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RFL FACILITIES TRUST
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022
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RFL FACILITIES TRUST
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The Trustees, who act as Directors for the purposes of company law, are pleased to present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Trust's Memorandum of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

The principal activity of RFL Facilities Trust is to provide such financial and other assistance as the Trustees shall deem fit for the provision, establishment, development and improvement of facilities for the playing of rugby league or rugby league in conjunction with other sports.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Trust should undertake.

Public benefit

The Trustees are aware of the Charity Commissions's advice on Charities and Public Benefit.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives and in planning future activities for the year.

The Trust aims to improve facilities for playing rugby league. The normal areas of support include payments or loans to clubs to improve the facilities at their grounds. As this support is open to all clubs there is no geographical restriction. The charity does not charge for the services it provides. Each request will be considered on a case by case basis and will be supported if they are deemed in line with the charities objectives.

Achievements and performance

Financial review

During the year the charity received donations of £250,000 (2021: £nil).

The charity issued grants in the year totalling £nil (2021: £20,456), of which £nil (2021: £nil) was made from restricted reserves. Net movements in funds are £245,314 (2021: (£23,722)) per the statement of financial activities. Total funds are £432,557 (2021: £187,243) per the statement of financial activities.

The charity is exempt from the requirement to prepare a strategic report on the grounds of its size in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

Reserve policy

Free reserves exclude restricted funds, designated funds and funds held as fixed assets used by the charity. The position at 31 December 2022 shows free reserves £422,956 (2021: £177,642).

It is the policy of the Trustees to maintain unrestricted funds which are the free reserves of the charity of £5,000 which have been calculated as sufficient funds to cover management and administration and support costs. The charity is committed to raising awareness of its activities, and with its Trustees having a lot of experience in the game, they are well placed to promote awareness of its activities around the country. As described below in the plans for future periods, it is the aim of the Trust to distribute its reserves up to the free reserves level of £5,000 by raising awareness of its activities and distributing money to beneficiaries. In the light of the current results and the present economic climate, the level of free reserves will be kept under review and will continue to be monitored.

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Investment powers and investment policy

Under the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the company has the power to deposit or invest funds in any manner (or to invest after obtaining advice from an authorised or exempted person within the meaning of the Financial Services Act 1986 and having regard to the suitability of the investments and the need for diversification).

At the year end the company does not hold any investment funds. All cash balances are on immediate notice to ensure operating requirements can be met. This policy will be regularly reviewed.

Risk Management

During the year the Trust has continued to identify and assess the major risks facing the business. Areas of risk are discussed at main Board level to assess potential impacts and allow strategies to be implemented to manage the risks. Consequently, the Trustees are satisfied that key risks are being addressed. Business planning remains an ongoing and live debate in response to uncertainty in the economy generally.

The Board ensure internal financial control is maintained by having a system of periodic management information reports, clear administrative and financial procedures and clear lines of accounting. No fundamental weaknesses in systems and controls have been identified in the year.

The Board consider that an internal audit function is not required based on the relative size of the Trust, the risks identified, and controls in place to mitigate these risks.

In the opinion of the Board, the Trust has ensured that under normal conditions, risks are mitigated to an acceptable level in its day to day operations.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Trust is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Plans for future periods

The charity plans to distribute its funds to beneficiaries that meet its criteria as set out in its objectives. The specific aim of the charity is to distribute all its unrestricted funds in the form of donations or loans.

At 31 December 2022, there are no future commitments representing projects approved in or before the end of the period, but where the project has either not commenced or is not yet completed.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The Trust is a company limited by guarantee and registered as a charity under the Charity Act 2011. It is governed by its Memorandum of Articles of Association dated 10 March 2010 to allow for current governance arrangements.

Any person can apply to become a member of RFL Facilities Trust and must be approved by the Board who shall have absolute discretion as to the admission to membership. There are currently 4 members, each of whom agree to contribute £10 in the event of the charity winding up.

The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr J H Hyland
Mr A N Sutton
Mrs K Barrett
Mr M Hutchinson

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)
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In accordance with the Articles of Association, the number of Trustees shall be at least three but (unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution) shall not be subject to any maximum providing that RFL (Governing Body) Limited (or any successor body) shall be entitled to nominate up to three Trustees. In every year, one third of the Trustees shall retire from office and if eligible can offer themselves for re-election.

Trustee induction and training

All new Trustees are trained as appropriate and all existing Trustees receive updates from the Charities Commission.

Organisation

The company has, in the opinion of the Trustees, a strong corporate governance environment appropriate for its size and operations. The main Board meets at least four times a year.

The legal and administrative page forms part of this report.

The company typically receives substantial grants from one main body. This body is The Rugby Football League Limited. This stakeholder is not a related party as defined in the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) or FRS 102.

Independent Examiner

In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that Chris Butt FCA be reappointed as Independent Examiner of the company will be put at a General Meeting.

Small companies exemption

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Mr J H Hyland

Trustee

29 September 2023

**RFL FACILITIES TRUST
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022***

The Trustees, who are also the directors of RFL Facilities Trust for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Trust and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Trust will continue in operation.

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

**RFL FACILITIES TRUST
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF RFL FACILITIES TRUST**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of RFL Facilities Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Trust (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the Trust are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the Trust's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Chris Butt FCA

33 Park Place
Leeds
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Dated: 29 September 2023

RFL FACILITIES TRUST
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

| | | Unrestricted funds 2022 £ | Restricted funds 2022 £ | Total 2022 £ | Total 2021 £ |
|---|-----------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | Notes | | | | |
| <u>Income and endowments from:</u> | | | | | |
| Donations | | 250,000 | - | 250,000 | - |
| Investment income | | 798 | - | 798 | 35 |
| Total income | | 250,798 | - | 250,798 | 35 |
| <u>Expenditure on:</u> | | | | | |
| Charitable activities | 3 | 5,484 | - | 5,484 | 23,758 |
| Total expenditure | | 5,484 | - | 5,484 | 23,758 |
| Net movement in funds | | 245,314 | - | 245,314 | (23,723) |
| Fund balances at 1 January | | 177,642 | 9,601 | 187,243 | 210,966 |
| Fund balances at 31 December | 10 | 422,956 | 9,601 | 432,557 | 187,243 |

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

A comparative Statement of Financial Activities for 31 December 2021 can be found on note 12.

The notes on pages 8 - 13 form part of these financial statements.

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

RFL FACILITIES TRUST
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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

| | Notes | 2022 £ | £ | 2021 £ | £ |
|---|-------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Current assets | | | | | |
| Debtors | 7 | 26,420 | | 38,659 | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 411,029 | | 154,494 | |
| | | <u>437,449</u> | | <u>193,153</u> | |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 8 | <u>(4,892)</u> | | <u>(5,910)</u> | |
| Net current assets | | | 432,557 | | 187,243 |
| | | | <u><u>432,557</u></u> | | <u><u>187,243</u></u> |
| Income funds | | | | | |
| Restricted funds | 9 | | 9,601 | | 9,601 |
| Unrestricted funds | | | 422,956 | | 177,642 |
| | 10 | | <u>432,557</u> | | <u>187,243</u> |
| | | | <u><u>432,557</u></u> | | <u><u>187,243</u></u> |

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 29 September 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Mr J H Hyland
Trustee

Company registration number 06842491

RFL FACILITIES TRUST
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Charity information

RFL Facilities Trust is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Gate 13, Rowsley Street, Etihad Campus, Manchester, M11 3FF.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The Trust is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Trust. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £1.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purpose and use of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Income, including government grants is recognised when the Trust is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Investment income is recognised on an accruals basis and comprises of interest receivable during the accounting period.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and is recognised when a liability is incurred. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the relevant cost category to which it relates.

Charitable activities are the provision of such financial and other assistance as the trustees shall deem fit for the provision, establishment, development and improvement of facilities for the playing of rugby league or rugby league in conjunction with other sports.

Governance and support costs include those costs incurred in defining the strategic direction of the charity in particular constitutional and statutory requirements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Grants payable are commitments (including payments) made to third parties in the furtherance of the charitable objectives of the charity. Single or multi-year grants are accounted for as grants payable when either the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant and the Trustees have agreed to pay the grant without condition, or the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant and any condition attaching to the grant is outside the control of the charity.

1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

1.7 Financial instruments

The Trust has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Trust's balance sheet when the Trust becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through income and expenditure, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting date. Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected.

If an asset is impaired, the impairment loss is the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The impairment loss is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

If there is a decrease in the impairment loss arising from an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the impairment is reversed. The reversal is such that the current carrying amount does not exceed what the carrying amount would have been, had the impairment not previously been recognised. The impairment reversal is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

Derecognition of financial assets

Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or when the Trust transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity, or if some significant risks and rewards of ownership are retained but control of the asset has transferred to another party that is able to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Trust's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.8 Taxation

RFL Facilities Trust is a registered charity and as such is a charity within the meaning of schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010. Accordingly, it is potentially entitled to tax exemption under part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 in respect of income and gains arising.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Trust's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

The Trustees have judged that there are no estimates or assumptions which have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities.

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3 Charitable activities

| | 2022 £ | 2021 £ |
|--|--------------|---------------|
| Haresfinch Rugby & Community Club | - | 4,836 |
| Normanton Knights | - | 4,370 |
| Bradford Bulls | - | 11,250 |
| | <u>-</u> | <u>20,456</u> |
| Share of support costs (see note 4) | 12 | 13 |
| Share of governance costs (see note 4) | 5,472 | 3,289 |
| | <u>5,484</u> | <u>23,758</u> |

All approved grants were fully paid in the year, the charity does not have any multi year commitments as at 31 December 2022.

4 Support costs

| | Support costs £ | Governance costs £ | 2022Support costs £ | Governance costs £ | 2021 £ |
|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Bank charges | 12 | - | 12 | 13 | 13 |
| Legal and professional | - | 5,472 | 5,472 | - | 3,289 |
| | <u>12</u> | <u>5,472</u> | <u>5,484</u> | <u>13</u> | <u>3,302</u> |
| Analysed between | | | | | |
| Charitable activities | <u>12</u> | <u>5,472</u> | <u>5,484</u> | <u>13</u> | <u>3,302</u> |

The Independent Examiner's fee for the year was £800 (2021: £800) net of VAT and a further accountancy fee of £1,600 (2021: £1,600) net of VAT.

5 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Trust during the current or previous financial year.

6 Employees

There are no employees, the charity gratefully receives voluntary help from The Rugby Football League employees.

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Debtors

2022

2021

£

£

Amounts falling due within one year:

Other debtors

9,485

15,914

Prepayments and accrued income

785

-

10,270

15,914

2022

2021

£

£

Amounts falling due after more than one year:

Other debtors

16,150

22,745

Total debtors

26,420

38,659

8

Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

2022

2021

£

£

Other creditors

2,012

-

Accruals

2,880

5,910

4,892

5,910

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Restricted funds

Restricted funds held amount to £9,601 (2021: £9,601), during the year there has been no movement in restricted funds.

Funds held are in relation to projects in the Swinton/Salford area.

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Analysis of net assets between funds

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11 Related party transactions

During the year the charity received donations of £250k (2021: £nil) from The Rugby Football League Limited, in the form of staff time.

Within the year, recharges in relation to audit fees were owed to RFL Facilities Trust from The Rugby Football League Limited totalling £2,880 (2021: £5,910).

12 Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

| | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted funds £ | Total 2021 £ |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| <u>Income and endowments from:</u> | | | |
| Investment income | 35 | - | 35 |
| Total income | <u>35</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>35</u> |
| <u>Expenditure on:</u> | | | |
| Charitable activities | 23,758 | - | 23,758 |
| Net movement in funds | <u>(23,723)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>(23,723)</u> |
| Fund balances at 1 January 2021 | 201,365 | 9,601 | 210,966 |
| Fund balances at 31 December 2021 | <u><u>177,642</u></u> | <u><u>9,601</u></u> | <u><u>187,243</u></u> |

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