are considered essential, and expectations for appropriate training. The Board of Trustees typically meets every six weeks; in this reporting period, they met 12 times. It has established three principal committees for effective governance:

- Executive Committee
- Governance, Compliance & Audit Committee
- Schools' Governing Body

The Trust considers the Executive Committee (currently consisting of the Trust's Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Treasurer, another trustee and four senior members of staff) to be the key management personnel. The delegation of decisions to committees is outlined in terms of references, and to staff in job descriptions. The Board of Trustees retains ultimate oversight of financial controls, the management of risks, significant developments, and in ensuring the Trust operates in accordance with its Articles of Association, charity law and other legal requirements, and best practice.

The Trust has a subsidiary, the ELMT Waqf, to make investments. The Trust cooperates with other charities and organisations where this will help deliver its objects to its beneficiaries, with due regard to any conflicts of interest.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also directors of East London Mosque Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report including the Strategic Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS102);
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is not appropriate to assume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company, and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Each of the persons who is a director / trustee at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and
- they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

The Trustees' Annual Report and the Strategic Report were approved by the Board of Trustees (in their capacity as company directors) on 17 Sep 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



Ayub Khan
Chairman



Abdul-Hayee Murshad
Honorary Secretary

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE EAST LONDON MOSQUE TRUST FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The East London Mosque Trust for the year ended 31st March 2022, which comprise the statement of financial activities, the Statement of Financial Position, the Cash Flow Statement, and the related Notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

In our opinion the financial statements:

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

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charitable company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' report, including the Strategic Report, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared, is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Trustees Annual Report, including the Strategic Report, has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Strategic report and the Trustees Annual Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, set out on page 14, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

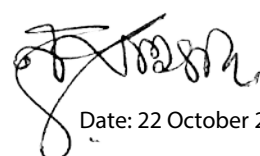
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee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

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

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Acts 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinion we have formed.

Mr Nur Ahmed Chowdhury (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Abacus Partners (Ldn) LLP
Statutory Auditor
Unit A, Abbots Wharf
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Date: 22 October 2022

EAST LONDON MOSQUE TRUST
(Company Limited by Guarantee)
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
(INCORPORATING THE INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<u>Incoming Resources</u>					
Donations and Legacies	3	1,069,057	247,230	1,316,287	1,175,783
Activities for Generating Funds	4	546,771	-	546,771	79,220
Investment Income	5	885,141	-	885,141	776,544
Income from Charitable Activities	6	116,220	1,339,842	1,456,062	1,692,993
Others Incoming Resources	7	189,741	-	189,741	652,249
Total Incoming Resources		2,806,930	1,587,072	4,394,002	4,376,789
<u>Resources Expended</u>					
Costs of Generating Donation Income	8	66,746	-	66,746	49,215
Fundraising Costs	9	210,664	-	210,664	142,580
Investment Management Costs	10	233,462	566	234,028	236,967
Charitable Activities Costs	11	892,930	1,375,121	2,268,051	2,192,977
Support costs	12	697,253	21,000	718,253	662,850
Governance costs	12	82,645	-	82,645	81,662
Total Resources Expended		2,183,700	1,396,687	3,580,387	3,366,251
Net Income/Deficit Before Fund Movements		623,229	190,385	813,614	1,010,538
Gross Transfer Between Funds	22	(35,977)	35,977		-
Net Movement before other recognised gains and losses		587,252	226,362	813,614	1,010,538
Gains / (losses) on revaluation of Fixed assets	14		-	-	
Net Movement in Funds		587,252	226,362	813,614	1,010,538
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total Funds Brought Forward		32,412,620	4,138,847	36,551,467	35,540,929
Total Funds as at 31 March 2022		32,999,872	4,365,209	37,365,081	36,551,467

All the activities of the company are from continuing operations.

The notes on pages 20 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

EAST LONDON MOSQUE TRUST
(Company Limited by Guarantee)
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	£	Total 2022 £	£	Total 2021 £
Fixed Assets:					
Freehold Land and Buildings	14		13,341,232		13,281,232
Leasehold Land and Buildings	14		10,456,034		10,456,034
Investment Properties	14		16,049,751		16,049,751
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	14		453,681		472,239
Investment in Subsidiaries			<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>
			40,300,699		40,259,257
Current Assets:					
Stock		3,027		3,449	
Debtors & prepayments	15	825,535		836,767	
Cash at bank & in hand		<u>2,736,054</u>		<u>2,080,097</u>	
		3,564,616		2,920,313	
Current Liabilities:					
Amount falling due within one year	16	<u>3,221,139</u>		<u>2,945,299</u>	
Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)			<u>343,477</u>		<u>(24,986)</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities			40,644,176		40,234,271
Creditors:					
Amount falling due after one year	17		3,279,095		3,682,804
Total Net Assets			<u>37,365,081</u>		<u>36,551,467</u>
Funds of the Charity					
Restricted Funds	24		4,365,209		4,138,847
Unrestricted Funds	25				
General Funds		1,453,265		1,311,164	
Designated Funds		<u>31,546,607</u>	32,999,872	<u>31,101,456</u>	32,412,620
Total Funds as at 31 March 2022			<u>37,365,081</u>		<u>36,551,467</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on 17 September 2022.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees



Mr Ayub Khan
Trustee & Chairman



Mr Syed Tohel Ahmed
Trustee & Treasurer

The notes on pages 20 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

EAST LONDON MOSQUE TRUST
(Company Limited by Guarantee)
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	£	2022 £	£	2021 £
Cash Outflow from Operating Activities					
Operating Surplus		813,614		1,010,538	
Depreciation		80,646		83,351	
Other Investment Income		(2,068)		(2,341)	
(Gain)/Loss on fixed asset disposal		-		-	
(Increase)/Decrease in Debtors		11,232		(119,127)	
(Increase)/Decrease in Stock		422		213	
Increase/(Decrease) in Creditors		275,840		(1,687)	
Cash from Operations		1,179,686		970,951	
Net Cash Generated from Operations			1,179,686		970,951
Cash Outflow from Investment Activities					
Purchase of Tangible Fixed Assets		(122,088)		(107,471)	
Investment in Subsidiary		-		-	
Fixed assets disposal		-		-	
Interest / Profit on investment		2,068		2,341	
Net Cash inflow/outflow from investment Activities			(120,020)		(105,130)
Cash Outflow from Financing Activities					
Increase/(Decrease) of Long Term Loan		(141,068)		(134,035)	
Increase/(Decrease) of Qard Hasanah (Private Loan)		(262,641)	(403,709)	(68,700)	(202,735)
Net Increase/(decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents			655,957		663,086
Opening Cash and Cash Equivalents			2,080,097		1,417,011
Closing Cash and Cash Equivalents			<u>2,736,054</u>		<u>2,080,097</u>
Reconciliation:					
Cash at bank and in hand			2,736,054		2,080,097
			<u>2,736,054</u>		<u>2,080,097</u>

See Note 36 for analysis of changes in net debt

The notes on pages 20 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

EAST LONDON MOSQUE TRUST

Notes to the Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

1 Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of accounts:

The charitable company is a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102, and the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities, preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)- Charities SORP FRS 102, and the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in pound sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below.

1.2 Going concern:

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the Directors anticipate no material uncertainties exist going forward, and that the expected level of income will support all expenditure for 12 months from the date of authorising these financial statements. The Trust once again has a congregation following easing of lockdown restrictions, which led to some recovery in donations collected. The Trust has a net assets surplus in this financial year. It has sufficient cashflow to continue operations for 12 months from the signing date.

1.3 Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The current designated fund is tied up with fixed assets (See Note 24).

Restricted funds are those which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The funds are set out in Note 23.

1.4 Income recognition:

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activity (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

- Cash donations are recognised on receipt.
- Tuitions Fee income is recognised when entitlement has occurred. Fee Invoices are usually raised at the beginning of the academic year and any income related to future accounting periods are deferred to those periods.
- Investment income is earned through holding property and cash deposits for investment purposes. Rental income is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established. Profit on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably.
- Hall and room hire income is recognised as at the date of the event.
- Grants for immediate expenditure are accounted for when they become receivable.

1.5 Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT:

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis within the Statement of Financial Activity, and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Input VAT that cannot be claimed is included in the cost to which it relates.

1.6 Allocation of costs:

Costs are allocated between restricted and unrestricted funds according to the terms of the income. Where items expended are mixed, they are apportioned between the categories according to the income they relate to.

1.7 Support costs:

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the charities programmes and activities. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

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1.8 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation:

Freehold and long leasehold properties are not depreciated as they are maintained at a high standard, thus extending their useful life and residual value. Annual impairment reviews are conducted where assets are not depreciated.

Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are capitalised at cost, and are stated in the accounts at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

Computers and Equipment	15% Reducing balance.
Furniture, Fixtures and fittings	15% Reducing balance.

1.9 Investment properties:

Investment properties are held at fair value, which is measured annually with changes in fair value recognised in 'net gains / (losses) on investments' in the SoFA.

1.10 Investments :

Investments are recognised initially at fair value, which is normally stated at cost less provision for permanent diminution in value. Subsequently, they are measured at fair value with changes recognised in 'net gains / (losses) on investments' in the SoFA. Other investments are measured at cost less impairment.

1.11 Stock:

Stock held by the entity consists of books and radios. Goods are stated at the lower of, cost or net realisable value. The cost includes all costs of purchase, any costs of conversion and other costs incurred in bringing the goods to its present location and condition.

1.12 Debtors and prepayments:

Debtors are receivable within one year and/or more than one year recognised at the transaction price. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any discounts due.

1.13 Creditors and accruals:

Creditors payable within one year and/or more than one year are recognised at the transaction price. Accruals are valued at the net cost, less any discounts offered.

1.14 Loans and borrowings:

Loans and borrowings are initially recognised at the transaction price, including transaction costs.

Private Loans: "Qard Hasanah" is a interest free loans from the charity's beneficiaries, which only have a moral obligation to repay as per agreement. Qard Hasanah is recognised when received / paid and recorded under liabilities due within one year and/or more than one year.

1.15 Provisions:

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount can be reliably estimated.

1.16 Pensions:

Employees of the charity are entitled to join a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension contributions by the charity are charged to the financial statements, and equal or exceed the statutory minimum percentages applied to pensionable earnings.

1.17 Taxation:

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

1.18 Group accounting

The entity has a 100% stake in a dormant subsidiary LMC Limited and a 100% stake in ELMT Waqf Ltd. The latter's total reserves at 31 March 2022 were -£1,496. ELMT has a loan outstanding with ELMT Waqf Ltd., the details of which are discussed in Note 27.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

2. Legal status of the charity

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 for each member of the charity.

Incoming Resources

3	Voluntary Income	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022	2021
			£	£	£	£
	General Donations		956,314		956,314	1,052,277
	Archiving Project			5,558	5,558	47,589
	MyELM		12,124		12,124	
	DOME appeal			241,672	241,672	
	Gift Aid		100,619		100,619	75,917
			<u>1,069,057</u>	<u>247,230</u>	<u>1,316,287</u>	<u>1,175,783</u>
4	Activities for Generating Funds		Unrestricted	Restricted	2022	2021
			£	£	£	£
	Hall and Room Hire		188,586		188,586	4,054
	Fundraising Activities		32,185		32,185	44,073
	Digital Fundraising & Website Advertising		256,226		256,226	24,248
	Bookstall and similar sales		21,741		21,741	6,845
	Charity package sponsorships		48,033		48,033	-
			<u>546,771</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>546,771</u>	<u>79,220</u>
5	Investment Income		Unrestricted	Restricted	2022	2021
			£	£	£	£
	Rent and Services Charges		883,073		883,073	774,202
	Profit on Bank Deposits and investments		2,068		2,068	2,341
			<u>885,141</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>885,141</u>	<u>776,544</u>
6	Income from Charitable Activities		Unrestricted	Restricted	2022	2021
			£	£	£	£
	<u>a) Educational Projects</u>					
	Al Mizan School			454,752	454,752	452,195
	London East Academy			574,336	574,336	749,077
	ELM Evening Madrasah			68,330	68,330	58,798
			<u>-</u>	<u>1,097,418</u>	<u>1,097,418</u>	<u>1,260,070</u>
	<u>b) Contributions to ELMT for service use</u>					
	Al Mizan School		39,876		39,876	39,876
	London East Academy		50,528		50,528	50,528
			<u>90,404</u>		<u>90,404</u>	<u>90,404</u>
	<u>c) Other charitable funds</u>					
	Fitr Fund			57,193	57,193	66,982
	Zakat Fund			81,545	81,545	60,254
	Welfare Fund			63,914	63,914	15,083
	Counselling Projects			12,618	12,618	39,600
	Winter Food Project			13,750	13,750	
	Kickstarter scheme			7,565	7,565	
	Burial Support			1,546	1,546	79,535
	Covid 19 Community Support/EECF			4,293	4,293	34,596
	Ifar and Itikaf		25,816		25,816	26,469
	NHS Community Investment Scheme				-	20,000
			<u>25,816</u>	<u>242,424</u>	<u>268,240</u>	<u>342,518</u>
	Total		<u>116,220</u>	<u>1,339,842</u>	<u>1,456,062</u>	<u>1,692,993</u>
The contributions by the schools for use of ELMT facilities are reflected in the schools' costs in Note 11.						
7	Other Incoming Resources		Unrestricted	Restricted	2022	2021
			£	£	£	£
	HMRC Job Retention Scheme		147,783		147,783	629,435
	User Groups' Contributions		5,000		5,000	-
	Weddings and Attestations		30,950		30,950	16,270
	Sundry		6,008	-	6,008	6,544
			<u>189,741</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>189,741</u>	<u>652,249</u>
	Total Income		<u>2,806,929</u>	<u>1,587,072</u>	<u>4,394,001</u>	<u>4,376,789</u>

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Expenses Summary

8	Voluntary Cost	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2022 £	2021 £
	Printing and Publicity		45,835		45,835	29,202
	Volunteer Expenses		4,326		4,326	2,314
	Insurance		8,054		8,054	11,136
	Subscriptions		8,531		8,531	6,564
			66,746	-	66,746	49,215
9	Fundraising Cost		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2022 £	2021 £
	Salaries and Employer's NIC		89,600		89,600	60,972
	Fundraising Events and Campaigns		109,802		109,802	75,518
	Bookstall and Similar Supplies		11,262		11,262	6,089
			210,664	-	210,664	142,580
10	Investment Management Costs		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2022 £	2021 £
	Salaries and Employer's NIC	13	95,741		95,741	99,245
	Premises Expenses	13	89,943		89,943	90,467
	Insurance	13	8,056		8,056	-
	Finance Charges		39,722		39,722	46,755
	Waqf Ltd.			566	566	500
			233,462	566	234,028	236,967
11	Charitable Activities		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2022 £	2021 £
	<u>Educational Projects</u>					
	Al Mizan School			444,309	444,309	428,551
	London East Academy			565,060	565,060	588,276
	Elm Evening Madrasah			74,369	74,369	74,909
			-	1,083,739	1,083,739	1,091,736
	<u>Welfare Fund Distribution</u>					
	Counsellor Fees			36,889	36,889	3,000
	NHS Community Investment Scheme			48,028	48,028	54,478
	Fitr Fund Distribution			15,400	15,400	-
	Zakat Fund Distribution			55,190	55,190	66,475
				90,095	90,095	4,960
			-	245,602	245,602	128,913
	Salaries and Employer's NIC	13	217,592		217,592	225,556
	Premises Expenses	13	642,588		642,588	620,904
	Archiving Expenses			23,687	23,687	11,642
	Baraka Khan Visitor Centre			-	-	2,640
	Winter Food Project			6,249	6,249	13,121
	Burial Support				-	55,071
	Covid19 Community Support			15,844	15,844	9,857
	Iftar and Itikaf Expenses		19,574		19,574	21,097
	Telephone, Fax and Internet	13	4,680		4,680	4,775
	Computers and IT Expenses	13	7,513		7,513	7,088
	Postage and Stationery	13	984		984	576
			892,930	45,780	938,711	972,328
			892,930	1,375,121	2,268,051	2,192,977

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12	Support and Governance Costs:	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022	2021
	a) Support Costs		£	£	£	£
	Salaries and Employer's NIC	13	487,407		487,407	505,246
	Insurance	13	8,054		8,054	11,136
	Telephone, Fax and Internet	13	4,680		4,680	4,775
	Computers and IT Expenses	13	7,513		7,513	7,088
	Postage and Stationery	13	984		984	576
	Legal and Professional Fees		41,233	21,000	62,233	20,358
	Training and Courses		1,002		1,002	600
	Book-Keeping and Accountancy		8,800		8,800	8,800
	Bank and Credit Card Charges		43,788		43,788	32,390
	Sundry		27,759		27,759	4,685
	Depreciation on FF and Equipment		66,033		66,033	67,196
	Loss on FA disposal				-	-
			697,253	21,000	718,253	662,850
	b) Governance Costs					
	Salaries and Employer's NIC	13	69,630		69,630	72,178
	Auditor remuneration		9,160		9,160	9,160
	Meetings and Training		3,643		3,643	324
	Trustee Indemnity insurance		212		212	-
			82,645	-	82,645	81,662
			779,897	21,000	800,897	744,512
	Total Expenses		2,183,700	1,396,687	3,580,387	3,366,251

13	Allocation of Costs:	Ratio	Total	Support	Governance	Voluntary	Investment Mgt cost	Charitable
	a) Charitable Activities:							
	Cleaning and Support Services	1: 9	309,385				30,938	278,446
	Service Charges	1: 1	7,303				3,652	3,652
	General Rates and Water	1: 9	28,727				4,316	24,411
	Lighting and Heating	1: 9	153,109				15,311	137,798
	Repairs and Maintenance	1: 9	220,313				22,031	198,281
			718,835	-	-	-	76,248	642,588
	b) Support Costs:							
	Computer and IT Expenses	1: 1	15,025	7,513				7,512
	Postage and Stationery	1: 1	1,968	984				984
	Insurance		24,164	8,054		8,054	8,056	-
	Salaries and Employer's NIC	56:8:11:25	870,369	487,407	69,630		95,741	217,592
	Telephone, Fax and Internet	1: 1	9,360	4,680				4,680
			920,886	508,637	69,630	8,054	103,797	230,768

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

14 Tangible Fixed Assets:	Freehold Land & Building	Leasehold & Building	Investment Properties	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment	Total
Cost or valuation:	£	£	£	£	£
At 1 April 2021	13,281,232	10,456,034	16,049,751	1,571,326	41,358,343
Addition	60,000			62,088	122,088
Gains / (losses) on fair value of Fixed assets					-
Disposal					-
Land and Buildings transferred to FA Investment					-
	<u>13,341,232</u>	<u>10,456,034</u>	<u>16,049,751</u>	<u>1,633,414</u>	<u>41,480,431</u>
Depreciation:					
At 1 April 2021				1,099,087	1,099,087
Charge for the year				80,646	80,646
Eliminated by Disposal	-	-	-		-
				<u>1,179,733</u>	<u>1,179,733</u>
Net Book Value					
As at 31 March 2022	<u>13,341,232</u>	<u>10,456,034</u>	<u>16,049,751</u>	<u>453,681</u>	<u>40,300,698</u>
As at 31 March 2021	<u>13,281,232</u>	<u>10,456,034</u>	<u>16,049,751</u>	<u>472,239</u>	<u>40,259,256</u>

The value of the investment property elements of fixed assets, is comprised from mixed use properties including the LMC Building, Maryam Centre, and the main ELM building, as well as 8 other sole investment properties.

The sole investment properties are based in Maddams Street E3, Ernest Street E1, Eastern Avenue IG2, Ullin Street E14, Prioress House E3, Brimsdown House E3, and Fieldgate Street E1.

	2022	2021
Fair Value reconciliation	£	£
Cost of investment Properties	16,049,751	16,049,751
Reclassifications and additions	-	-
Gains / (losses) on revaluation of Fixed assets	-	-
	<u>16,049,751</u>	<u>16,049,751</u>

Trustees have considered that no fair value adjustments were required on mixed use land and buildings (with investment element), during the year (see below). Professional valuations were made on all sole investment properties in July 2020. The Trustees have considered that no fair value adjustments are required in the period to March 2022, as local property prices have remained stable in the period.

Property	Cost B/fwd	Cost @ 31.03.2022	Additions / Disposals
	£	£	£
East London Mosque	5,203,000	5,203,000	-
London Muslim Centre Including Business Centre	15,825,000	15,825,000	-
Maryam Centre	12,650,000	12,710,000	60,000
Wellands Way (Northampton)	379,016	379,016	-
	<u>34,057,016</u>	<u>34,117,016</u>	<u>60,000</u>

The Wellands Way property is owned by ELMT Waqf Ltd. It is currently held for sale. See Note 27 for further details.

All sole investment properties are valued as below:

	Fair Value B/fwd	Fair Value @ 31.03.2022	Gain / (Loss)
	£	£	£
Total number of properties : 8	<u>5,730,000</u>	<u>5,730,000</u>	<u>-</u>

15 Debtors & Prepayments:	2022	2021	
	£	£	
Prepayments	68,658	61,016	
Rent and Others	386,051	488,886	
Welfare debtors	20,000	20,000	
Bad debts	(3,000)	(25,390)	
Payroll debtors	532	779	
Job Retention Scheme	13,048	47,678	
Student Fees	340,246	243,798	
	<u>825,535</u>	<u>836,767</u>	

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16	Creditors: Falling due within one year	2022	2021
		£	£
	Other Taxes and Social Security Costs	41,330	49,260
	Trade Creditors	98,651	102,810
	Rent and Hall Hire Deposits	117,142	104,531
	Advance Tuition Fees	532,255	337,150
	Accruals and Deferred Income	343,498	259,547
	Al Rayan (IBB) Bank Loan	180,789	180,789
	Qard Hasanah - Private Loan	1,893,873	1,893,873
	Pension Contributions	13,597	17,339
		<u>3,221,139</u>	<u>2,945,299</u>

17	Creditors: Falling due after more than one year	2022	2021
		£	£
	Qard Hasanah - Private Loan	2,623,932	2,886,573
	Bank Loans	655,163	796,231
		<u>3,279,095</u>	<u>3,682,804</u>

18a) Private Loans: "Qard Hasanah" are loans from the charity's beneficiaries, which are repayable on request. There is no interest due or security given for these loans. Long-term Qard Hasanah loans have been contractually agreed with private individuals, as not repayable within 12 months. Short-term loans can be repayable at any time.

18b) FRS 102 departure (Private loans disclosure): FRS102 requires long-term interest-free loans to be stated at their present value. Effectively this would mean loan amounts stated in the account are lower than the actual amounts payable in future. This has potential to confuse the charity's stakeholders, as such the trustees have opted not to follow FRS102 treatment for these loans.

18	Analysis of Staff Costs:	2022	2021
		£	£
	Total Salaries	1,880,318	1,894,759
	Employer's NIC	134,314	137,146
	Pension Contributions	101,754	96,562
	Total Employment cost	<u>2,116,387</u>	<u>2,128,466</u>
	Average number of employees: Support	30	33
	Average number of employees: Direct charitable	94	88
		<u>124</u>	<u>121</u>
	Employees paid in excess of £60,000	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>

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19 Trustees' and key management personnel remuneration and expenses

The trustees neither received nor waived any remuneration during the year (2021: £Nil)

Key management personnel (this excludes all Company directors/trustees) received remuneration of £194,792 during the year (2021: £191,006) including pension costs.

The trustees did not have any expenses reimbursed during the year (2021 - £nil).

20 Pensions:

The charity's pension scheme incorporates a SMART salary sacrifice scheme. It was operated by Supertrust until January 2021, and when the provider exited the market, was resumed by Evolve. The new provider achieved Master Trust authorisation from the Pensions Regulator in April 2019. Employer's contributions made to pension schemes were £96,562 (2021: £79,921), recognised as an expense under staff emoluments.

21 Deferred income:	2022	2021
	£	£
At start 01.04.2021	552,151	558,220
Additions during the year	804,031	552,151
Amounts released to income	(552,151)	(558,220)
At end 31.03.2022	<u>804,031</u>	<u>552,151</u>

Deferred income occurs where the entity has raised invoices for a service to be provided in the next financial period.

This includes:

Rent and service charges: Invoices are raised a month in advance of the rent quarter to be billed.

Hall Hire: Bookings made for events occurring in the period after 31st March 2022 (None in this financial year).

Student fees: Fees invoices raised at the beginning of the school academic year, but actually pertaining to the next financial year. The academic year crosses 2 financial years, and fees are allocated accordingly. New students awaiting enrolment are also invoiced in advance.

22 Restricted Fund Movements	Opening Balance 01.04.2021	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Adjustment	Closing Balance 31.03.2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Capital Grants					
LDA Capital Grant	710,750				710,750
Sure Start Capital Grant	258,000				258,000
NRF Capital Grant	700,000				700,000
ERDF Capital Grant	750,000				750,000
	<u>2,418,750</u>	-	-	-	<u>2,418,750</u>
41 Fieldgate Street	822,454				822,454
Maryam Academy	159,131				159,131
Educational Projects					
London East Academy	303,101	574,336	565,060		312,378
Al Mizan	23,644	454,752	444,309		34,087
Evening Madrasah	9,218	68,330	74,369		3,178
	<u>335,963</u>	<u>1,097,418</u>	<u>1,083,739</u>	-	<u>349,642</u>
General Projects	-		-		-
Zakat Fitr Fund	65,116	138,738	145,285		58,569
Welfare Funds	112,460	63,914	36,889		139,486
Penny Appeal/EECF Counselling Grants	-	12,618	48,028	35,411	
Archiving Project	43,083	5,558	23,687		24,954
Baraka Khan Visitor Centre	112,060	-	-		112,060
Winter Food Campaign (Islamic Relief)	629	13,750	6,249		8,130
Kickstarter scheme		7,565			7,565
Burial Support	24,463	1,546			26,009
Covid 19 Community Support/EECF	24,738	4,293	15,844		13,187
NHS Community Investment Scheme	20,000		15,400		4,600
Waqf	-		566	566	-
Dome appeal		241,672	21,000		220,672
	<u>4,138,847</u>	<u>1,587,072</u>	<u>1,396,687</u>	<u>35,977</u>	<u>4,365,209</u>

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23 Movement in Funds	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Unrestricted Total	Restricted Fund	Total Fund
	£	£	£	£	£
As at 1 April 2021	1,311,164	31,101,456	32,412,620	4,138,847	36,551,467
Current year surplus	623,229		623,229	190,385	813,614
Gains / (losses) on revaluation of Fixed assets					
Current year transfer	(481,128)	445,151	(35,977)	35,977	
As at 31 March 2022	<u>1,453,265</u>	<u>31,546,607</u>	<u>32,999,872</u>	<u>4,365,209</u>	<u>37,365,081</u>

Total funds include £726,297 (2021: £643,584) debtors receivable. Approximately £31.5m (2021: £31.1m) of designated funds are tied up in building construction and fixed asset additions. As at the balance sheet date the charitable company has £1.4m free reserves for its day to day operations.

24 Taxation

The entity is exempt from corporation tax, as it engages in charitable activities. Part of rental income is VATable at a rate of Profitable returns within ELMT Waqf Ltd., when generated, are expected to be fully donated to the parent; thus ELMT Waqf, whilst not being tax exempt, is still not expected to incur a Corporation Tax liability, by virtue of donating all returns for charitable purpose.

25 Auditors' Remuneration	2022	2021
	£	£
Auditor's Remuneration for the audit of the charity's annual accounts	<u>11,250</u>	<u>11,250</u>
Fees Payable to the charity's auditor for non-audit services	<u>11,210</u>	<u>11,210</u>

26 Contingent Liabilities

The entity had no contingent liabilities as at 31 March 2022 nor at 31 March 2021.

27 Related Party Transactions

In December 2020, the Trust made a loan of £400,000 to its subsidiary, ELMT Waqf Ltd, in which one of the Trustees, Ayub Khan shares common directorships with ELMT. Dilowar Hussain Khan, an employee, and Director of Finance at ELMT, is also a director of ELMT Waqf Ltd.

The purpose of ELMT Waqf Ltd is to invest funds entrusted by donors in projects that will help sustain the activities of ELMT in the future. ELMT Waqf Ltd completed the purchase of two plots of land at a cost of £379,016 on Welland Way, in Northampton. The developments have been completed, and the properties have received an offer the estate agent Connell's, has stated as approximately £0.5m. As no formal contracts have been exchanged at the time of signing accounts, there is no post balance sheet event to disclose on a sale. Charities SORP does not require assets held for sale during the year to be disclosed within non-current assets.

None of the directors of ELMT or ELMT Waqf Ltd currently have financial interests associated with either entity.

The loan funds are eliminated on consolidation, as ELMT Waqf Ltd is a fully owned subsidiary of the East London Mosque Trust.

28 Volunteers

The charity benefited from work performed by volunteers, including counting of cash collections, and stewarding during Friday prayers, and Ramadan.

29 Capital Commitments

£210k has been spent to date, on extension work to the Maryam Centre (Phase 3). It is estimated that up to another £2m will be complete this. The works are expected to be completed by the autumn of 2023.

30 Government grants

The entity received total grants of £184,210 to subsidise workforce retention in the financial year, via the HMRC Job Retention

31 Grant making

The entity contracted out delivery of a project around organ donation awareness, to other entities during the year. The initial funding for this project was held as unspent in the last financial year, the donor being the NHS Community Investment Scheme.

32 Zakaat and Fitr

Payments were made after the year-end to several organisations who specialised in these charitable distributions. These included Islamic Relief, Muntada Aid, Human Appeal, Global Relief Trust, Help Yateem, Penny Appeal, and 13 Rivers Trust.

33 Events after the reporting period

An investment of £1m was made into Matz Medical Ltd. in April 2022, as the Trust sought to diversify its investment portfolio. The returns will be generated through advancement of funds for procurement of medical instruments and supplies, by the NHS. In August 2022, the Trust entered into negotiations with another company, as it was exploring a new investment opportunity in property development.

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36 Analysis of changes in net debt

The analysis below serves as a note to the consolidated cash flow statement on Page 19:

	At start of year	Cash flows	Acq/disp of subsidiaries	New finance leases	Fair value movements	Forex movements	Other non- cash changes	At end of year
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cash	2,080,097	655,957	-	-	-	-	-	2,736,055
Cash equivalents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Overdraft facility	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total cash	2,080,097	663,086						2,736,055
Private loans <1 year	(1,893,873)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,893,873)
Private loans >1 year	(2,886,573)	262,641	-	-	-	-	-	(2,623,932)
Bank loans < 1 year	(180,789)	180,789	-	-	-	-	(180,789)	(180,789)
Bank loans > 1 year	(796,230)	-	-	-	-	-	141,068	(655,162)
Finance leases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total borrowings	(5,757,465)	443,430	-	-	-	-	39,721	5,353,756
TOTAL	(3,677,368)	1,106,516	-	-	-	-	(39,721)	(2,617,701)

EAST LONDON MOSQUE TRUST

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Accounts

EAST LONDON MOSQUE TRUST

(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT, STRATEGIC REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

ABACUS PARTNERS (LDN) LLP

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CORPORATE DETAILS

Registered Name	East London Mosque Trust	
Working Names	East London Mosque London Muslim Centre	
Company Number	0468317	
Charity Number	1122613	
Trustees (Directors)	Muhammad Habibur Rahman	(Chairman)
	Ayub Khan	(Vice Chairman)
	Shafiur Rahman	(Vice Chairman)
	Abdul-Hayee Murshad	(Honorary Secretary)
	Mohammed Abdul Malik	(Treasurer)
	Aman Ali	
	Hussain Muhammad Shefaar	
	Mahera Ruby	
	Rahela Choudhury	
	Ruhana Ali Begum	
	Sirajul Islam	
	Sirajul Islam (Hira)	
Company Secretary	Abdul-Hayee Murshad	
Director	Dilowar Hussain Khan	
Registered Office	82-92 Whitechapel Road, London, E1 1JQ	
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Main Bankers	HSBC, 75 Whitechapel Road, London, E1 1DU Al Rayan Bank, 97-99 Whitechapel Road, London, E1 1DT Barclays Bank Plc, Broadgate 2, Leicester LE87 2BB	
Solicitors	Saunders Roberts, 1 Crown Court Yard, Bridge Street, Evesham, WR11 4RY	

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

OBJECTS AND PUBLIC BENEFIT

The objects of the East London Mosque Trust ('Trust'), as set out in its Articles of Association, are to:

- 1) Advance the Islamic faith for the benefit of the public by maintaining and managing a community centre and mosque in London;
- 2) Advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the general public, and in particular the Muslim community;
- 3) Promote such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.

In pursuance of these objects, the Trust hosts a range of services and activities for the benefit of the public.

ACTIVITIES

This year was overshadowed by the Covid-19 pandemic, with three closures of the Trust's facilities, and restrictions in place when open – social distancing requirements limited prayer capacity to a third of normal.

Our facilities closed ahead of the first national lockdown in March 2020, including all Ramadan, reopening in July. The facilities closed for a month for the second lockdown. The third lockdown began in January 2021; although places of worship could remain open, in view of the alarming spread of Covid-19, the Trust voluntarily closed for seven weeks. When open, it was for the five daily prayers only, with strict safety measures in place.

Throughout this period, the Trust provided essential services to the community, including a food bank, meals for NHS workers and those in need, and vital counselling and advice services. Additional mortuary facilities were established to handle Covid-19 cases. The Trust promoted the vaccination programme, and hosted a 'pop-up' vaccination clinic, which went on to become a regular service for one day each week.

Our response to the pandemic was recognised in a visit by the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, who met staff and volunteers who helped the needy and vulnerable in the lockdown, as well as some of the beneficiaries.

The Trust's primary and secondary schools and nursery (all rated 'Good' by Ofsted) operated under the national restrictions, and hosted limited educational opportunities for children and adults in evenings and at weekends.

We offer a wide range of services for Muslims and non-Muslims, often in partnership with others. The Trust places strong emphasis on building relationships with others so we can work together for the common good.

Normally, our facilities are available for hire, for weddings, conferences, meetings, and more, providing both a community benefit and income to sustain our activities. Hirers must adhere to our policies, to ensure our facilities are used in accordance with our charitable status, and in a manner that does not harm our reputation.

Despite the impact of the pandemic, our community continued to support the Trust, especially online; in this year, £1.37 million was raised in donations and from other fundraising initiatives.

We usually facilitate weekly collections for UK registered charities, and several times a week in Ramadan. The closures and subsequent restrictions during the Covid-19 pandemic had a profoundly detrimental impact on this, reducing collections from a record the previous year of over £401k, to just over £20k this year.

Volunteering

The Trust benefits greatly from dedicated, committed volunteers, from those helping with collections, to members and trustees helping to drive the organisation forward. Volunteering in the Maryam Centre is coordinated by Maryam Women's Services, and in ELM by our volunteer group, Jamiat-ul-Muslimin. They

provide stewarding for Friday prayers, Ramadan, Eid and other special occasions, and provide support for charity collections. Over 100 volunteers contribute time estimated to be worth around £110,000 per year.

STRATEGIC REPORT

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The trust measures success in a number of ways, such as through satisfaction surveys, fundraising targets and educational outcomes.

Religious Projects and Services

Prayer Facilities

The mosque is normally open to the public every day from 10am, up to 9pm in the winter months, and later in the summer months. The annual footfall for prayers is about 1.7 million. The average weekly footfall for prayers is over 32,000 people, almost doubling in Ramadan. The congregation for the Friday 'Jumuah' prayer averages at well over 5,000, peaking at about 7,000 on the very busiest Fridays. The Friday sermon is delivered in English and community languages, plus British Sign Language for deaf worshippers; it is streamed live on Facebook, and made available on the ELM website and YouTube for download. People can listen to prayers and lectures given in the main prayer hall from home through dedicated digital radios, over the internet, and using smartphones.

This report will refer to its normal operations, referring to the impact of Covid-19 only where it relates to the period covered.

Religious Teaching

Religious lectures are delivered by our Imams in the main prayer hall of the Mosque every day of the week, with more than 20 circles of religious knowledge every week within the Mosque complex for men, women and children. The promotion of Islamic teachings helps prevent misunderstanding, aids the spiritual and academic growth of worshippers in a safe environment. Many lectures are streamed live, and during lockdown special arrangements were put in place to provide online lectures.

Ramadan & Eid

The Mosque was closed during the whole of Ramadan in 2020, due to the national lockdown. This had a significant impact during one of the most spiritual periods. It is also by far the most important time of the year for fundraising, so the closure necessitated a shift to online fundraising; despite the success of this, the amount of fundraising income fell below normal levels. Although closed for Edi al-Fitr, the Mosque was able to hold five congregational prayers for Eid al-Adha, catering for worshippers with strict social distancing measures.

Funerals

London's oldest Muslim funeral service, Taslim Funerals, is based in the facilities of the East London Mosque. Even during lockdown it of course had to continue to operate. For most of this year it had additional temporary mortuary facilities provided by the Trust to handle Covid-19 cases.

Education

The Trust offers full- and part-time education. Plans for a review of education have been delayed due to the pandemic.

Al-Mizan School & London East Academy

Al-Mizan School is a full-time junior school for girls and boys, and London East Academy (LEA) is a full-time secondary school for boys. Both schools operate under one governing body and headteacher. The governing body is a committee of the Trust. As with other independent schools, recruiting good qualified teachers remains a challenge but nevertheless a priority. The fees for the schools are competitive compared to other institutions providing similar service; the financing of the schools continues to be a challenge but is improving.

Both Al-Mizan School and London East Academy are rated 'Good' by Ofsted. Following the departure of the former headteacher in May 2021, an interim headteacher was appointed.

Despite the impact of Covid-19 and the two lockdowns, when both schools were closed, classes continued online using Zoom. Stringent administrative protocols were put in place to monitor attendance, learning and attainment, as well as pupil welfare. Additional school days were added to the calendar, by reorganising staff training days and shortening some holidays, to ensure pupils were able to keep up with the curriculum. When the schools reopened, the risk assessments for coronavirus ensured pupil wellbeing; minimising the spread of the virus was a priority, which included appropriate testing.

The GCSE results for 2021 were excellent: 93% of students achieved 5 GCSEs (including English and Maths) at grade 5 or higher. Similarly, 93% achieved grade 5 or higher in the Ebac. 64% of students achieved 5 GCSEs (including English and Maths) at grade 7 (equivalent to grade A) or higher. One student achieved ten grade 9s, another achieved nine grade 9s and one grade 8, and two achieved seven grade 9s and two grade 8s.

Supplementary education

The Trust's part-time evening school, the ELM Evening Madrasah, operates weekdays 5–7pm, with a curriculum giving essential Islamic knowledge. It usually operates 8 classes with over 140 students; the impact of Covid-19 lockdowns and restrictions reduced this – in July 2021, there were 6 classes with 82 students. When the Madrasah closed, it moved to online classes, from the end of 2020, until it reopened in May 2021. Pupil numbers are increasing now. Despite the impact on teaching, pupils continue to make good progress. The Madrasah is supported by the Schools & Evening Madrasah Governing Body, which is a committee of the Trust.

The London Iqra Institute (a project of London Education Trust) operates from the fifth floor of the Maryam Centre, specialising in structured Islamic courses for children aged six and above, and some courses for adults. The Trust supports several other educational projects based in its complex: Rainbow House, Saturday Islamic School, Hornafric Development Association, Al Qalam Madrasah, and Jibreel Institute.

Social Welfare

The Trust provides a range of welfare services directly and through supported projects.

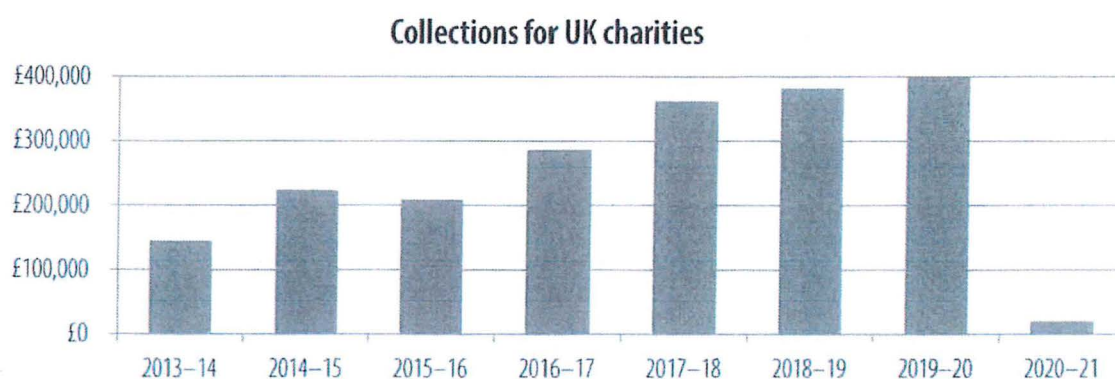
Religious Advice and Support

The Mosque's Imams give advice and guidance on religious matters, on issues such as marriage, inheritance, family and financial matters. There was still an average of 182 contacts per day, but because of the pandemic now more enquiries are by telephone rather than in person at the ELM reception.

The Trust provides subsidised office space to Al Ihsan Marriage & Family Advice Service, which provides a marriage introduction and advice service, and organises public lectures on marriage in the Muslim community.

Supporting charitable causes

The Covid-19 pandemic had a profoundly detrimental impact on external charity collections, especially in Ramadan 2020 when the Mosque was completely closed. The Trust was able to host only 12 external collections in this period for UK registered charities (109 last year), and then only to reduced congregations due to social distancing restrictions, raising just £20,451 for worthy causes in the UK and overseas.



Women-only services

More than 20 female user groups, covering all ages and from different backgrounds, use the Trust's facilities on a weekly basis, such as the London Saturday Circle, the Tafseer Class, the Friday Youth Circle, and the New Muslims Circle. Most are based in the Maryam Centre, a leading Islamic facility for women both locally and beyond. The Maryam Centre has excellent female prayer facilities, classes and seminars for women. It also offers a much-valued professional counselling service for women – this service swiftly moved online, using Zoom and telephone, during the pandemic, as we saw a rise of clients needing support; 797 counselling sessions took place compared to 176 the previous year. Our frontline staff have been trained as 'Violence against women and girls' champions, and to support women facing domestic violence.

Youth engagement

The Trust facilitates programmes for young people of all ages. It has initiated discussions on creating a youth forum to strengthen relationships and find ways to offer social and recreational opportunities for young people in an Islamic environment.

Support for new Muslims

New Muslims are supported through weekly programmes. During the pandemic, our Senior Imam gave online talks using Zoom. We are in the process of recruiting a Projects & Engagement Officer to support this work.

Services for the elderly

The Trust organises regular social gatherings for the elderly, though this was seriously affected by the pandemic.

Legal advice

Pro Bono in the LMC (PBLMC) is a free legal advice service, run by volunteer practising barristers, solicitors and CILEx (Chartered Institute of Legal Executives), for those unable to afford or obtain legal aid. Where PBLMC is not able to assist, it signposts to other legal help providers. Areas of law include family, crime, tenancies, employment, and immigration. Whilst many of PBLMC's clientele are Muslims, non-Muslims also come to PBLMC for legal help. It had to close during the pandemic.

Community Cohesion

The Trust works actively to forge stronger relationships and alliances with interfaith groups, civic society and wider society through engagement programmes and activities throughout the year. The Covid-19 pandemic continued to affect the normal levels of engagement.

Open Days, Tours and Visits

Normally, the Trust facilitates regular open days and exhibitions through the Islam Awareness Project (IAP), with the aim to improve community relations and remove misunderstandings about Islam and Muslims. Due to Covid-19, we had to suspend visits and tours.

Islam Awareness Courses (CPD Accredited)

During lockdown, we could not hold our regular Islam Awareness Courses. As part of our engagement strategy, CPD accredited courses on Islam and Muslims will resume from September 2021. The objective is to be a recognised institute of learning for non-Muslim professionals.

Baraka Khan Visitor Gallery

The Baraka Khan Visitor Gallery (BKVG), on the first floor of the Maryam Centre overlooking the prayer hall, is supported by the Baraka Khan Foundation, working with the Mosque to create an exemplar institution within the community, building positive relations, and continuing the legacy of the late Baraka Khan. The BKVG mission is 'to build an alliance of goodness'.

The BKVG will continue to provide a reflective space for bereaving families who can observe the funeral prayers, and will have guided information on what is being read.

The facilities in the BKVG are being upgraded to improve the visitor experience and for those hiring it out for meetings and events.

Working with other organisations for a better society for all

The Trust continues to work with faith and non-faith organisations to remove misunderstanding and promote community cohesion.

The Trust is working actively to forge stronger relationships and alliances with interfaith groups, civic society and wider society through engagement programmes and activities throughout the year.

Tackling Racism, Islamophobia and Anti-Semitism

The Trust has continued to work with anti-racist organisations and others to challenge Islamophobia, organising and supporting a number of events throughout the year.

On 26 November 2020, the ELMT hosted a digital event, as part of its Virtual Roundtable Series, titled 'Global Islamophobia: Roots, Context and Deconstruction'. The event featured key academics, leaders and influencers, who approached the topic from various angles during the two-hour discussion over Zoom, including: Dr Narzanin Massoumi, a lecturer and a British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow at the Sociology, Philosophy and Anthropology department at Exeter University; Prof Ron Geaves, Honorary Visiting Professor at the Centre for the Study of Islam in the UK at Cardiff University, and formerly a professor of comparative religion at Liverpool Hope University; Marwan Muhammad, former spokesman and director of the Collective Against Islamophobia in France (CCIF) and a French-Egyptian author and statistician, and, Linda Hyokki, the General Secretary of the European Forum of Muslim Women (EFOMW).

Premises

Phase 3 & ELM dome

Enveloping works for the extension to the main prayer hall began in early 2021. Part of this phase of works includes the installation of an integrated ventilation, heating & cooling system for the main prayer hall. A planning application for the 2nd floor extension works has been submitted. The expected completion of the ground floor extension is mid 2022.

The dome and minaret caps, which are made of fibreglass, have come to the end of their lifespan, so work has been commissioned for their replacements.

Security

The Trust is constantly at potential risk from criminal damage, burglary, theft, arson, and hate crimes. In some circumstances, the lives and safety of staff, volunteers, users and visitors could be in jeopardy. Any breach of security may have an impact on the running of the Trust. It follows that all reasonable measures should be

taken to enhance security. To this end, risk assessments are conducted whenever necessary, and at least annually.

Where appropriate, expert advice has been sought to determine security risks and precautions required to deal with these potential threats. The Trust is in regular contact with the police, in particular the counter-terrorism branch.

Staff and volunteers are provided with sufficient resources, information and training to implement the security procedures, which are reviewed regularly. The Security Team provides 24/7 security cover for our buildings, which acts as a deterrent, and is reassuring for staff, volunteers and users. Members of the Security Team are SIA qualified, and their core duties include opening and closing of the buildings, monitoring CCTV, signposting, implementing access and exit restrictions when appropriate, recording and reporting incidents (including to the police), as well as carrying out internal and external patrols throughout the day and night.

Security is increased during high profile visits by dignitaries to the Mosque and Centre, also for Ramadan night-time prayers and Eid Prayers.

The Trust's security staff are appropriately equipped with walkie-talkies, stab proof vests, hand held scanners, and so on. Training and awareness sessions were undertaken with the Metropolitan Police. The intercom systems installed in 2020 have improved the security of the building by restricting unauthorised access particularly reducing public using our buildings as a shortcut.

During the lockdown period in early 2021, the Mosque was closed again to the public, and the complex sealed off to all but tenants and essential staff. A signing in/out book was again introduced for those authorised to come in to maintain the skeleton services provided to the public over the telephone. All access for staff and contractors was via one entrance, monitored by a security guard stationed in the control room.

Governance and Administration

The Director of Finance & Engagement remains as the lead member of staff, whilst the Board of Trustees continue to try to recruit a CEO. The Strategic Plan 2020–24 is guiding the ELMT's priorities.

The review of staffing continued, with restructuring of the roles of department heads and some other senior staff, and proposals for an amalgamation of the reception and events teams.

The Trust's policies and procedures are kept under regular review (25 in this reporting period), with oversight from the Trust's Governance, Compliance & Audit Committee.

Fundraising, Income Generation and Investment Performance

The main sources of income for the Trust are from donations, rental/investment income and school fees. In this financial year some of our regular fundraising campaigns were suspended due to the lockdown. As the Mosque was closed for more than 6 months, including Ramadan, some of our fundraising initiatives were affected, e.g. Ramadan appeal, particularly on the 27th night of Ramadan. However, we continued with the appeals during the limited opening of the Mosque and focused more on online. The income from fundraising activities and rental/hall hire income were reduced significantly due to the lockdown.

However, the Trust's gross income has increased by 6% to just over £4.3m (last year at £4m). The expenditure remained similar. The net surplus income increased by 49% to just over £1.0m (0.7m last year). The significant increment is due to the income received from the HMRC Job Retention Scheme; without this support, the surplus income would have reduced by 44% from last year to just £381k, which is just over the budgeted forecast (£292k). The strategic plan includes the aim to sustain a year-on-year surplus of £0.5m. We are planning to achieve this goal but it will probably be delayed due to the impact of Covid-19 on the economy.

The Trust engaged a company for digital fundraising, which has proved very successful in raising additional donations, in the first year generating an additional £167k, despite a huge increase in competition for online fundraising.

The ELM Waqf (Sustainability Fund) appeal has not made progress due to the lockdown. The objective of this initiative is to earn more income for the Trust by raising around £3m for the Waqf Fund over the next 5 years, through donations and Qard Hasanah (interest free loans), then to invest in low risk investments. To date we have raised just over £400k, of which £379k has been invested through the Trust's subsidiary (ELMT Waqf Ltd) in two new-build residential properties in Northampton. Again, the return on this investment has been delayed due to the significant delay in completion due to the lockdown. It is expected the return will be around 20%.

The 'legacy giving' campaign to the Trust is continuing. The total amount pledged by individuals in their wills has reached more than £0.6m. The legal firm has been reappointed to provide a discounted will writing service to our congregation.

The Trust achieved just under 5% rental income on its investment properties. Income from hall hire decreased significantly (97%) due to the lockdown. The halls and rooms of the London Muslim Centre and Maryam Centre are primarily used by our schools on term-time weekdays, and hired to charities and community groups at a discount to promote educational, social and religious activities. The halls are also hired for Muslim wedding celebrations.

The London East Academy continues to operate in surplus. Al-Mizan School's operating deficit is decreasing. The plan to review the schools has been delayed due to the lockdown.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Governance and Administration

1. Continue to review policies and procedures to deliver a stronger governance structure.
2. Establish a robust induction process and create an annual training programme for trustees.
3. Plan for succession of trustees and members, build capacity and improve processes to increase diversity, ensure a broad range of skills, and improve compliance.
4. Complete review of staffing and departmental structure, including head of staff.

Fundraising and Income Generation

5. Maintain net income of the Trust at a sustainable £0.5m per annum.
6. Continue to make better use of internet and social media streams through digital fundraising.

Projects and Services

7. Carry out review of the Trust's full-time education.
8. Carry out review of all supplementary education for children.
9. Establish a youth forum to build relationships between young people and the Mosque.
10. Find ways to offer social and recreational opportunities for young people in an Islamic environment.
11. Enhance support for new Muslims.
12. Develop further support for charitable giving to good causes.
13. Develop services for the elderly.
14. Put measures in place for weekly support sessions for tackling domestic violence.
15. Develop a structured, holistic approach to promoting family values and tackling family break-up.
16. Improve opportunities for researchers by developing the Trust's archive service.
17. Articulate community concerns about the implementation of Relationship and Sex Education.
18. Support community needs in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, by providing additional mortuary facilities, establishing a food bank and helping the needy and vulnerable.
19. Work with others to provide support for refugees and asylum seekers being housed in our Borough.

Developing Relationships / Improving Image

20. Develop further ways to work with wider society.
21. Create a series of media assets that challenge misconceptions about Islam and explain Muslim concepts.
22. Provide courses and seminars that give a balanced and contextual understanding of Islam.
23. Enhance visitor use of the BKVG with displays and a comprehensive range of exhibition materials.

Assets & Premises

24. Manage the Phase 3 extension.
25. Refurbishment of dome and minarets.
26. Continue redevelopment of administrative and reception facilities.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal Funding Sources

The Trust raised £1.18m through donations (£1.22 in 2020). Income generated from charitable activities increased to just under £1.7m (£1.21m in 2020). Due to the impact of lockdown both the income from investment decreased to ££0.78m (1.0m in year 2020) and income from fundraising activities decreased significantly to just £79k (£455k in 2020). The Trust claimed £0.6m from the HMRC Job Retention Scheme.

Restricted income is either the fees or donations received for individual projects, e.g. the Trust's schools and ELM Waqf (sustainability fund).

Staff Remuneration

The Trust has a pay scale for remuneration of staff. its remuneration committee decided to increase the pay scale by 1.3% in line with the Consumer Price Index (Dec 2019), with the lowest level maintained at 10p per hour more than the minimum wage.

Investment Policy

The foremost reason for the Trust to operate an investments policy is to grow the Trust's assets so that the returns can be used to further its aims and activities as well as meet its cost centres. The Board of Trustees reviews the overall financial position of the Trust through the management accounts and budgets, paying particular attention to short term and long term financial commitments.

The Trust invests ethically, even if the investment yields a lower rate of return. Ethical investment for the Trust means in a way that does not conflict with Islamic values, nor do they counter the Trust's aims and ethos.

The investment level of the Trust is determined by the Board of Trustees by making sure sufficient liquid funds are available to meet immediate liabilities. However, up to 60% reserves of the Trust can be utilised for investment with the proviso that at least two months of operational costs can be liquidated within a three-month period.

The Trust has invested approximately £6.6m in income generating properties within the complex and, more recently, outside of the complex. The LMC Business Wing is a part of its investment strategy, in particular the businesses and charities based there paying rent for the retail units and office spaces they occupy. The annual rental income from all investment properties was £0.78m this year, yielding a return of 4.9% based on the current investment value of £16.05m. There was around 84% occupancy in the investment properties, and discounts had to be given due to the lockdown, which resulted in reduced income for the year.

All other cash reserves are held in bank accounts, and any bank interest received allocated to the welfare fund, consistent with Islamic guidelines on the treatment of interest. Any profits from the deposits at the Islamic Bank are included in Trust's main fund.

Reserves Policy

The main objective of the reserves policy is to ensure that the Trust is able to meet its short-term operational costs in an event where income drops to an unsustainable low. It is currently operating to service at least two months of liabilities, which is £0.60m. The Board of Trustees considers the reserve policy to be adequate, as the giving tradition is strong in such a faith-based organisation, with regular income received from the investments.

Principal Uncertainties, Risks and Management

The Trust identifies and monitors risks in the areas of compliance, reputation, financial management, governance and operations, and puts in place measures to mitigate these risks, especially those deemed as major. These measures, backed by regular review, ensure strong protection of the charity.

Amongst the key measures the Trust has in place are:

- DBS checks whenever appropriate for staff, volunteers and trustees
- scrutiny of policies and procedures by the Governance, Compliance and Audit Committee
- regular monitoring by trustees of the reserves policy and the risk register
- all suitable insurance policies
- 24/7 security guards based in the Trust's premises

The Trust's booking process and policy for speakers helps to mitigate reputational risks. The Trust robustly challenges any misleading or malicious media reports.

Security is kept continuously under review. The Trust employs 24/7 security guards, and maintains close contacts with the local police force and other agencies, such as the Tension Monitoring Group.

The school uncovered possible fraud and theft by a former employee. It asked our auditor to investigate; based on their findings, the matter was reported to the police and the Charity Commission. The issue is currently ongoing, but already the schools have taken independent advice, and improved their procedures accordingly.

The Trust benefits from interest-free loans from supporters, known as Qard Hasanah. The balance of this loan dropped slightly to £4.78M at the end of this reporting period – reflecting that the amount coming in (£192k) was less than the amount repaid (£261k). These loans have helped the Trust to undertake past capital developments, and to establish investments to help sustain the Trust, known as Waqf. The Trust ensures it keeps sufficient cash flow to repay Qard Hasanah upon request, and can sell its investment properties should the need arise. The Trust is continuing to develop its Waqf base, to create a solid foundation for future income.

Independent Auditor

An independent audit was carried out by Abacus Partners (Ldn) LLP, Chartered Certified Accountants & Registered Auditors. The auditor is deemed to have been re-appointed in accordance with section 487 of the companies Act 2006.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The East London Mosque Trust is a company limited by guarantee. Its Articles of Association were last updated in 2019. Ten trustees are elected by the Trust's membership from amongst themselves every two years. The elected trustees may appoint up to five additional trustees whose expertise may benefit the Trust. Trustees are the company directors for the purpose of company law. Trustees do not receive any remuneration.

A trustee induction procedure outlines steps for vetting trustees, key documents that are considered essential, and expectations for appropriate training. The Board of Trustees typically meets every six weeks; in this reporting period, they met 8 times. It has established three principal committees for effective governance:

- Executive Committee
- Governance, Compliance & Audit Committee
- Schools' & Evening Madrasah Governing Body

The Trust considers the Executive Committee (currently consisting of the Trust's Chairman, two Vice Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Treasurer, and four senior members of staff) to be the key management personnel. The delegation of decisions to committees is outlined in terms of references, and to staff in job descriptions. The Board of Trustees retains ultimate oversight of financial controls, the management of risks, significant

developments, and in ensuring the Trust operates in accordance with its Articles of Association, charity law and other legal requirements, and best practice.

The Trust activated its subsidiary, the ELMT Waqf, in this reporting period. It cooperates with other charities and organisations where this will help deliver its objects to its beneficiaries, with due regard to any conflicts of interest.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also directors of East London Mosque Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report including the Strategic Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS102);
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is not appropriate to assume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company, and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Each of the persons who is a director / trustee at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and
- they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

The Trustees' Annual Report and the Strategic Report were approved by the Board of Trustees (in their capacity as company directors) on 23 October 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



Muhammad Habibur Rahman
Chairman



Abdul-Hayee Murshad
Honorary Secretary

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE EAST LONDON MOSQUE TRUST FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The East London Mosque Trust for the year ended 31st March 2021, which comprise the statement of financial activities, the Statement of Financial Position, the Cash Flow Statement, and the related Notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31st March 2021, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Emphasis of matter

We draw users' attention to the bad debt expenses in Note 15 of the Accounts, due to suspected theft by the ex-Headteacher. The schools operated with inordinately large cash balances in the safe during the lockdown period, which were not reconciled or banked regularly. This was contrary to normal procedures. There is evidence to suggest that the ex-Headteacher may have been responsible for the missing cash, during periods where he furloughed the Finance Officer.

As losses from missing student fees collections could be substantiated during the financial year, the financial statements are not materially misstated.

Following the thefts, the Schools have revised their internal controls, which now include limited cash collections, use of a professional cash-in-transit service, and reduction in petty cash use.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charitable company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' report, including the Strategic Report, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared, is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Trustees Annual Report, including the Strategic Report, has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Strategic report and the Trustees Annual Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, set out on page 13, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Acts 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinion we have formed.

Mr Nur Ahmed Chowdhury (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of Abacus Partners (Ldn) LLP

Statutory Auditor

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EAST LONDON MOSQUE TRUST

(Company Limited by Guarantee)

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (INCORPORATING THE INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Incoming Resources					
Donations and Legacies	3	1,128,194	47,589	1,175,783	1,223,068
Activities for Generating Funds	4	79,220	-	79,220	455,813
Investment Income	5	776,544	-	776,544	1,005,072
Income from Charitable Activities	6	116,873	1,576,120	1,692,993	1,212,550
Others Incoming Resources	7	652,249	-	652,249	130,504
Total Incoming Resources		2,753,080	1,623,709	4,376,789	4,027,008
Resources Expended					
Costs of Generating Donation Income	8	49,215	-	49,215	50,178
Fundraising Costs	9	142,580	-	142,580	168,384
Investment Management Costs	10	236,467	500	236,967	258,509
Charitable Activities Costs	11	879,996	1,312,981	2,192,977	2,106,324
Support costs	12a	662,850	-	662,850	659,572
Governance costs	12b	81,662	-	81,662	82,018
Total Resources Expended		2,052,770	1,313,481	3,366,251	3,324,986
Net Income/Deficit Before Fund Movements		700,310	310,227	1,010,538	702,022
Gross Transfer Between Funds	24	211,038	(211,038)		-
Net Movement before other recognised gains and losses		911,348	99,190	1,010,538	702,022
Gains / (losses) on revaluation of Fixed assets	14	-	-	-	
Net Movement in Funds		911,348	99,190	1,010,538	702,022
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total Funds Brought Forward		31,501,272	4,039,657	35,540,929	34,838,907
Total Funds as at 31 March 2021		32,412,620	4,138,847	36,551,467	35,540,929

All the activities of the company are from continuing operations.

The notes on pages 20 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

EAST LONDON MOSQUE TRUST
(Company Limited by Guarantee)
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	£	Total 2021 £	£	Total 2020 £
Fixed Assets:					
Freehold Land and Buildings	14		13,281,232		13,281,232
Leasehold Land and Buildings	14		10,456,034		10,456,034
Investment Properties	14		16,049,751		16,049,751
Fixture, fittings and equipment	14		472,239		448,224
Investment in Subsidiaries	1.18		1		1
			<u>40,259,257</u>		<u>40,235,242</u>
Current Assets:					
Stock		3,449		3,662	
Debtors & prepayments	15	836,767		717,640	
Cash at bank & in hand		<u>2,080,097</u>		<u>1,417,011</u>	
		2,920,313		2,138,313	
Current Liabilities:					
Amount falling due within one year	16	<u>2,945,299</u>		<u>3,021,588</u>	
Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)			<u>(24,986)</u>		<u>(883,275)</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities			40,234,271		39,351,967
Creditors:					
Amount falling due after one year	17		3,682,804		3,811,038
Total Net Assets			<u><u>36,551,467</u></u>		<u><u>35,540,929</u></u>
Funds of the Charity					
Restricted Funds	23		4,138,847		4,039,657
Unrestricted Funds	24				
General Funds		1,311,164		626,566	
Designated Funds		<u>31,101,456</u>	<u>32,412,620</u>	<u>30,874,706</u>	<u>31,501,272</u>
Total Funds as at 31 March 2021			<u><u>36,551,467</u></u>		<u><u>35,540,929</u></u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 23 October 2021.

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees


Mr Muhammad Habibur Rahman
Trustee & Chairman


Mr Mohammed Abdul Malik
Trustee & Treasurer

The notes on pages 20 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

EAST LONDON MOSQUE TRUST
(Company Limited by Guarantee)
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	£	2021 £	£	2020 £
Cash Outflow from Operating Activities					
Operating Surplus		1,010,538		702,022	
Depreciation		83,354		74,675	
Other Investment Income		(2,341)		(2,466)	
(Gain)/Loss on fixed asset disposal		-		-	
(Increase)/Decrease in Debtors		(119,127)		(17,215)	
(Increase)/Decrease in Stock		213		(2)	
Increase/(Decrease) in Creditors		(1,687)		(88,357)	
Cash from Operations		<u>970,951</u>		<u>668,658</u>	
Net Cash Generated from Operations			970,951		668,658
Cash Outflow from Investment Activities					
Purchase of Tangible Fixed Assets		(107,471)		(528,611)	
Investment in Subsidiary					
Fixed assets disposal					
Interest / Profit on investment		2,341		2,466	
Net Cash inflow/outflow from investment Activities			(105,130)		(526,144)
Cash Outflow from Financing Activities					
Increase/(Decrease) of Long Term Loan		(134,035)		(117,849)	
Increase/(Decrease) of Qard Hasanah (Private Loan)		(68,700)	(202,735)	(344,084)	(461,933)
Net Increase/(decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalent			663,086		(319,420)
Opening Cash and Cash Equivalents			1,417,011		1,736,431
Closing Cash and Cash Equivalents			<u>2,080,097</u>		<u>1,417,011</u>
Reconciliation:					
Cash at bank and in hand			2,080,097		1,417,011
			<u>2,080,097</u>		<u>1,417,011</u>

See Note 36 for analysis of changes in net debt

The notes on pages 20 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

EAST LONDON MOSQUE TRUST

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

1 Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of accounts:

The charitable company is a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102, and the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities, preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)- Charities SORP FRS 102, and the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in pound sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below.

1.2 Going concern:

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the Directors anticipate no material uncertainties exist going forward, and that the expected level of income will support all expenditure for 12 months from the date of authorising these financial statements. The Trust once again has a congregation following easing of lockdown restrictions, which may lead to some increase in donations. Despite the fact that there are some vacant investment property spaces at year-end, which will mean less investment income than prior years, the Trust still has a significantly reduced net assets deficit in this financial year. It has sufficient cashflow to continue operations for 12 months from the signing date.

1.3 Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The current

Restricted funds are those which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The funds are set out in Note 23.

1.4 Income recognition:

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activity (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

- Cash donations are recognised on receipt.
- Tuitions Fee income is recognised when entitlement has occurred. Fee Invoices are usually raised at the beginning of the academic year and any income related to future accounting periods are deferred to those periods.
- Investment income is earned through holding property and cash deposits for investment purposes. Rental income is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established. Profit on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably.
- Hall and room hire income is recognised as at the date of the event.
- Grants for immediate expenditure are accounted for when they become receivable.

1.5 Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT:

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis within the Statement of Financial Activity, and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Input VAT that cannot be claimed is included in the cost to which it relates.

1.6 Allocation of costs:

Costs are allocated between restricted and unrestricted funds according to the terms of the income. Where items expended are mixed, they are apportioned between the categories according to the income they relate to.

1.7 Support costs:

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the charities programmes and activities. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

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1.8 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation:

Freehold and long leasehold properties are not depreciated as they are maintained at a high standard, thus extending their useful impairment reviews are conducted where assets are not depreciated.

Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are capitalised at cost, and are stated in the accounts at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

Computers and Equipment	15% Reducing balance.
Furniture, Fixtures and fittings	15% Reducing balance.

1.9 Investment properties:

Investment properties are held at fair value, which is measured annually with changes in fair value recognised in 'net gains / (losses) on investments' in the SoFA.

1.10 Investments :

Investments are recognised initially at fair value, which is normally stated at cost less provision for permanent diminution in value. Subsequently, they are measured at fair value with changes recognised in 'net gains / (losses) on investments' in the SoFA. Other investments are measured at cost less impairment.

1.11 Stock:

Stock held by the entity consists of books and radios. Goods are stated at the lower of, cost or net realisable value. The cost includes all costs of purchase, any costs of conversion and other costs incurred in bringing the goods to its present location and condition.

1.12 Debtors and prepayments:

Debtors are receivable within one year and/or more than one year recognised at the transaction price. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any discounts due.

1.13 Creditors and accruals:

Creditors payable within one year and/or more than one year are recognised at the transaction price. Accruals are valued at the net cost, less any discounts offered.

1.14 Loans and borrowings:

Loans and borrowings are initially recognised at the transaction price, including transaction costs.

Private Loans: "Qard Hasanah" is a interest free loans from the charity's beneficiaries, which only have a moral obligation to repay as per agreement. Qard Hasanah is recognised when received / paid and recorded under liabilities due within one year and/or more than one year.

1.15 Provisions:

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount can be reliably estimated.

1.16 Pensions:

Employees of the charity are entitled to join a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension contributions by the charity are charged to the financial statements, and equal or exceed the statutory minimum percentages applied to pensionable earnings.

1.17 Taxation:

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

1.18 Group accounting

The entity has a 100% stake in a dormant subsidiary LMC Limited and a 100% stake in ELMT Waqf Ltd. The latter's total reserves at 31 March 2021 were (£930). ELMT has a loan outstanding with ELMT Waqf Ltd., the details of which are discussed in Note 29.

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2. Legal status of the charity

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 for each member of the charity.

Incoming Resources

3	Voluntary Income	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 £	2020 £
	General Donations		1,052,277		1,052,277	1,195,113
	Baraka Khan Visitor Centre					
	Archiving Project			47,589	47,589	1,166
	Gift Aid		75,917		75,917	26,790
			<u>1,128,194</u>	<u>47,589</u>	<u>1,175,783</u>	<u>1,223,069</u>
4	Activities for Generating Funds		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 £	2020 £
	Hall and Room Hire		4,054		4,054	178,003
	Fundraising Activities		68,322		68,322	46,360
	Bookstall and similar sales		6,845		6,845	47,171
	Charity package sponsorships				-	184,280
			<u>79,220</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>79,220</u>	<u>455,813</u>
5	Investment Income		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 £	2020 £
	Rent and Services Charges		774,202		774,202	1,002,606
	Profit on Bank Deposits and investments		2,341		2,341	2,466
			<u>776,544</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>776,544</u>	<u>1,005,072</u>
6	Income from Charitable Activities		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 £	2020 £
	<u>a) Educational Projects</u>					
	Al Mizan School			452,195	452,195	318,906
	London East Academy			749,077	749,077	667,267
	ELM Evening Madrasah			58,798	58,798	74,264
				<u>1,260,070</u>	<u>1,260,070</u>	<u>1,060,437</u>
	<u>b) Contributions to ELMT for service use</u>					
	Al Mizan School		39,876		39,876	39,876
	London East Academy		50,528		50,528	50,528
			<u>90,404</u>		<u>90,404</u>	<u>90,404</u>
	<u>c) Other charitable funds</u>					
	Fitr Fund			66,982	66,982	54,900
	Zakat Fund			60,254	60,254	25,341
	Welfare Fund			1,333	1,333	21,872
	Counselling Projects			39,600	39,600	50,000
	Winter Food Campaign (Islamic Relief)			13,750	13,750	
	Burial Support			79,535	79,535	
	Covid 19 Community Support/EECF			34,596	34,596	
	Iftar and Iikaf		26,469		26,469	72,033
	NHS Community Investment Scheme			20,000	20,000	
			<u>26,469</u>	<u>316,049</u>	<u>342,518</u>	<u>224,146</u>
	Total		<u>116,873</u>	<u>1,576,120</u>	<u>1,692,993</u>	<u>1,284,583</u>
The contributions by the schools for use of ELMT facilities are reflected in the schools' costs in Note 11.						
7	Other Incoming Resources		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 £	2020 £
	HMRC Job Retention Scheme		629,435		629,435	-
	User Groups' Contributions				-	14,336
	Wedding and Attestations		16,270		16,270	32,210
	Sundry		6,544		6,544	11,925
			<u>652,249</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>652,249</u>	<u>58,471</u>
	Total Income		<u>2,753,080</u>	<u>1,623,709</u>	<u>4,376,789</u>	<u>4,027,007</u>

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Expenses Summary

8	Voluntary Cost	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 £	2020 £
	Printing and Publicity		29,202		29,202	23,240
	Volunteer Expenses		2,314		2,314	5,915
	Insurance	13	11,136		11,136	9,219
	Subscriptions		6,564		6,564	11,804
			49,215	-	49,215	50,178
9	Fundraising Cost		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 £	2020 £
	Salaries and Employer's NIC		60,972		60,972	81,099
	Fundraising Events and Campaigns		75,518		75,518	61,401
	Bookstall and Similar Supplies		6,089		6,089	25,885
			142,580	-	142,580	168,385
10	Investment Management Costs		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 £	2020 £
	Salaries and Employer's NIC	13	99,245		99,245	97,021
	Premises Expenses	13	90,467		90,467	102,410
	Insurance	13				
	Management Fees					
	Finance Charges		46,755		46,755	59,078
	Waqf Ltd.			500	500	530
			236,467	500	236,967	259,039
11	Charitable Activities		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 £	2020 £
	<u>Educational Projects</u>					
	Al Mizan School			428,551	428,551	450,468
	London East Academy			588,276	588,276	617,436
	Elm Evening Madrasah			74,909	74,909	76,881
				1,091,736	1,091,736	1,144,784
	Welfare Fund Distribution			3,000	3,000	26,929
	Counsellor Fees			54,478	54,478	46,791
	NHS Community Investment Scheme			-	-	
	Fitr Fund Distribution			66,475	66,475	54,900
	Zakat Fund Distribution			4,960	4,960	36,680
			-	128,913	128,913	165,300
	Salaries and Employer's NIC	13	225,556		225,556	220,502
	Premises Expenses	13	620,904		620,904	622,503
	Archiving Expenses			11,642	11,642	11,461
	Baraka Khan Visitor Centre			2,640	2,640	704
	Winter Food Campaign (Islamic Relief)			13,121	13,121	
	Burial Support			55,071	55,071	
	Covid19 Community Support			9,857	9,857	
	Iftar and Itikaf Expenses		21,097		21,097	18,285
	Telephone, Fax and Internet	13	4,775		4,775	3,430
	Computers and IT Expenses	13	7,088		7,088	7,325
	Postage and Stationery	13	576		576	1,903
			879,996	92,332	972,328	886,114
			879,996	1,312,981	2,192,977	2,106,324

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12	Support and Governance Costs:	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021	2020
	a) Support Costs		£	£	£	£
	Salaries and Employer's NIC	13	505,246		505,246	493,924
	Insurance	13	11,136		11,136	9,219
	Telephone, Fax and Internet	13	4,775		4,775	3,430
	Computers and IT Expenses	13	7,088		7,088	7,325
	Postage and Stationery	13	576		576	1,903
	Legal and Professional Fees		20,358		20,358	12,151
	Training and Courses		600		600	2,692
	Payroll Services				-	2,940
	Book-Keeping and Accountancy		8,800		8,800	8,800
	Bank and Credit Card Charges		32,390		32,390	25,988
	Sundry		4,685		4,685	25,996
	Depreciation on FF and Equipment		67,196		67,196	65,205
	Loss on FA disposal				-	-
			662,850	-	662,850	659,572
	b) Governance Costs					
	Salaries and Employer's NIC	13	72,178		72,178	70,561
	Auditor remuneration		9,160		9,160	9,160
	Meetings and Training		324		324	2,298
	Legal and Professional Fees				-	-
			81,662	-	81,662	82,018
			744,512	-	744,512	741,591
	Total Expenses		2,052,770	1,313,481	3,366,251	3,325,515

13	Allocation of Costs:	Basis of allo	Total	Support Costs	Governance	Voluntary Costs	Investment Mgt cost	Charitable Activities
	a) Charitable Activities:							
	Cleaning and Support Services	1: 9	263,825				26,382	237,442
	Service Charges	1: 1	6,106				3,053	3,053
	General Rates and Water	1: 9	36,769				9,311	27,457
	Lighting and Heating	1: 9	133,897				13,390	120,508
	Repairs and Maintenance	1: 9	258,271				25,827	232,444
			698,866	-	-	-	77,963	620,904
	b) Support Costs:							
	Computer and IT Expenses	1: 1	14,176	7,088				7,088
	Postage and Stationery	1: 1	1,152	576				576
	Insurance	1: 1	22,271	11,136		11,136		-
	Salaries and Employer's NIC	56:8:11:25	902,225	505,246	72,178		99,245	225,556
	Telephone, Fax and Internet	1: 1	9,551	4,775				4,775
			949,375	528,820	72,178	11,136	99,245	237,996

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14 Tangible Fixed Assets:

	Freehold Land & Building	Leasehold Land & Building	Investment Properties	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment	Total
Cost or valuation:	£	£	£	£	£
At 1 April 2020	13,281,232	10,456,034	16,049,751	1,463,855	41,250,872
Addition	-	-	-	107,471	107,471
Gains / (losses) on fair value of Fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-
Disposal	-	-	-	-	-
Properties Transferred (to) / from CA Investment	-	-	-	-	-
Land and Buildings transferred to FA Investment	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>13,281,232</u>	<u>10,456,034</u>	<u>16,049,751</u>	<u>1,571,326</u>	<u>41,358,343</u>
Depreciation:					
At 1 April 2020	-	-	-	1,015,732	1,015,732
Charge for the year	-	-	-	83,354	83,354
Eliminated by Disposal	-	-	-	-	-
				<u>1,099,087</u>	<u>1,099,087</u>
Net Book Value					
As at 31 March 2021	<u>13,281,232</u>	<u>10,456,034</u>	<u>16,049,751</u>	<u>472,239</u>	<u>40,259,256</u>
As at 31 March 2020	<u>13,281,232</u>	<u>10,456,034</u>	<u>16,049,751</u>	<u>448,124</u>	<u>40,235,141</u>

The net book value of tangible fixed assets investment comprised:

	2021	2020
<u>Investment properties:</u>	£	£
Freehold Land and buildings	6,600,237	6,600,237
Long leasehold Land and buildings	9,449,514	9,449,514
Total Investment Property	<u>16,049,751</u>	<u>16,049,751</u>
	2021	2020
<u>Fair Value reconciliation</u>	£	£
Cost of investment Properties	16,049,751	16,049,751
Reclassifications and additions	-	-
Gains / (losses) on revaluation of Fixed assets	-	-
	<u>16,049,751</u>	<u>16,049,751</u>

Mixed use land & buildings (with investment element), were last subject to a professional valuation during the financial year 2018/19, and the trustees have considered that no fair value adjustments were required during the year (see below). Professional valuations were also made on all sole investment properties in July 2020. The Trustees have considered that no fair value adjustments are required in the period to March 2021, as property prices have remained stable, with no long-standing effects from the pandemic.

Property	Cost B/fwd	Cost @ 31.03.2021	Additions / Disposals
	£	£	£
East London Mosque	5,203,000	5,203,000	-
London Muslim Centre Including Business Centre	15,825,000	15,825,000	-
Maryam Centre	12,650,000	12,650,000	-
Wellands Way (Northampton)	379,016	379,016	-
	<u>34,057,016</u>	<u>34,057,016</u>	<u>-</u>

All other residential properties are as follows:

	Fair Value B/fwd	Fair Value @ 31.03.2021	Gain / (Loss)
	£	£	£
Total number of properties : 8	<u>5,730,000</u>	<u>5,730,000</u>	<u>-</u>

15 Debtors & Prepayments:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Prepayments	61,016	72,522
Rent and Others	488,886	468,453
Welfare debtors	20,000	10,000
Payroll debtors	779	1,534
Job Retention Scheme	47,678	-
Student Fees	243,798	187,793
Bad debts	(25,390)	(22,663)
	<u>836,767</u>	<u>717,640</u>

Bad debts relate to missing student fee receipts (See Note 37). These are deemed not recoverable from parents.

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16 Creditors: Falling due within one year	2021	2020
	£	£
Other Taxes and Social Security Costs	49,260	48,379
Trade Creditors	102,810	111,733
Rent and Hall Hire Deposits	104,531	106,909
Advance Tuition Fees	337,150	347,100
Accruals and Deferred Income	259,547	245,401
Al Rayan (IBB) Bank Loan	180,789	180,789
Qard Hasanah - Private Loan	1,893,873	1,968,373
Pension Contributions	17,339	12,903
	<u>2,945,299</u>	<u>3,021,588</u>

17 Creditors: Falling due after more than one year	2021	2020
	£	£
Qard Hasanah - Private Loan	2,886,573	2,880,773
Bank Loans	796,231	930,265
	<u>3,682,804</u>	<u>3,811,038</u>

18a) Private Loans: "Qard Hasanah" are loans from the charity's beneficiaries, which are repayable on request. There is no interest due or security given for these loans. Long-term Qard Hasanah loans have been contractually agreed with private individuals, as not repayable within 12 months. Short-term loans can be repayable at any time.

18b) Departure from FRS 102 loan disclosures: FRS102 requires long-term interest-free loans to be stated at its present value. Effectively this would mean loan amounts stated in the account are lower than the actual amounts payable in future. This has potential to confuse the charity's stakeholders, as such the trustees have opted not to follow FRS102 treatment for these loans.

18 Analysis of Staff Costs:	2021	2020
	£	£
Total Salaries	1,894,759	1,840,045
Employer's NIC	137,146	122,888
Pension Contributions	96,562	79,921
Total Employment cost	<u>2,128,466</u>	<u>2,042,855</u>
Average number of employees: Support	33	31
Average number of employees: Direct charitable	88	83
	<u>121</u>	<u>114</u>
Employees paid in excess of £60,000	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

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20 Trustees' and key management personnel remuneration and expenses

The trustees neither received nor waived any remuneration during the year (2020: £Nil)

Key management personnel (this excludes all Company directors/trustees) received remuneration of £194,792 during the year (2020: £191,006) including pension costs.

The trustees did not have any expenses reimbursed during the year (2020 - £nil).

21 Pensions:

The charity's pension scheme incorporates a SMART salary sacrifice scheme. It was operated by Supertrust until January 2021, and when the provider exited the market, was resumed by Evolve. The new provider achieved Master Trust authorisation from the Pensions Regulator in April 2019. Employer's contributions made to pension schemes were £96,562 (2020: £79,921), recognised as an expense under staff emoluments.

22 Deferred income:

	2021	2020
	£	£
At start 01.04.2020	558,220	622,055
Additions during the year	552,151	558,220
Amounts released to income	(558,220)	(622,055)
At end 31.03.2021	<u>552,151</u>	<u>558,220</u>

Deferred income occurs where the entity has raised invoices for a service to be provided in the next financial period. This includes:

Rent and service charges: Invoices are raised a month in advance of the rent quarter to be billed.

Hall Hire: Bookings made for events occurring in the period after 31st March 2021 (None in this financial year).

Student fees: Fees invoices raised at the beginning of the school academic year, but actually pertaining to the next financial year.

The academic year crosses 2 financial years, and fees are allocated accordingly. New students awaiting enrolment are also invoiced in advance.

23 Restricted Fund Movements

	Opening Balance 01.04.2020	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Adjustment	Closing Balance 31.03.2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Capital Grants					
LDA Capital Grant	710,750				710,750
Sure Start Capital Grant	258,000				258,000
NRF Capital Grant	700,000				700,000
ERDF Capital Grant	750,000				750,000
	<u>2,418,750</u>	-	-	-	<u>2,418,750</u>
41 Fieldgate Street	822,454				822,454
Maryam Academy	159,131				159,131
Educational Projects					
London East Academy	142,301	749,077	588,276		303,101
Al Mizan	61,528	452,195	428,551	(61,528)	23,644
Evening Madrasah	25,328	58,798	74,909		9,218
	<u>229,157</u>	<u>1,260,070</u>	<u>1,091,736</u>	<u>(61,528)</u>	<u>335,963</u>
General Projects	161,678	-	-	(161,678)	-
Zakat Fitr Fund	9,315	127,236	71,435		65,116
Welfare Funds	114,127	1,333	3,000	-	112,460
Penny Appeal/EECF Counselling Grants	3,209	39,600	54,478	11,669	-
Archiving Project	7,137	47,589	11,642	-	43,083
Baraka Khan Visitor Centre	114,701	-	2,640	-	112,060
Winter Food Campaign (Islamic Relief)	-	13,750	13,121	-	629
Burial Support	-	79,535	55,071	-	24,463
Covid 19 Community Support/EECF	-	34,596	9,857	-	24,738
NHS Community Investment Scheme	-	20,000	-	-	20,000
Waqf	-		500	500	-
	<u>4,039,658</u>	<u>1,623,709</u>	<u>1,313,480</u>	<u>(211,038)</u>	<u>4,138,847</u>

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24 Movement in Funds	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Unrestricted Total £	Restricted Fund £	Total Fund £
As at 1 April 2020	626,566	30,874,706	31,501,272	4,039,657	35,540,929
Current year surplus	700,310	-	700,310	310,227	1,010,538
Gains / (losses) on revaluation of Fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-
Current year transfer	(15,712)	226,750	211,038	(211,038)	-
As at 31 March 2021	1,311,164	31,101,456	32,412,620	4,138,847	36,551,467

Total funds include £707,294 (2020: £643,584) debtors receivable. Approximately £31.1m (2020: £29.98m) of designated funds are tied up in building construction and fixed asset additions. As at the balance sheet date the charitable company has £1.3m free reserves for its day to day operations.

25 Taxation

The entity is exempt from corporation tax, as it engages in charitable activities. Part of rental income is VATable, and charged at a rate of

27 Auditors' Remuneration

	2021 £	2020 £
Auditor's Remuneration for the audit of the charity's annual accounts	11,250	11,250
Fees Payable to the charity's auditor for non-audit services	11,210	11,210

28 Contingent Liabilities

The entity had no contingent liabilities as at 31 March 2021 nor at 31 March 2020.

29 Related Party Transactions

In December 2020, the Trust made a loan of £400,000 to its subsidiary, ELMT Waqf Ltd, in which Ayub Khan, Mohammed Abdul Malik, and Habibur Rahman share common directorships with ELMT. Dilwar Hussain Khan, an employee, and Director of Finance at ELMT, is also a director of ELMT Waqf Ltd.

The purpose of ELMT Waqf Ltd is to invest funds entrusted by donors in projects that will help sustain the activities of ELMT in the future. ELMT Waqf Ltd completed the purchase of two plots of land at a cost of £379,016 on Welland Way, in Northampton.

ELMT has not generated any returns on the project, since the fund transfer, due to delays in building completion in the lockdown period. None of the directors of ELMT or ELMT Waqf Ltd currently have financial interests associated with either entity.

The loan funds are eliminated on consolidation, as ELMT Waqf Ltd., is a fully owned subsidiary of the East London Mosque Trust

30 Volunteers

The charity benefited from work performed by volunteers, including counting of cash collections, and stewarding during Friday prayers, and Ramadan.

31 Capital Commitments

The Charity estimates extension work to the Maryam Centre (Phase 3), to cost approximately £2m, but has not contractually committed to this.

32 Government grants

The entity received total grants of £949,241 to subsidise workforce retention in the financial year, via the HMRC Job Retention Scheme.

33 Donated goods

Gold valued professionally to the value of £37,510 was donated to the Charity in the year.

34 Grant making

The entity engaged in grant making activity during the year by funding £2,000 to the Simple Seerah Ltd. for a research publication. The entity held NHS grant funds at year-end, of which £5k will be distributed to the Council of Mosques, as it is believed that they will be able to provide synergies in delivering the project (Awareness around blood and organ donation).

35 Zakaat and Fitr

Payments were made after the year-end to several organisations who specialised in these charitable distributions. These included Islamic Relief, Muntada Aid, Human Appeal, Penny Appeal, Eden Care, Islamic Help, Human Relief Foundation, Human Care Initiative, Lonely Orphans, Nessa Foundation, Ummah Welfare Trust, Syria Relief, Radiant Trust, Muslim Rose Welfare, Tawakkulia Foundation UK, Onia Education & Welfare Trust, Jogonnathpur Islamic Society, Muslim Aid, Baytul Maqdis Foundation and the Global Rahmah Foundation.

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36 Analysis of changes in net debt

The analysis below serves as a note to the consolidated cash flow statement

	At start of year	Cash flows	Acq/disp of subsidiaries	New finance leases	Fair value movements	Forex movements	Other non- cash changes	At end of year
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cash	1,417,011	663,086	-	-	-	-	-	2,080,097
Cash equivalents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Overdraft facility	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total cash	1,417,011	663,086						2,080,097
Private loans <1 year	(1,968,373)	74,500	-	-	-	-	-	(1,893,873)
Private loans >1 year	(2,880,773)	(5,800)	-	-	-	-	-	(2,886,573)
Bank loans < 1 year	(180,789)	180,789	-	-	-	-	(180,789)	(180,789)
Bank loans > 1 year	(930,265)	-	-	-	-	-	134,035	(796,230)
Finance leases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total borrowings	(5,960,200)	249,489					(46,754)	(5,757,465)
TOTAL	(4,543,189)	912,576					(46,754)	(3,677,368)

37 Serious Incident Report after the Reporting period

The Headteacher of the schools resigned in May 2021 citing ill health. Following concerns over incomplete reconciliations in the schools' cash accounts at year-end, it was discovered after he had left, that there were missing cash funds to the value of £25,390. There is evidence of fraudulent issue of student receipt credit notes during the financial year, in the absence of staff members. This was after staff members had earlier witnessed the collections and recording of the student fee receipts.

A police report was made on 11th August 2021, after the facts of the case were established. A serious incident report has also been filed with the Charities Commission.

M Badrudduza was internally promoted to the role of interim Headteacher for the East London Mosque Schools, as at June 2021.

38 Other events after the Reporting period

After the year-end, Eastern Accountants Ltd, and East End Training Ltd, vacated their offices in the LMC Business wing. At the time of signing of accounts, the Business Wing has 3 available office spaces for lease, and new tenants are being sought. Gymnasium space is also vacant in the LMC and the Maryam Centre. Al-Khair Foundation commenced occupancy at investment property at 41 Fieldgate Street, in April 2021.