

ROYSTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH ROYSTON
ANNUAL REPORT 2021

St John the Baptist Church, Royston

Annual Report of the PCC for 2021

Background

Royston Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules 2020.

During the year 2021 the following served as PCC members:

Ex officio	The Reverend Heidi Huntley Mr Reginald Bailey Mr Nicholas Hindle Dr Clare Davies Mrs Linda Dwight Mr Phil Perry Miss Brenda Strangleman Mrs Brenda Watkins	Incumbent Reader (until APCM 2021, then elected member) Churchwarden (until APCM 2021) Churchwarden Churchwarden (from APCM 2021) Deanery Synod (from APCM 2021) Deanery Synod & (until 29 June 2021) Secretary Deanery Synod
Elected members	Mr David Atkins Mrs Louise Atkins Mr Philip Burchell Mr John Davies Mr Rodney Dyer Mr Robert Fox Mrs Kay Makowiecki Mr Anthony Pigg Mrs Tracy Reader Mrs Ruth Savage Mr Robert Smith Mrs Liz Wainwright Mrs Joanne Wallis	From APCM 2021 (previously co-opted member) Treasurer Resigned 2 July 2021 Resigned 1 July 2021 Resigned 28 June 2021
Co-opted members	The Reverend John Fidler Mrs Kathy Young	SSM Curate Secretary (from 6 September 2021)

Committees

The PCC operates through a number of committees which meet as and when required and report back to the PCC:

Standing	The only committee required by law - is empowered to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council;
Church Refurbishment Fundraising	Arranges various fundraising activities towards the cost of alteration in the church and, since the fire in December 2018, refurbishment of the church related to the need for additional space and other development;
Eco	Seeks to promote a greater awareness of ecological issues and recommends measures to reduce the church's carbon footprint;
Fabric	Advises and implements the decisions of the PCC on the management of the church building and the house provided for occupation by the curate; also oversees the management of the churchyard and additional burial ground;
Fabric Development Finance	Advises on finding ways for improving usable space within the church; Oversees the general financial direction of the parish, monitors income and expenditure reviews budgets and liaises with other committees on financial matters;

Finance	Oversees the general financial direction of the parish, monitors income and expenditure reviews budgets and liaises with other committees on financial matters;
Magazine	Promotes knowledge of church and community related affairs by publishing the magazine, "Across Royston";
Missions	Recommends to the PCC support, including financial, for the mission of the church and for other charities. Encourages wider interest and prayer support;
Mission Action Plan	Follows the Diocese of St. Albans initiative 'Living God's Love' by exploring what it means to do this by seeking to 'Go Deeper into God, Transform Communities and Make New Disciples';
Social	Promotes friendship and fellowship within the congregation by organising parish social events;
Stewardship	Promotes Christian stewardship within the parish;
Youth & Children	Encourages and supports existing children's work. Determines new ways of sharing the faith with young people through whatever appropriate means. Encourages the training and support of leaders

Note: Both the Outreach & Nurture and Worship & Music committees have been suspended for the time being.

Electoral Roll

There were 140 names on the updated electoral roll at the time of the 2021 APCM (144 in 2020).

Church Attendance

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, only limited numbers were able to attend Sunday services during October resulting in an average figure of 55.

Review of the Year 2021

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic 2021 was another abnormal year for the PCC. Until late May all PCC business was conducted online via email, with hard copies of any documents and telephone calls to the one member without internet access. After that, three virtual meetings were held (in May, June and July) and three actual meetings (in September, October and November). Similarly most of the work of the committees took place virtually.

Throughout the year the PCC was kept up-to-date with progress on the restoration and refurbishment of the church building following the fire in December 2018 including meetings with the contractors (Bakers of Danbury), the loss adjusters for the insurers and the Diocesan Advisory Committee. One issue that arose during the year was the unauthorised removal of the two safes which resulted in much debate within the PCC. Ultimately it was accepted that exactly what happened to the safes and their contents will never be known and the resolution of the situation is in the hands of insurers. The PCC agreed the statements of need and of significance for the chairs and the audio-visual system, necessary to support the formal applications for faculties (the Church of England's planning permission). Further details of all fabric matters are given in the Churchwardens' report and separate fabric report.

The Treasurer kept the PCC informed of the financial situation, as different matters were clarified and more information became available. Reports were also received on progress with grant applications and fundraising activities, notably the chair sponsorship scheme. Further details of the PCC's finances are set out later in this report.

Reports were circulated of the very few committee meetings which had taken place, notably the Eco, Missions, Stewardship, MAP and Church Refurbishment Fundraising committees, as well as Deanery Synod.

On the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults the PCC had formally adopted the Church of England's policy in October 2018. Checks continued to be made that all necessary DBS certificates were up-to-date and that any necessary on-line training provided by the Diocese was being undertaken. An updated Safeguarding Action Plan, which included action to be taken when the church building was back in use, was agreed by the PCC in October 2021.

Following the second national lockdown in November 2019, the PCC approved a series of resolutions to suspend public worship until mid May. As during the first lockdown, a collaborative effort by a number of people enabled Sunday worship to be available via YouTube. After mid May two actual services each Sunday were resumed, firstly in the Town Hall and then, from September in Icknield Walk First School, with the second one also available on YouTube. Advance booking was necessary in order to attend either service, but was not required for the traditional Carol Service held before Christmas. A lantern-lit Crib Service took place outside the church building on Christmas Eve.

Otherwise people were generally kept in contact with one another with weekly notice sheets and a letter from the Vicar (circulated to everyone by email, with hard copies delivered to those without internet access), and the parish magazine 'Across Royston' continued to be produced. Although regular events like the annual church quiz and harvest supper could not be held, house groups continued to meet virtually as did some other groups, and ongoing telephone contact was organised with those who might otherwise have been more isolated. Thus the church being the body of people rather than the building, parish life continued to function, albeit rather differently from before the pandemic, but with the intention that everyone was included and no-one in the congregation should be left unsupported.

Financial Summary

The devastating fire, which occurred on the 9th December 2018, continued to have a significant impact on the financial results during 2021 and this was further exacerbated by the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. As in 2020 the pandemic continued to have a major impact on our ability to raise money during the year with church services restricted and fundraising events not possible. Both of these factors are reflected in the summary detailed below.

Total income for the year was £164,077 (2020: £199,062). Stewardship income totalled £77,743, a decrease of £1,127 on the previous year. Gift Aid recovery from all sources, including fire and other donations, amounted to £23,457, down from £25,013 in the previous year. This Gift Aid recovery was again helped by the inclusion of a claim arising from the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (GASDS). With effect from April 2016 the amount which can be claimed annually under this scheme amounts to £2,000. As a result of lower income from collections on the plate and other donations the income from GASDS was down by £869.

Despite the continued reduction in the number of church services collections on the plate, at £2,571, were up by £439 compared with 2020. As in 2020 the impact from the fire meant that no charitable collections were made at weddings and baptisms although the harvest collections raised £1,280 for the Royston Food Bank and the Bishop's Harvest Appeal. Sundry donations were £9,058, a decrease of £12,336 year on year. Although generous donations continued to be received following the fire they were lower than in 2020. The amount received in the year, including Gift Aid, amounted to £5,400. These donations have been treated as restricted income as part of the Church Refurbishment Fund. Excluding these fire related donations the total was up by £1,327 compared with 2020.

Other voluntary income was at £20,819, down by £10,685 year on year. Within the total figure regular fundraising in the year, at £241, was down by £1,946. This decrease was entirely due to the fact that, as a result of the continuing pandemic, no fundraising was possible during the year. Other fundraising activities towards the refurbishment did take place, the most notable one, once again, being donations to the "Sponsor a Chair" scheme which raised a further £18,331 (£21,581 including Gift Aid).

Magazine revenue was slightly higher at £1,341. Fee income, at £5,615, was ahead of the previous year, (£3,349), despite limited activity in both weddings and funerals due to both the church not being available and the impact of COVID-19.

During the year we received grants towards the cost of refurbishment following the fire amounting to £9,500 from the All Churches Trust (£4,500) and the Laing Trust (£5,000). These followed the grant received from the Brian Racher Trust of £20,000 in 2020.

We continued to let the house at 12 Prince Andrews Close which resulted in rental income of £13,008, in line the previous year

Finally, with interest rates falling and the requirement to withdraw monies from deposit accounts it meant that income from investments was, at £965, down on the £2,420 recorded in 2020.

Total expenditure was £142,290 an increase of £35,279 on 2020 (£107,011).

Mission expenditure allocation followed our standard agreed practice of giving away 10% of our total stewardship income, including Gift Aid tax relief, and £10,000 was made available to the missions committee. The other charitable expenditure of £1,280 is the amount paid out following the harvest collection referred to in the income section.

Our most significant expenditure is that of Parish Share which, for 2021, was £79,754 compared to £78,124 in the previous year.

Mission within parish during the year was down from £1,658 in 2020 to £951. This mainly reflects the continued lower level of expenses as a result of the pandemic.

Expenditure on church repairs was significantly up at £22,581 compared with £1,377 in 2020. This mainly reflects the opportunity taken to carry out non fire related work on the building whilst the contractors were on site. These amounted to around £13,000. In addition expenditure was incurred on a replacement set of handbells following the destruction of the original set in the fire. This amounted to £4,759. This cost was offset by monies received from insurers in 2019.

Church running expenses were slightly up from £4,722 in 2020 to £5,497 this year, although continuing to reflect the lower level of expenditure than in the pre 2019 years due to the impact of the fire.

Fees paid to the diocese for weddings and funerals were, at £2,989, up by £639 compared with 2020 although continuing to reflect the lower level of activity on weddings and funerals.

Office equipment depreciation of £834 is the amount incurred in writing down the photocopier which is now completed.

Expenditure on fundraising events is significantly down from the £5,666 incurred in 2020 which that year included the cost of Christmas cards and other merchandise which was not repeated this year.

During the year, as we moved into the final phase of the building project work, including the refurbishment, we incurred contractors costs and professional fees amounting to £158,852 which has been classified as capital as an asset under construction. This brought the total to the end of 2021 to £215,137 which is net of claims for the refund of VAT under the Listed Places of Worship scheme.

There are no other significant year on year variances to report.

In summary, unrestricted expenditure exceeded income to leave a deficit of £13,472 for the year (2020: £7,935 surplus). Restricted funds show a surplus of £34,629, (2020: £84,114). With regard to endowment funds there was an unrealised profit of £3,581 on investments as a result of which there was a net increase in consolidated funds of £25,008 compared with £93,781 in 2020.

On the balance sheet major year on year differences mainly reflect the work in relation to the refurbishment of the church and are highlighted as follows. The tangible fixed assets movement is due to the £158,852 referred to in the above note as the asset under construction. The increase in debtors includes an outstanding claim for a refund of VAT of £17,502 and deposits for chairs and the audio/visual system of £45,880. The reduction in short term deposits is the result of the monies expended during the year.

Other than the reflection of the major items referred to above, there are no major changes to the balance sheet to report.

Insurance

The Church is covered by the St Albans Diocesan group insurance scheme for Churches (effected via Ecclesiastical Insurance Group). This policy includes public liability indemnity of up to 7.5 million pounds. It also satisfies requirements within Employers' Liability (Compulsory Insurance Act of 1969).

Other costs, including losses due to fire and theft, legal expenses, minor building works and consequential loss are also covered within the policy.

Reliance upon unpaid volunteers

It is acknowledged by the PCC that an ever-increasing amount of Church maintenance and day-to-day running requirements can only be met by virtue of the efforts of unpaid volunteers. Therefore the Church is wholly reliant upon the continued provision of such unpaid and voluntary services for its ongoing welfare and strength.

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Chairman

Monday 28th March 2022

Parochial Church Council of St John the Baptist, Royston

Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2021

	Note	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u> £	<u>Restricted Funds</u> £	<u>Endowment Funds</u> £	<u>Total 2021</u> £	<u>Total 2020</u> £
Income Resources						
Incoming resources from donors	2(a)	102,899	9,930	0	112,829	127,409
Other voluntary incoming resources	2(b)	241	20,578	0	20,819	31,504
Income from charitable and ancillary trading	2(c)	3,967	2,989	0	6,956	4,601
Other ordinary incoming resources	2(d)	13,008	9,500	0	22,508	33,128
Income from investments	2(e)	186	779	0	965	2,420
Total Incoming Resources		120,301	43,776	0	164,077	199,062
Resources Used						
Grants	3(a)	10,000	1,280	0	11,280	10,835
Activities directly relating to the work of the Church	3(b)	111,346	7,748	0	119,094	95,050
Fund raising and publicity	3(c)	0	119	0	119	5,666
Church management and administration	3(d)	12,427	0	0	12,427	-4,540
Total Resources Used		133,773	9,147	0	142,920	107,011
Net Incoming / (Outgoing) Resources		-13,472	34,629	0	21,157	92,051
Gains and Losses on Investments - unrealised		0	0	3,851	3,851	1,730
Net Movement in Funds		-13,472	34,629	3,851	25,008	93,781
Balance Brought Forward at 1 January 2021 (2020)		278,181	205,151	86,889	570,221	476,440
Fund Expenditure Reclassification		0	0	0	0	0
Balance Carried Forward at 31 December 2021 (2020)		264,709	239,780	90,740	595,229	570,221

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Balance Sheet at 31 December 2021

	Note	<u>2021</u> £	<u>2020</u> £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible fixed assets	5(a)	228,511	70,493
Investment assets	5(b)	30,637	26,785
		<u>259,147</u>	<u>97,278</u>
Current Assets			
Debtors	7	106,183	52,579
Short term deposits		238,014	378,808
Cash at bank and in hand		55,148	65,116
		<u>399,345</u>	<u>496,503</u>
Liabilities : amounts falling due within one year	8	-63,263	-23,560
Net Current Assets		<u>336,082</u>	<u>472,943</u>
Net Assets		<u>595,229</u>	<u>570,221</u>
Funds	6		
Unrestricted		264,709	278,181
Restricted	10	239,780	205,151
Endowment	9	90,740	86,889
		<u>595,229</u>	<u>570,221</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements
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1 Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP. The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention except for the investment assets, which are shown at market value. We have adopted all of the accounting policies as set out in the model set of accounting policies issued by the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England.

The financial statements have been prepared on the basis that the PCC is considered to be a going concern for the foreseeable future.

2 Incoming Resources

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Endowment</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>2021</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>2020</u> £
<i>2(a) Incoming resources from donors</i>					
Christian stewardship	77,743			77,743	78,870
Gift Aid tax refund	19,538	3,919		23,457	25,013
Collections on plate	1,291	1,280		2,571	2,132
Sundry donations	4,327	4,731		9,058	21,394
	<u>102,899</u>	<u>9,930</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>112,829</u>	<u>127,409</u>
<i>2(b) Other voluntary incoming resources</i>					
Donations		0		0	0
Legacies	0			0	0
Fund raising events	241	20,578		20,819	31,504
	<u>241</u>	<u>20,578</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>20,819</u>	<u>31,504</u>
<i>2(c) Income from charitable and ancillary trading</i>					
Magazine revenue	1,341			1,341	1,252
Fees	2,626	2,989		5,615	3,349
	<u>3,967</u>	<u>2,989</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,956</u>	<u>4,601</u>
<i>2(d) Other ordinary incoming resources</i>					
Insurance claims		0		0	0
Grants		9,500		9,500	20,000
Rental income	13,008			13,008	13,128
	<u>13,008</u>	<u>9,500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>22,508</u>	<u>33,128</u>
<i>2(e) Income from investments</i>					
Dividends and interest	186	779	0	965	2,420
	<u>186</u>	<u>779</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>965</u>	<u>2,420</u>
Total Incoming Resources	<u>120,301</u>	<u>43,776</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>164,077</u>	<u>199,062</u>

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3 Resources Used

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Endowment</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>2021</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>2020</u> £
3(a) Grants					
Missionary and charitable giving:					
Church overseas mission	5,100			5,100	5,100
Church home mission	2,700	0		2,700	2,700
Other non-Church charities	2,000	1,280		3,280	3,065
Unallocated	200			200	-30
	<u>10,000</u>	<u>1,280</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>11,280</u>	<u>10,835</u>
3(b) Activities directly relating to the work of the Church					
Ministry : Parish share	79,754			79,754	78,124
Clergy expenses	1,538			1,538	1,128
Readers expenses	0			0	0
Altar expenses	16			16	301
Mission within parish	951			951	1,658
Organist and music	3,982			3,982	3,690
Bellringers fees	0	0		0	0
Magazine printing	1,786			1,786	1,700
Church repairs	17,822	4,759		22,581	1,377
Church running expenses	5,497	0		5,497	4,722
Fees to Diocese		2,989		2,989	2,350
	<u>111,346</u>	<u>7,748</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>119,094</u>	<u>95,050</u>
3(c) Fund raising and publicity expenses					
Fund raising events		119		119	5,666
	<u>0</u>	<u>119</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>119</u>	<u>5,666</u>
3(d) Church management and administration					
Parish office administration	10,902			10,902	9,664
Office equipment depreciation	834	0		834	835
Re-Ordering costs	x	0		0	-15,627
Licence fees	691			691	588
	<u>12,427</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12,427</u>	<u>-4,540</u>
Total Resources Used	<u>133,773</u>	<u>9,147</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>142,920</u>	<u>107,011</u>

x Professional fees incurred with the refurbishment of the church have been re-classified as capital as an asset under construction.

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4 Staff Costs

Salaries & fees

£	£
6,766	7,250

During the year the PCC employed a secretary..

The secretary, Mrs. J. Wallis, is a member of the PCC and was paid £6,766 during the year.

Apart from the above no other member of the PCC received any remuneration.

All payments were made from Unrestricted Funds and are net of grants received

5 Fixed Assets for use by PCC

5(a) Tangible fixed assets

		Freehold Land and Buildings	Office Equipment	Church Refurbishment	Total
		£	£	£	£
Gross Book Value	At 1 January 2021	13,374	7,657	56,285	77,316
	Additions	0	0	158,852	158,852
	Disposals	0	0	0	0
	At 31 December 2021	<u>13,374</u>	<u>7,657</u>	<u>215,137</u>	<u>236,167</u>
Depreciation	At 1 January 2021	0	6,823	0	6,823
	Charge for year	0	834	0	834
	Eliminated on disposals	0	0	0	0
	At 31 December 2021	<u>0</u>	<u>7,657</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,657</u>
Net Book Value	At 31 December 2021	13,374	0	215,137	228,511
	At 31 December 2020	13,374	834	56,285	70,493

The freehold land and buildings are comprised of the Curate's house at 12 Prince Andrews Close, Royston which is included at historic cost and does not need to be shown at market value as it is regarded by the PCC as a functional asset rather than an investment asset.

The additional burial ground was acquired in the 19th century at an unknown cost and is included in fixed assets at £nil cost.

There was a fire at the church on 9th December 2018. Due to this the new audio/visual equipment that was purchased was destroyed and was written off in that year. This is part of the insurance claim for the building and contents which is on a like for like basis.

Professional fees incurred in connection with the refurbishment have been treated as asset under construction. Comparative figures have been adjusted to reflect this change.

5(b) Investments

1310 shares in CBF Investment Fund - value at 31st December 2021 amounted to £30,636, (2020 £26,785) - historic cost £1,081.

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6 Analysis of Net assets by Funds

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Endowment</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	228,511	0	30,637	259,147
Current assets	59,758	239,780	60,104	399,345
Current liabilities	-23,560	0	0	-63,263
Fund balance	264,709	239,780	90,740	595,229

7 Debtors

	<u>2021</u> £	<u>2020</u> £
Income tax recoverable	23,557	26,366
Prepayments and accrued interest	64,904	24,943
Other debtors	17,723	1,270
	<u>106,183</u>	<u>52,579</u>

8 Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year

Creditors for goods and services	44,813	597
Other creditors	16,778	21,291
Provision for repairs to 12, Prince Andrews Close, Royston	1,672	1,672
	<u>63,263</u>	<u>23,560</u>

9 Analysis of Endowment funds by type

Expendable funds	59,862	59,862
Permanent funds	30,878	27,027
	<u>90,740</u>	<u>86,889</u>

10 Fund Details

The Restricted Funds are comprised of the Additional Burial Ground Revenue Fund, Stoneybridge Income Fund and the Church Refurbishment Fund

The Endowment Funds are comprised of 4 Grave Trusts, the Additional Burial Ground Capital Fund arising from the sale of the Sexton's house in 1988, and the Stoneybridge and Welsh Endowments.

Church Refurbishment Fund (Formerly Challenge Fund)

	<u>2021</u> £	<u>2020</u> £
Opening fund at 1 January 2021 (2020)	101,955	74,878
Net funds raised during the year	38,608	73,401
Funds capitalised/utilised during the year	-158,852	-46,324
Closing fund at 31 December 2021 (2020)	<u>-18,288</u>	<u>101,955</u>

Following the devastating fire to the church on 9th December 2018 the fund was renamed the Church Refurbishment Fund. The options previously being considered for the development of the inside of the church became more acute and have been the focus of attention for the PCC. In the year many generous donations were received amounting to £5,400, including Gift Aid, (2020 £19,416). Grants amounting to £9,500 were received from All Churches Trust and the Laing Trust, (2020 £20,000 from The Brian Racher Trust). A further £23,708, including Gift Aid, came from fund raising activities (2020 £33,985).. During the year funds amounting to £158,852, mainly contractors costs and professional fees in relation to the refurbishment, were capitalised/utilised, (2020 £46,324), as a result the fund was left in deficit at the year end in the amount of £18,288.

Parochial Church Council of St. John the Baptist, Royston, Herts.

**Independent Examiner's Report to the
Parochial Church Council of St. John the Baptist, Royston**

This report on the attached accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 6 to 11 is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the regulations") and s.145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Respective Responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and s.144(2) of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under s.145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's 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
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act, and the Regulations 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.



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