

London Fatwa Council

Charity information:

Registered charity no: 1132613

Address: 9 Sheaveshill Parade, Colindale, London, NW9 6RS

Trustees:

Chairman: Mohammad Yazdani Raza Khan
Vice Chair: Mohammad Shahid Raza (deceased 5 September 2022)
Secretary: Aftab Bashir
Treasurer: Mohammad Asim Khan
Trustee: Mohammed Ismail Khan

Trustees' Report

For the year ended 30 June 2022

The trustees submit their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2022.

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 five to six.

Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are set out in 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 have a blended approach to counselling whereby we offer both online and in person counselling to suit and make our services more accessible to user, both near and further afield.

Wills and Inheritance – More recently we have seen a demand in the preparation of Islamic Wills and the interpretation of Islamic wills. This is quite a demanding workload, but we hope to develop our systems in this, in the year to come.

Education & Development – Teaching has resumed both online and in person. We have several courses/ intensives and longer courses for adults and children alike. We also run several day long seminars on topical and pertinent issues, often free of charge to our local community.

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:

We continue to build our casework and small fundraising efforts are keeping us afloat. We hope to build our reserves in the year ahead, after what has been a very draining year on our finances, due to unforeseen circumstances. In particular, we are looking to increase on our monthly regular giving.

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.

On the passing of our Vice Chair, Maulana Mohammad Shahid Raza (13.12.50 – 05.09.22)

'To God, we belong and to Him, we return' [Q, 2:156]

With a heavy heart I write about the passing of Maulana Mohammad Shahid Raza, our Vice Chair, my personal mentor and beacon of the community. The loss of Maulana Shahid cannot be quantified in words. He was an outstanding man with virtues that leave behind a lasting legacy.

Hailing from a scholarly family, Maulana Shahid was born in 1950 in Fatehpur, a small village in Bihar, eastern India, the eldest son of a renowned Islamic scholar of Jamia Naima of Moradabad, India. After graduating in science from Agra University he studied to become an Alim at the renowned seminary, Jamia Naima, Moradabad, India. His life of scholarship and teaching continued from here and in 1978, Maulana Shahid emigrated to the UK for the same.

Maulana Shahid dedicated over 40 years to the progress and settlement of the Muslim community in the UK, wherein he established, The Islamic Centre Leicester and served as its Imam. Maulana Shahid was also a great philanthropist, serving on the board of several reputable charities and organisations. He was a remarkable scholar with impeccable understanding of both scholarly matter and too contemporary issues.

Maulana Shahid was a great mentor and figurehead in the formation of London Fatwa Council and was a founding member of the Board. His excellent juristic abilities ensured that the services of London Fatwa Council are robust and accurate. A gentle man, with a reassuring aura, Maulana Shahid will be missed to many as a formidable scholar and pillar of our community. London Fatwa Council will miss his shade and unwavering support and I will miss a very dear elder and too and very loving friend.

May Allah(swt) be best pleased with Maulana Shahid and raise his rank in Jannah, Ameen.

Al-Fatiha.

Shaykh Mohammad Yazdani Raza (Misbahi)
Chairman, London Fatwa Council

Financial Review (including details of reserve policy):

During the year, London Fatwa Council received total income including donations of £80,121 (2021: £83,895). After incurring expenditure of £82,807 (2021: £74,776). The net movement in funds is £2,686 deficit (2021: £9,119 surplus). This is carried forward to reserves totalling £182,152 (2021: £184,839).

The resources expended are shown in the Receipts and payments accounts on page 5 and the financial position is provided in the Statement of assets and liabilities on page 6. 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 £182,152 (2021: £184,839). The reserves are sufficient to cover support costs for the next year. No restricted reserves are held at year end (2021: nil).

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022 TO THE TRUSTEES

I report on the accounts for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 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 Gurdeep Singh

Date: 30/04/2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

London Fatwa Council

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/07/2021

To

30/06/2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	40,372	-	-	40,372	47,583
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	5,133
Rental income	17,100	-	-	17,100	7,539
Marriage advisory services	17,476	-	-	17,476	23,640
Furlough income	5,173	-	-	5,173	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	80,121	-	-	80,121	83,895
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	80,121	-	-	80,121	83,895
A3 Payments					
Salaries and pension	19,933	-	-	19,933	21,332
Premises cost	3,500	-	-	3,500	3,039
Administrative costs	2,040	-	-	2,040	1,533
Donations	23,610	-	-	23,610	3,607
Bank charges	125	-	-	125	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	49,208	-	-	49,208	29,511
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
Loans repaid	41,857	-	-	41,857	45,265
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	41,857	-	-	41,857	45,265
Total payments	91,065	-	-	91,065	74,776
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 10,944	-	-	- 10,944	9,119
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	27,043	-	-	27,043	17,924
Cash funds this year end	16,099	-	-	16,099	27,043

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at bank	16,099	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	16,099	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				

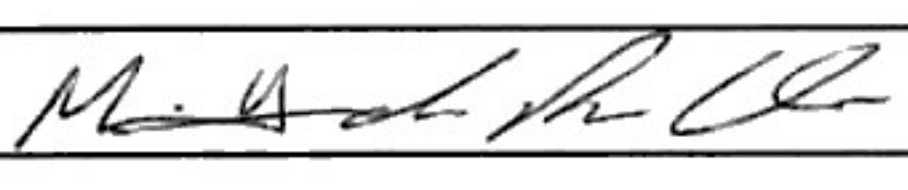
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	Fixed assets	799,000	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Mortgage	- 634,998	-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	MOHAMMAD YAZDANI RAZA KHAN	30/04/24