

# London Fatwa Council

## Charity information:

Registered charity no: 1132613

Address: 9 Sheaves Hill Parade, Colindale, London, NW9 6RS

## Trustees:

Chairman: Mohammad Yazdani Raza Khan

Vice Chair: Mohammad Shahid Raza

Secretary: Aftab Bashir

Treasurer: Mohammad Asim Khan

Trustee: Mohammed Ismail Khan

## Trustees' Report

### For the year ended 30 June 2021

The trustees submit their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2021.

## Principal Activity

The principal activity of the charity is the advancement of Islamic religion and law. This is a registered charity with the Charity Commission (No. 1132613).

## Results

The results for the year are set out in detail on pages two to six.

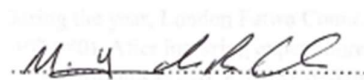
## Fixed Assets

Changes in fixed assets are set out in note three to the financial statements.

## Trustees' Responsibilities:

The trustees have the authority to make appropriate decisions for London Fatwa Council to carry out its purpose and serve the community. With reasonable accuracy, they are to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993 and any applicable regulations. They are expected to act in the best interests of London Fatwa Council, which includes safeguarding the assets of the charity by taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

ON BEHALF OF LONDON FATWA COUNCIL



Mohammad Yazdani Raza Khan  
Chairman

**Activities and Objectives:**

*Islamic Legal Advice* – our work to support vulnerable women to gain justice is continuing to grow mostly through word of mouth and client referrals. This in itself speaks volumes for our much-needed service and our growing reputation as a trusted Islamic legal body. Aside from cases of divorce, we are receiving evermore fatawa (Q&A) related to other matters of Islamic life and discourse. Our relationships with legal firms are ever building, as they continue to recognise the valuable and vital input our Council offers their clients and cases respectively.

*Counselling, Mediation and Arbitration* – London Fatwa Council has built a strong reputation to offer impartial and relevant Islamic counselling and support to the community. We noticed a sharp increase in the rate of divorce cases since Covid lockdowns. In the first instance, we have offered counselling and arbitration to ensure that the impact of lockdown has not had a drastic impact on otherwise secure marriages. Much like most industries, our work has transitioned into the online world where possible and we have conducted counselling sessions and client meetings via zoom and other online portals. This is slowly coming back to the new “normal” with the reintroduction of face to face meetings.

*Education & Development* – All teaching, classes and courses moved online since the first lockdown and but we have started to reintroduce small gatherings and hope to return back to bigger gatherings and courses of yesteryear as the world goes back to some level of normalcy. We have some exciting youth and adult projects in the planning phase and hope to launch them in the coming months.

*Think tank and multifaith* – Shaykh Mohammad continues to participate in Barnet, London and nationwide multifaith initiatives and works tirelessly to foster cohesion and a greater awareness of the centrality of faith in our society.

**Achievements and Performance:**

Recovering from the financial setback of Covid has been quite a struggle, but we continue to build our casework and small fundraising efforts are keeping us afloat. We are hoping to focus on fundraising in the coming year and with the resumption of activities, we hope that our finances will look healthier in the year ahead.

For a relatively small organisation, we are extremely proud of our achievements in what has been a very difficult year. We continue to serve our community and some of the most vulnerable, to the best of our ability and hope to continue to do so for many years to come.

We thank our supporters and regular givers for their generosity and pray they are rewarded abundantly.

**Financial Review (including details of reserve policy):**

During the year, London Fatwa Council received total income including donations of £83,895 (2020: £107,080). After incurring expenditure of £74,776 (2020: £127,331). The net movement in funds is £27,017 surplus (2020: £20,251 deficit). This is carried forward to reserves totalling £184,839 (2020: £157,823).

The resources expended are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 5 and the financial position is provided in the Balance sheet on page 6 and the notes thereon. The financial statements

comply with the Charities Act 2011. The Trust has sufficient financial resources to meet its obligations as they fall due.

The need for reserves: As per Charity Commission guidelines the Foundation is required to ensure the sustainability of the organisation and maintain operating reserves to offset the impact of unforeseen events and operating cash flows.

At the year-end, London Fatwa Council reserves stood at £184,839 (2020: £157,823). The reserves are sufficient to cover support costs for the next year. No restricted reserves are held at year end (2020: nil)

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021 TO THE TRUSTEES**

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I report on the accounts for the period 01<sup>st</sup> July 2020 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 set out below.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for the period (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

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

- Examine the accounts
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of the independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### **Independent examiners statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements have not been met;
- or
- (2) To which. In my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

### **Independent Examiner**



**Signature: Mr Dawood Masood AFA, MIPA**

**Date: 30/04/2022**



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
London Fatwa Council

No (if any)  
1132613

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## Receipts and payments accounts

|                        |                               |    |                              |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|----|------------------------------|
| For the period<br>from | Period start date<br>1-Jul-20 | To | Period end date<br>30-Jun-21 |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|----|------------------------------|

### Section A Receipts and payments

|   | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>to the nearest £ | Restricted<br>funds<br>to the nearest £ | Endowment<br>funds<br>to the nearest £ | Total funds<br>to the nearest £ | Last year<br>to the nearest £ |
|---|---|---|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>A1 Receipts</b>                                    |   |   |  |                                 |                               |
| Donation  | 47,583                                    | -                                       | -                                      | 47,583                          | 42,497                        |
| Gift Aid  | 5,133                                     | -                                       | -                                      | 5,133                           | 49,277                        |
| Temporary leasing & licensing of charity              | 7,539                                     | -                                       | -                                      | 7,539                           | 2,750                         |
| Marriage Advisory Services                            | 23,640                                    | -                                       | -                                      | 23,640                          | 12,557                        |
|   | -   | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
|   | -   | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
|   | -   | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
|   | -   | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>                | <b>83,895</b>                             | <b>-</b>                                | <b>-</b>                               | <b>83,895</b>                   | <b>107,080</b>                |
| <b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>    |   |   |  |                                 |                               |
|   | -   | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
|   | -   | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>-</b>                                  | <b>-</b>                                | <b>-</b>                               | <b>-</b>                        | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                                 | <b>83,895</b>                             | <b>-</b>                                | <b>-</b>                               | <b>83,895</b>                   | <b>107,080</b>                |
| <b>A3 Payments</b>                                    |   |   |  |                                 |                               |
| Salaries & Pension                                    | 21,332                                    | -                                       | -                                      | 21,332                          | 23,508                        |
| Mortgage Loans  | 45,265                                    | -                                       | -                                      | 45,265                          | 17,083                        |
| Premises cost   | 3,039                                     | -                                       | -                                      | 3,039                           | 3,433                         |
| Administrative cost                                   | 1,533                                     | -                                       | -                                      | 1,533                           | 27,222                        |
| Donations   | 3,607                                     | -                                       | -                                      | 3,607                           | -                             |
|   | -   | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
|   | -   | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
|   | -   | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
|   | -   | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>74,776</b>                             | <b>-</b>                                | <b>-</b>                               | <b>74,776</b>                   | <b>127,331</b>                |
| <b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b> |   |   |  |                                 |                               |
|   | -   | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
|   | -   | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>-</b>                                  | <b>-</b>                                | <b>-</b>                               | <b>-</b>                        | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>Total payments</b>                                 | <b>74,776</b>                             | <b>-</b>                                | <b>-</b>                               | <b>74,776</b>                   | <b>127,331</b>                |
| <b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>                     | <b>9,119</b>                              | <b>-</b>                                | <b>-</b>                               | <b>9,119</b>                    | <b>- 20,251</b>               |
| <b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>                     | <b>-</b>                                  | <b>-</b>                                | <b>-</b>                               | <b>-</b>                        | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>                    | <b>-</b>                                  | <b>-</b>                                | <b>-</b>                               | <b>-</b>                        | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>                       | <b>9,119</b>                              | <b>-</b>                                | <b>-</b>                               | <b>9,119</b>                    | <b>- 20,251</b>               |

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

| Categories  | Details  | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £  | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
|---|--|---|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>B1 Cash funds</b>  | cash in hand & at Bank                                 | 27,043  | -                                | -                               |
|   |  | -   | -                                | -                               |
|   |  | -   | -                                | -                               |
|   | <b>Total cash funds</b>                                | 27,043  | -                                | -                               |
|   | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | Agreement Error   | OK                               | OK                              |
| <b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>                             | Details  |   |                                  |                                 |
|   |  | -   | -                                | -                               |
|   |  | -   | -                                | -                               |
|   |  | -   | -                                | -                               |
|   |  | -   | -                                | -                               |
|   |  | -   | -                                | -                               |
|   |  | -   | -                                | -                               |
| <b>B3 Investment assets</b>                                 | Details  | Fund to which asset belongs   | Cost (optional)                  | Current value (optional)        |
|   |  |   | -                                | -                               |
|   |  |   | -                                | -                               |
|   |  |   | -                                | -                               |
|   |  |   | -                                | -                               |
| <b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>         | Details  | Fund to which asset belongs   | Cost (optional)                  | Current value (optional)        |
|   |  |   | -                                | -                               |
|   |  |   | -                                | -                               |
|   |  |   | -                                | -                               |
|   |  |   | -                                | -                               |
|   |  |   | -                                | -                               |
|   |  |   | -                                | -                               |
|   |  |   | -                                | -                               |
|   |  |   | -                                | -                               |
| <b>B5 Liabilities</b>                                       | Details  | Fund to which liability relates   | Amount due (optional)            | When due (optional)             |
|   |  |   | -                                |                                 |
|   |  |   | -                                |                                 |
|   |  |   | -                                |                                 |
|   |  |   | -                                |                                 |
| Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees |  | Signature   | Print Name                       | Date of approval                |
|   |  |  | Mohammad Yazdani Raza Khan       | 30/04/2022                      |
|   |  |   |                                  |                                 |