

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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## CONFEDERATION OF BANGLADESHI ORGANISATIONS (CBO) LIMITED

### LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Names of Directors, who are also known as the Trustees, for the purposes of the Charity Law:

Chairman	Muhammad Abdul Hannan
Deputy Chairman	Muhammad Abdul Kahar
Treasurer	Abdul Qaum
Assistant Treasurer	Mohammed Abdul Subhan
Secretary	Achaman Ullah

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER                      Shabud Ullah

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER:                      1145333

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER:                      07705011

REGISTERED OFFICE:                      Greets Green Resource Centre  
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**CONFEDERATION OF BANGLADESHI ORGANISATIONS (CBO) LIMITED  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

The Trustees who are also Directors of the Charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 2015).

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION**

Confederation of Bangladeshi Organisations, a community and voluntary organisation, was first established in 1985 under a constitutional document as an umbrella for Bangladeshi Organisations in the Metropolitan Borough of Sandwell to provide a collective voice for communicating community need and providing representation. In April 1993 the organisation became a registered charity. On 14 July 2011, the organisation formed a company known as Confederation of Bangladeshi Organisations (CBO) Limited ('CBO'). On 1 April 2012, operations commenced through this Limited Company.

The Charity is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

**OBJECTIVES**

- To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Sandwell, with particular attention to accommodating the charitable needs of individuals of Bangladeshi descent, by:
  - a) Advancing education;
  - b) Relieving need, hardship and distress; and
  - c) Relieving or preventing poverty
- To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of Sandwell and the surrounding area the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants.
- To develop the capacity and skills of the members of the socially disadvantaged Community of the Borough of Sandwell in such a way that they are better able identify and help meet their needs and to participate more fully society;
- To promote such other charitable purposes as are exclusively charitable under the laws of England and Wales as may be determined by the trustees.

**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

**Key achievements 2023-2024**

CBO is continuing to provide the vital services to our communities in the current difficult and competitive environment faced with many challenges including funding and rise in demand and expectations. We are also very proud of our one stop shop holistic approach aiming to provide a wraparound service for families. As well as providing physical space and resources as a community hub.

The Confederation of Bangladeshi Organisations is all about making sure people receive great services, meeting community needs and helping people to achieve their aspirations. We will build upon our track record and learn as we go - sometimes we need to innovate and come up with new solutions, at other times tried and tested methods will continue to be employed. Our aspiration is to grow and diversify services – to build our expertise, develop our community reach and to expand our services to the benefit of the people and communities we serve.

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**CONFEDERATION OF BANGLADESHI ORGANISATIONS (CBO) LIMITED**  
**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT (continued)**

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In order to do this we need to ensure that we have a solid foundation – that our structure and governance continue to be strong and that we develop our staff to meet the challenges of the future. Our 3 key strategic objectives; **Delivering great services - Innovation and Growth - Ensuring Confederation of Bangladeshi Organisations continues to be strong and effective.**

Our programmes activities included:

- ☐ Early years – Nursery provisions.
- ☐ Education & lifelong learning.
- ☐ Employment & enterprise.
- ☐ Anti-poverty - Welfare rights, information, advice & guidance.
- ☐ Health & wellbeing.
- ☐ Young people services.
- ☐ Family Support Services.
- ☐ Citizenship & cohesion.
- ☐ Social enterprise and sustainability

Summary of key achievements include.

- **Social Enterprise/Sustainability**

CBO recognises there are challenging times ahead for voluntary and community organisations and at the same time demand on our services are increasing and availability of funding and resources are reducing. Working in partnership with key partners and stakeholders including Sandwell MBC, CBO is developing a self-sustainability strategy and we are pleased to secure planning approval to develop the land at the rear of Greets Green Resource Centre and once developed it will generate sustainable regular income for CBO which will be re-invested back into the community for charitable purposes.

- **Community Asset Transfer**

In recognition of CBO's achievements and meeting Sandwell Council's corporate objective plan we are very delighted with the generosity of Sandwell Council to award CBO a 99 year lease of Greets Green Resources Centre and surrounding lands on a rent free basis.

Sandwell Council is one of our key partner and stakeholder and CBO will continue to develop and enhance partnership working to benefit the local residents.

- **Embedded Improved IT Infrastructure**

Successfully secured additional external funding to improve and enhance the existing IT infrastructure at CBO which enabled our staff to support our clients remotely as well as able to deliver services from outreach ventures.

- **Improved outdoor facilities**

Greets Green Resources Centre is able to offer a wide range of outdoor sporting and recreational facilities for all sections of the community including: Children play area, MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area), Outdoor gym and community garden area where people can grow their own vegetables and socialise.

- **Building Brighter Futures (BBF) – 5 years funding from The National Lottery Community Fund**

Successfully delivered the 4th year of the BBF project. The aim of the project is to bring isolated BME communities together and build strong relationships in and across communities. Activities provided range from social, recreational, health activities to advice, training and focused interventions offering a holistic approach.

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## **CONFEDERATION OF BANGLADESHI ORGANISATIONS (CBO) LIMITED MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES' REPORT (continued)**

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- **Care Services - Advice Program/ Community Development**

Focusing on welfare to work our multi- discipline team can support most vulnerable and hard to reach families to ensure they are supported to secure their entitlement and those able to work are supported to improve skills and ultimately take control of their lives through securing employment so take positive steps out of the cycle of deprivations.

Our advice team secured £1,2m in confirmed benefits this equates to an £18 increase in income for local residents for each £1 of funding. Due to our positive reputation in the community we are seeing clients from diverse backgrounds and only 42% are from Bangladeshi origin.

Looking ahead the biggest challenge will be the impact of the cost-of-living crisis in particular those are already in poverty will be worse off. We will be working with key partners and stakeholder to support local residents. Budgeting and supporting clients to be more resilient will enable us to overcome the challenges.

- **Green Garden Community Nursery**

Our Nursery provision is growing from strength to strength, New Nursery provisions is another success of CBO's ability to diversify and meet the changing demand and needs of the local community. Green Garden Nursery is registered with OFSTED and providing additional services complimenting the existing GGRC services. As well as meeting the growing need our Nursery is generating income which is re-invested in delivering our core services.

- **Transforming Greets Green Resource Centre into one stop shop/Community Hub**

Resource centre, Play area/MUGA/Outdoor Gym/Community Garden area – newbuild Nursery provisions – family centred provisions/facilities.

- **Implementation and embedding thematic approach to service delivery**

Focusing on Anti-poverty/Advice and Community Development with ethos of welfare to work.

External recognition through partnership and collaborative working

- **Maintained quality marks including;**

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## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Reserve Management Policy**

#### **Purpose:**

To empower the Confederation of Bangladeshi Organisations to perform reserve management for the purpose of meeting the areas of need and to initiate appropriate solutions for development.

#### **Scope:**

Voluntary organisations always find difficulties with sustainable core funding and innovative ideas. Many funders will only fund projects and bear some administration cost. Reserves can be used on any entity, programme, projects or activities within the Confederation of Bangladeshi Organisations.

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## **CONFEDERATION OF BANGLADESHI ORGANISATIONS (CBO) LIMITED MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES' REPORT (continued)**

### **Reserve policy:**

The Confederations of Bangladeshi Organisations is committed to sustainable development and management practices to support and enhance our activities and ideas in all areas of our organisation. We will ensure reserve management is an integral part of our decision making processes.

Our policy is to maintain free reserves of between 3 and 6 months of unrestricted expenditure. The balance at 31 March 2024 of unrestricted reserves was £58,371 which is in line with the policy.

To achieve this policy we will adopt a structured management approach to minimise adverse outcomes in all our activities, particularly in safeguarding the well being of our organisation. We will identify and take advantage of opportunities as well as minimising adverse effects.

### **Designated Funds:**

The Designated Funds are held with the purpose of:

- (a) Purchase of 8 – 10 Carters Green.
- (b) Growth and Sustainability Fund.
- (c) Land held for development at Wood Lane.

### **Restricted Funds:**

The Restricted Funds are held with specific restrictions put in place on each separate one held. Further details of these can be found in note 1(i).

### **Responsibilities:**

The Chief Executive Officer is accountable to the Management Committee in particular to the Treasurer for the implementation of the reserve policy. However, all Programme Leads of the organisation are responsible for managing budgets in their own activities. It is the responsibility of each Programme Lead to ensure that reserve management is undertaken at the beginning of every project or as new areas of operation are initiated.

### **Process:**

A systematic reserve management process will include establishing the need, identifying reserves, assessing risks, treating risks and ongoing monitoring and evaluation.

### **Monitoring and Review:**

The Management Committee will monitor and review the implementation of the reserve management. The Chief Executive Officer will facilitate the implementation of the reserve management and report on its implementation.

## **Risk Management Policy**

### **Purpose:**

To empower the Confederation of Bangladeshi Organisations to perform periodic risk assessments for the purpose of determining areas of vulnerability and to initiate appropriate solutions.

### **Scope:**

Risk Management can be conducted on any entity programme, projects or activities within the Confederation of Bangladeshi Organisations.

### **Policy:**

The Confederation of Bangladeshi Organisations is committed to good risk management practices to support and enhance our activities in all areas of our organisation. We will ensure risk management is an integral part of our decision making processes.

To achieve this policy we will adopt a structures risk management approach to minimise adverse outcomes in all our activities, particularly in safeguarding the health, safety and well being of our members, volunteers and general public. We will identify and take advantage of opportunities as well as minimising adverse effects.

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**CONFEDERATION OF BANGLADESHI ORGANISATIONS (CBO) LIMITED  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES' REPORT (continued)**

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**Risks/Threats to the Organisation:**

- Failure to attract new members or retain members;
- Failure to observe relevant legislation or the Constitution in administration of the organisation;
- Failure to generate adequate funds to support programmes;
- Over-commitment of the Organisation to high cost projects;
- Failure to observe safe work practices on community projects, endangering members, other volunteers or the general public;
- Failure to observe relevant legislation in the programmes run by the Organisation.

**Counteracting Risks/Threats to the Organisation:**

- Well structured, strategic objective, policy and management lead services;
- Acting as a window of opportunity towards empowering the community to take rational action;
- Introduction of the organic regeneration concepts and strategies;
- Introduction of diversity, cohesion and inclusion in services delivery;
- Strengthening local people's control over their local improvement plan;
- Influencing building a sustainable and vibrant local community/sector;
- Joining together community based and mainstream services;
- Greater partnerships with mainstream providers;
- Encouraging greater Active Citizenship and community self confidence;
- Moving forward systematically to tackle local deprivation.

**Funds**

Funds held at 31 March 2024 were as follows:-

Unrestricted funds	£58,371
Designated funds	£596,478
Restricted funds	£58,267

**Independent Examiner**

JW Hinks LLP have expressed their willingness to continue in office as independent examiner and a resolution to re-appoint them will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

On Behalf of the Management Committee



**Muhammad Abdul Hannan**  
Chairman

5<sup>th</sup> Augus 2024  
'date'

**CONFEDERATION OF BANGLADESHI ORGANISATIONS (CBO) LIMITED**  
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES**

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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are set out on pages 7 to 18.

**Respective and basis of Report**

As the trustees of the company (and are also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company 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 your company's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants England and Wales.

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 company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts 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 accounts 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 accounts to be reached.



Kirsty Jackson FCCA ACA  
JW HINKS LLP  
Chartered Accountants and  
Registered Auditors

19 Highfield Road  
Edgbaston  
Birmingham

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**CONFEDERATION OF BANGLADESHI ORGANISATIONS (CBO) LIMITED**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Designated Total</b>	<b>Unrestricted Total</b>	<b>Restricted</b>		<b>2023</b>
			<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>							
Incoming resources from generated funds:							
- Grants and funding (Note 2)			-	184,987	72,925	257,912	286,786
Incoming resources from income generation:							
- Rental income			-	12,980	-	12,980	18,649
- Nursery income			-	71,281	-	71,281	53,347
- Interest received			-	10,291	-	10,291	2,445
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>			-	279,539	72,925	352,464	361,227
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>							
Charitable Activities:							
- Salaries and National Insurance (Note 4)			-	90,330	79,454	169,784	189,355
- Travelling			-	-	600	600	600
- Sessional workers			-	125	3,480	3,605	1,913
- Rates and water			-	1,063	-	1,063	663
- Light and heat			-	2,529	2,529	5,058	4,033
- Insurance			-	1,120	560	1,680	1,937
- Communal Garden			-	1,599	-	1,599	5,069
- Licencing, Telephone and internet			-	-	3,160	3,160	2,804
- Printing, postage and stationery			-	3,934	694	4,628	2,780
- Repairs and renewals			-	10,594	1,337	11,931	6,034
- Events, trips and activities			-	5,649	13,130	18,779	17,905
- Professional and consulting fees			-	16,623	-	16,623	3,700
- Sundries and cleaning			-	718	717	1,435	1,285
- Equipment			-	915	651	1,566	8,242
- Independent Examiner's fee			-	1,520	760	2,280	2,220
- Payroll fees			-	243	243	486	277
- Registration, accreditation, and training fees			-	953	-	953	634
- Depreciation of improvements to property			-	1,344	14,283	15,627	15,627
- Depreciation of freehold property			10,000	-	-	10,000	10,000
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>			10,000	139,259	121,598	270,857	275,078
<b>NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES</b>			(10,000)	140,280	(48,673)	81,607	86,149
<b>TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS</b>			161,479	(161,479)	-	-	-
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>			151,479	(21,199)	(48,673)	81,607	86,149
<b>FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD</b>			444,999	79,570	106,940	631,509	545,360
<b>FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>			596,478	58,371	58,267	713,116	631,509

The notes on pages 11 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

There were no recognised gains or losses other than those shown in the statement of financial activities.

There were no discontinued operations during the above financial year.

**CONFEDERATION OF BANGLADESHI ORGANISATIONS (CBO) LIMITED**

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024 – COMPANY NUMBER 7705011**

		2024	2023
		£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	6	309,954	234,102
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors and prepayments	8	-	1,679
Bank balance		406,172	434,959
		<u>406,172</u>	<u>436,638</u>
<b>CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>			
Creditors	9	3,010	39,231
		<u>3,010</u>	<u>39,231</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		403,162	397,407
		<u>713,116</u>	<u>631,509</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		£ 713,116	£ 631,509
<b>FUNDS</b>			
Restricted Funds	10	58,267	106,940
Unrestricted Funds		58,371	79,570
Designated Funds	11	596,478	444,999
		<u>£ 713,116</u>	<u>£631,509</u>

The Charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (a) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006

and

- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of each financial year and of its profit or loss for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

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**CONFEDERATION OF BANGLADESHI ORGANISATIONS (CBO) LIMITED**

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024**  
**(continued) – COMPANY NUMBER 7705011**

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These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small Charitable companies.

The Financial Statements were approved on behalf of the Management Committee on ' date ' and were signed on its behalf by:

5th August 2024



**ABDUL QAUM**  
Treasurer



**ACHAMAN ULLAH**  
Secretary

The notes on pages 10 to 18 form part of these financial statements

# CONFEDERATION OF BANGLADESHI ORGANISATIONS (CBO) LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**(a) Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable organisation, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

**Financial Reporting Standard 102 – Reduced Disclosure Exemptions**

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

**(b) Fixed assets and depreciation**

Fixed assets are initially recorded at cost. Grants received in respect of fixed assets are matched against cost in the year of acquisition. Depreciation is provided for all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost on a straight line basis over their expected useful economic lives as follows:

Office furniture and equipment	-	33% straight line method
Property improvements of Greets Green Centre	-	10% straight line method
Freehold property	-	4% straight line method
Land	-	Not depreciated

**(c) Incoming resources**

Grants receivable are accounted for in the year in which the Charity is entitled to receipt.

**(d) Resources expended**

Expenditure is included in the financial statements on an accruals basis. Irrecoverable VAT is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) as incurred.

**(e) Restricted funds**

Restricted funds are used for specific purposes laid down by the Donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund together with a fair allocation of the management and support costs.

**(f) Designated funds**

The designated funds are held with the purpose of:

- a) purchase of 8 -10 Carters Green
- b) refurbishment of the Greets Green Resource Centre for the benefit of the community
- c) Building of Sorts and Community Hall
- d) New Land Purchased for Development

**(g) Operating lease rentals**

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight line basis over the lease term

**(h) Pension**

Pension payments to defined contribution benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

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## CONFEDERATION OF BANGLADESHI ORGANISATIONS (CBO) LIMITED

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) - YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

(i) **Purpose of funding**

CBO is a charity registered community organisation dependent on grant aid obtained mainly from Local Authority as well as a number of other sources. Funds are based on successful proposals to deliver services identified by the Organisation and the people it serves. The purpose of funds received during the year are as follows:

**NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND (NLCF):**

**Awards For All**

Funding towards development of community garden at the rear of Greets Green Resource Centre.

**BBF - Building Brighter Futures**

BBF compliments the existing services at the Greets Green Resource Centre and create a 'one-stop shop' for the diverse community. The aims of the project are to bring isolated BME communities together and build strong relationships in and across communities. Activities provided range from social, recreational, health activities to advice, training and focused interventions offering a holistic approach.

**Building Better Opportunities – BBO**

**Bridges** – in partnership with Sandwell Consortium and Steps to Work and jointly funded by European Social Fund and Big Lottery Fund CBO is delivering employability services targeting unemployed people aged 25 years and over living in Sandwell and Black Country-wide

**Family Matters** – in partnership with Sandwell Consortium and Black Country Together and jointly funded by European Social Fund and Big Lottery Fund CBO is delivering family support and employability courses targeting unemployed people living in Sandwell and Black Country-wide

**Multiply** – Government funded program to help adult improve their numeracy skills.

**Apprenticeship grant** - Government employer incentive grant

**SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL (SMBC):**

**Core Funding/Advice** - funds the Advice, Information and Welfare Rights Programme delivering quality advice on a wide range of areas including; welfare benefits, immigration, nationality, housing, debt and other generalist advice.

**Holiday play scheme** - funded to deliver the holiday club during the holiday period for the young children.

**Better Health Programme** – funded by Sandwell public health towards the delivery of health-related activities.

**SHIP -Sandwell Health Inequalities Programme** – Health and wellbeing program addressing health inequalities affecting residents of Sandwell.

**CATS – Community Acting Together** – Project targeting disadvantaged communities in Sandwell around community engagement and volunteering,

**COLTS – Cost of Living Communities Project** – Outreach Cost of living support program for Sandwell Residents.

**SLN- Sandwell Learning Network** – funding towards delivery of ESOL and language courses.

**Kickstart Program** – Government funded scheme through Sandwell Council to provide work placement for long term unemployed aged 16-24 years on Universal Credit.

**CRF 50+ - Employability project** targeting 50+

**CRF – Innovation grant** – funding towards purchase of IT equipment to support 50+

**Healthy Lifestyle** – Health and wellbeing activities targeting BME women.

**Climate Change Grant** – Energy saving grants around climate change.

**Esol course payments** - Funding towards language courses.

**Small Projects/Misc** – Funding in respect of Public Health Questionnaires.

**SMBC Reach and Connect** – Funding for Health and Digital Literacy projects.

**SMBC – Advice for Severe Mental Illness (SMI)** – A pilot project providing advice to Sandwell residents who have been diagnosed with SMI.

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# CONFEDERATION OF BANGLADESHI ORGANISATIONS (CBO) LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) - YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

### 2. GRANTS AND FUNDING

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Restricted:</b>		
National Lottery Community Fund:		
- Building Brighter Futures	72,925	98,075
	<u>£ 72,925</u>	<u>£ 98,075</u>
<b>Unrestricted:</b>		
National Lottery Community Fund:		
- Better Building Opportunities – Bridges	7,503	33,907
- Better Building Opportunities - Family Matters	-	21,434
SMBC – Holiday Play Scheme Grant	8,250	9,118
SMBC – Core funding/welfare rights	69,193	65,898
SMBC – (Sandwell Consortium)		
- Sandwell Learning Network	12,180	6,150
SMBC – (Sandwell Consortium) CRF 50+	-	8,298
SMBC – (Sandwell Consortium) Innovation Grant	-	4,995
SMBC – (Sandwell Consortium) CATS	23,394	-
SMBC – (Sandwell Consortium) COLTS	15,664	-
SMBC – (Sandwell Consortium) Multiply	5,213	-
SMBC – (Sandwell Consortium) QBC license reimbursement	132	-
SMBC – Sandwell (Consortium)		
Advice for Severe Mental Illness	9,250	-
SMBC – (Sandwell Consortium) SHIP		
(Sandwell Health Inequalities Programme)	13,654	14,529
SMBC – (Sandwell Consortium) -Esol Course Grant	-	1,213
SMBC – (Sandwell Consortium) – Small Projects/Misc	2,500	2,000
SMBC – (Sandwell Consortium)		
- Better Mental Health Questionnaires	705	-
SMBC - Reach and Reconnect	14,721	-
SMBC Kick Start Employment	-	10,093
SMBC Healthy Lifestyle	-	4,950
SVCO – Climate Grant	-	2,390
SVCO – Celebration Event	500	-
SVCO – Microgrant for Digital Survey	228	-
Apprenticeship grant	1,900	3,736
	<u>£ 184,987</u>	<u>£ 188,711</u>
<b>TOTAL GRANTS</b>	<u>£ 257,912</u>	<u>£ 286,786</u>

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**CONFEDERATION OF BANGLADESHI ORGANISATIONS (CBO) LIMITED****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) - YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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**3. TAXATION**

The organisation is a registered charity and accordingly is exempt from taxation on its income and gains where they are applied for charitable purposes.

**4. ANALYSIS OF EMPLOYEE COSTS**

	2024 £	2023 £
Salaries	162,242	180,951
Social Security costs	4,888	5,571
Pensions costs	2,654	2,833
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	£ 169,784	£ 189,355
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No employee received emoluments of over £60,000 during the year.

The average number of full time equivalent employees for the year was 11 (2023 : 13).

**5. RESOURCES EXPENDED**

The resources expended by the charity include:

	2024 £	2023 £
Independent Examiner's fee	2,280	2,220
Depreciation	25,627	25,627
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**6. FIXED ASSETS**

	Land 1 Wood Street	Freehold Property 8-10 Carters Green £	Office furniture and equipment £	Property Improvements : Greets Green Centre £	Total £
As at 1 April 2023	-	250,000	12,211	199,789	462,000
Additions	101,479	-	-	-	101,479
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
As at 31 March 2024	101,479	250,000	12,211	199,789	563,479
DEPRECIATION					
As at 1 April 2023	-	90,000	9,523	128,375	227,898
Charge for the year	-	10,000	1,344	14,283	25,627
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	-	-	-
As at 31 March 2024	-	100,000	10,867	142,658	253,525
NET BOOK VALUE					
As at 31 March 2024	101,479	150,000	1,344	57,131	309,954
As at 31 March 2023	-	160,000	2,688	71,414	234,102

**7. SUMMARY OF NET ASSETS BY FUND**

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total £
Fixed assets	58,475	-	251,479	309,954
Current assets	-	61,173	344,999	406,172
Current liabilities	(208)	(2,802)	-	(3,010)
Net assets	58,371	58,371	596,478	713,116

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**8. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS**

	2024 £	2023 £
Debtors and prepaid expenses	-	1,697
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**9. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year**

	£	£
Accruals	3,010	2,535
Social Security and other taxes	-	1,271
Deferred Income	-	35,425
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Due within one year	£ 3,010	£ 39,231
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**10. RESTRICTED FUNDS**

	At 01.04.23 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	At 31.03.24 £
NLCF - Building Brighter Futures	35,525	72,925	(107,315)	-	1,135
Fixed Asset – Learning Hub:					
Sandwell Early Years – Nursery Capital	13,917	-	(2,783)	-	11,134
Veolia Environmental Trust	37,498	-	(7,500)	-	29,998
Enovert Community Trust	20,000	-	(4,000)	-	16,000
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	106,940	72,925	(121,598)	-	58,267
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Fixed Asset – Learning Hub expenditure has been capitalised and depreciated over 10 years.

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**11. DESIGNATED FUNDS**

	At 01.04.23 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	At 31.03.24 £
Building Fund – 8 -10 Carters Green	144,999	-	(10,000)	-	134,999
Growth and Sustainability Fund	300,000	-	-	60,000	360,000
Land at 1 Wood Lane	-	-	-	101,479	101,479
	<u>444,999</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(10,000)</u>	<u>161,479</u>	<u>596,478</u>

The refurbishment of Greets Green Resource Centre was carried out in previous years at a cost of £56,959. This amount is written off over the 10 years of the lease of the property at that time.

Inline with CBO's self-sustainability objectives this fund is created specifically to invest to generate and diversify income and financial stability. At a time of political and economic instability, it's imperative for charities to be financially sustainable in the long term and therefore this fund will enable CBO to continue with its charitable objects and deal with increasingly volatile financial environments.

Land at 1 Wood Lane is for the Development of apartments for the purpose of income generation for the charity.

**12. RESTRICTED FUNDS (COMPARATIVE)**

	At 01.04.22 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	At 31.03.23 £
National Lottery Community Fund: NFCL – Building Brighter Futures	21,160	98,075	(83,710)	-	35,525
Fixed Asset Learning Hub: Sandwell Early Years – Nursery Capital	16,700	-	(2,783)	-	13,917
Veolia Environmental Trust	44,998	-	(7,500)	-	37,498
Enovert Community Trust	24,000	-	(4,000)	-	20,000
	<u>106,858</u>	<u>98,075</u>	<u>(97,993)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>106,940</u>

**13. DESIGNATED FUNDS (COMPARATIVE)**

£	At 01.04.22 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	At 31.03.23 £
Building Fund – 8 -10 Carters Green	154,999	-	(10,000)	-	144,999
Growth and Sustainability Fund	200,000	-	-	100,000	300,000
	<u>354,999</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(10,000)</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>444,999</u>

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**14. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE'S REMUNERATION**

No remuneration directly or indirectly, out of the funds, was paid or is payable for the year to any Management Committee member or to any person or persons known to be connected with any of them.

No reimbursement of expenses has been made or is due to be made to any of the Management Committee in respect of the year.

**15. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

During the year, some land was purchased by the charity with the intention to develop from Mr Shabud Ullah, the Chief executive officer. This was purchased at market value, and due diligence was carried out following advice from the solicitor.

