

# 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: Mohammed Ismail Khan

Secretary: Aftab Bashir

Treasurer: Mohammad Asim Khan

## Trustees' Report

For the year ended 30 June 2023

The trustees submit their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023.

## 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

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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* – Our work in the preparation of Islamic Wills and the interpretation of Islamic wills, continues to grow. we have finetuned our systems in this field, but will continue to build on these foundations, in the year to come.

*Education & Development* – Teaching continues both online and in person. We have several courses/ intensives and longer courses for adults and children alike. For the next academic year., we are planning on starting a Dars-e-Nizami course for mature seekers of knowledge. This will be an evening/ weekend intensive weekly course on the various Islamic sciences. It will be part of a five-year Alim/Alimah programme of study.

*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:**

With the passing of Allama Shahid, Maulana Mohammed Ismail Khan was elected into the seat of Vice Chair. As a contemporary of Allama Shahid, Maulana Mohammed Ismail Khan, is a perfect replacement for the post and we look forward to his direction in seat.

We continue to build our casework and small fundraising efforts are keeping us afloat. In particular, we are continuing to increase on our monthly regular giving and hope to hold at least one larger fundraising event.

This year we have had to carry out extensive work on the exterior of the premises including a new roof, windows, guttering and some internal plumbing. This was unforeseen and ate into our reserves. We hope to build our reserves in the year ahead, after what has been a very draining year on our finances; due to an unfortunate circumstance, with a tenant who vacated with substantial arrears.

In the coming year, the internal premises will be decorated, including carpets, paintwork and small modifications. We also hope to add a canopy to the shopfront. All this work will be fundraised for. The addition of the SumUp machine to fundraise at Friday gatherings has really helped us to secure vital funds.

For a relatively small organisation, we are extremely proud of our achievements in what has been a very difficult year financially. 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 £94,887 (2022: £80,121). After incurring expenditure of £97,230 (2022: £91,065). The net movement in funds is £22,972 deficit (2022: £4,738 deficit). This is carried forward to reserves totalling £157,129 (2022: £180,101).

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 £157,129 (2022: £180,101). 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 2023 TO THE TRUSTEES

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I report on the accounts for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 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

01/07/2022

To

30/06/2023

### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	56,662	-	-	56,662	40,372
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-
Rental income	21,480	-	-	21,480	17,100
Marriage advisory services	16,745	-	-	16,745	17,476
Furlough income	-	-	-	-	5,173
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>94,887</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>94,887</b>	<b>80,121</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>94,887</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>94,887</b>	<b>80,121</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Salaries and pension	25,076	-	-	25,076	19,933
Premises cost	11,075	-	-	11,075	3,500
Administrative costs	3,218	-	-	3,218	2,040
Donations	27,009	-	-	27,009	23,610
Bank charges	175	-	-	175	125
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>66,553</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>66,553</b>	<b>49,208</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)</b>					
Loans repaid	30,677	-	-	30,677	41,857
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>30,677</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,677</b>	<b>41,857</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>97,230</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>97,230</b>	<b>91,065</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 2,343</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 2,343</b>	<b>- 10,944</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>16,099</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,099</b>	<b>27,043</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>13,756</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,756</b>	<b>16,099</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash at bank	13,756	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	13,756	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Fixed assets	788,800	-	-
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<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
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			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Mortgage	645,426	-	
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			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	M. Yazdani Raza Khan	MOHAMMAD YAZDANI RAZA KHAN	30/04/24	